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Not Good For the Minds of Proper Girls

THE RETURN OF THE *FOTONOVELA*

Reading Sandra Cisneros's recent novel *Caramelo*, set in Mexico City during the late 1950s, I wondered about the *fotonovelas* that are mentioned again and again over the course of the book: "The Awful Grandmother" locks the bedroom door when she dips into the stack of *fotonovelas* she keeps beside her bed. Lala, the narrator of the novel, delights in *fotonovela* titles such as *Virgen Santísima*, *You Killed Her*, *I Killed the Love of My Life*, *Don't Make Me Commit a Craziiness*, *The Unhappiest Woman of All*, and *The Glories of His Love*. A family of Mexican

men in Chicago use *fotonovelas* as their bathroom reading. And when Lala's father gets caught misbehaving, Lala explains that the history of her family

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Most DJs Now Have the Corporate Chop – See Blur

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Card Tricks

The May 12 "Bankrupt" article was right on target for so many of us suckers. The Reader reaches millions, and now is the time to let our senators do something about these crooked credit-card companies. I had to file for bankruptcy too, though never again will I fall for their tricks. Even at the present I am receiving in my mail applications for their cards. They always include a self-addressed envelope that requires no stamp, and I stuff all of their crap back inside the envelope and mail it back. And would you believe that the next week or within a few days here comes the same thing right back, and again it all goes right back to them.

They actually encourage you to get in debt. Somehow we need to get the politicians to do something concerning credit-card companies. They never get penalized, but the customer in due time usually pays the price in bankruptcy court, which isn't free either.

Which goes on our credit report, which isn't right either. I faithfully pay my bills on time. But bankruptcy will screw up your life.

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Taxi!

Re "Crasher," May 5. Hey, hotshot! How about next time instead of driving drunk, you call a cab or use public transit? "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."

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Bathetic Cartoons

The Reader helps us locals to understand. This means that Don Bauder is a real asset. This means that Matt Potter is a real sleuth and a joyful inquirer; this means that Matthew Alice is a prime source of understanding — questions, after a beer or two, are posed and sent and answered. The Reader's section on literature and poetry is good. It helps us understand. And plays, film, Jeff Smith, etc., guide me. These messages tell me what to spend my time on, where to spend my money. And it's free.

There is no local rival.

But, and here goes: the editor of the Reader has no sense of humor when it comes to cartoons.

"Red Meat," "Clip Clop," "Hotel & Farm," "The City," "Slow Wave," "P.S. Mueller," "The Dinette Set," and, finally, "Zippy" are completely nonsensical.

Are these sent from captives in some institutional Guantánamo or mental hospital? They take a really disturbed, contorted audience. Such people (e.g., the writers, artists) are appealing to really sick people. They are not funny. They are not even pathetic. They are bathetic. The persistence of such cartoons shows me how far out of scene such people are. I wouldn't trust them to be my cab driver.

But in the main, given a public sanity, they will disappear because they do not make us laugh or elevate our spirits. It is the worst collection of nothings in one paper I ever saw. Can't the Reader get better cartoonists?

Dick Jones
Kensington

King Bomb

I haven't lived in San Diego for 20 years, but I have a soft spot for the Reader... especially now that I have discovered "Remote Control King." This guy is the bomb. I want to suggest that there be a way for out-of-towners to subscribe to this column — we have a columnist up here at the San Francisco Chronicle named Mark Morford, and he does this subscription thing, and it's great. Just a thought. And keep up the good work!

Maureen Hardy
via e-mail

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Rich getting richer

It looks as though more of downtown's endangered historic buildings are headed for the wrecking ball. This time the doomed structures are in Little Italy, where a Texas developer wants a \$5.3 million subsidy from city taxpayers to tear down the old Steiner Block, bounded by India, Grape, and Fir streets and Kettner Boulevard, and replace it with a 13-story,

224-unit condo complex to be designed by **Rob Quigley**, architect of Mayor **Dick Murphy**'s controversial downtown library proposal, and **Mark Steele**, who just happens to be on the city's Planning Commission.

"Our team is aware and shares the growing concern in Little Italy that insensitive redevelopment of downtown is creating 'super block' designs which ignore the existing urban fabric that makes downtown neighborhoods desirable and unique communities," says a recent letter to the city from CLB Partners of Dallas, which built the giant Park Laurel condo complex in partnership with **Robert Lawrence**, son of late Hotel del Coronado magnate **M. Larry Lawrence**. Its twin towers now cast a long shadow over the Laurel Street entrance to Balboa Park. CLB is also partnered with Lawrence in the heavily criticized Paseo de Mission Hills condo project. In addition, the company built the massive Seahaus condos in La Jolla. CLB's letter continues: "We are also aware of the lack of public spaces, affordable housing, and public parking in Little Italy." It adds, somewhat cryptically, "We propose to address these issues through a rich dialogue between the diverse design elements for the redevelopment of the Little Italy block."

CLB is run by **Will Cureton**, who retired in 1976 as quarterback of the Cleveland Browns to go into accounting, the firm's website says.

Plenty of Peace

It's been a heady few weeks for ex-Democratic state senator **Steve Peace**. First his name was bandied about as a potential candidate to succeed Mayor **Dick Murphy**. Then it came to light that Peace — a friend since boyhood of



David Malcolm

David Malcolm, ejected from the port commission for conflicts of interest that eventually got him a stretch in local custody — is currently on the payroll of Padres owner and downtown real estate guru **John Moores**. Then there was the local debut of *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room*, a new documentary that recounts how the now-defunct Houston energy giant looted billions of dollars from California consumers, thanks to a Peace-authored public utility "deregulation" bill. (Peace's role isn't explicitly mentioned in the film, but ex-San Diego mayor **Pete Wilson**, who as governor signed Peace's pro-Enron scheme into law, is featured prominently.)

But the crowning touch came last Thursday, when two of Peace's closest cronies, North County GOP political consultant and lobbyist **Jack Orr**, an old pal from Peace's days in the state assembly, and **Art Castanares**, once a top Peace legislative aide who is now associated with him via a campaign-consulting and influence-peddling outfit called Cornerstone Strategies, were featured on KPBS-TV's *Full Focus* with **Gloria Penner**.

The show, speculating about who the new mayor will be, was subtitled "Who Will Save San Diego?" Neither Orr nor Castanares was identified by Penner as part of Peace's well-oiled machine, which has long played a major role in county politics, but each had plenty to say about how the city should be run. Proclaimed Orr: "Murphy was Neville Chamberlain and we needed a Churchill." Chimed in Castanares, "Very well put"; he later called Democratic assemblyman **Juan Vargas** "the 900-pound gorilla in this race."

Last June, another member of Orr's inner circle and his longtime client, millionaire bail bondsman **R. Spencer Douglass**, agreed to forfeit his bail-bond license, pay a \$425,000 penalty, and spend 93 days under house arrest at his Rancho Santa Fe estate after pleading guilty to 123 misdemeanor counts of illegally paying inmates in the Riverside County jail to solicit bail business from fellow prisoners. Felony charges against Douglass were dismissed under the deal. Before he got into legal hot water, Douglass was a major patron of the San Diego GOP's Lincoln Club, giving more than \$100,000 over four years.

Brown out

Now that former Democratic governor **Jerry Brown** is running for state attorney general, his ties to ex-San Diego and convicted felon **Dick Silberman**, once a major Brown fund-raiser and close political advisor, are likely to draw increased scrutiny. And it probably won't help that Silberman's youngest son, **Craig**, who once worked for his father in various lobbying ventures, has turned up as an advocate for Parkeon — makers of "multi-space parking meters" — on a list of registered lobbyists at city hall in Oakland, where Brown is now mayor. ... Word from Sacramento has it that Oceanside city councilwoman **Esther Sanchez**, last week said to be in the running to replace San Diego councilman **Scott Peters** on the California Coastal Commission, has been taken off the short list. Latest reputed contender: Chula Vista mayor **Steve Padilla**.

— Matt Potter

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Jack Orr

Steve Peace Isn't Happy

By Don Bauder

From what I have been through, I call this city 'The Banana Republic of San Diego.' It appears that we have a system of government

not built on laws, but on relationships. That is the way banana republics work."

Speaking is Stanley Zubeil, lawyer for Harvey Furgatch, former port commissioner. In

Golding, announced that the port would close that \$21 million gap. Ever since, Furgatch and Zubeil have been going through the courts, pointing out that the port was inflating

cases. Up until late last week, the cases just sat. Superior court wouldn't name a judge and wouldn't tell Zubeil why.

"There is something fomenting under the surface in San Diego," says Zubeil. "It's this question: are superior court judges treating these ballpark cases fairly and according to the requirements of the law?"

Zubeil has unearthed an important document in the scandal. In August of 1998, then-state senator Steve Peace — now a consultant to Padres majority owner John Moores — was trying



Steve Peace



Harvey Furgatch

1998, those who wanted the city to subsidize the Padres' ballpark had a problem: there was a \$21 million hole in the financing that had not been filled. Three weeks before the election, on October 20, 1998, then-port commission chairman David Malcolm, beaming next to then-Mayor Susan

assets with the flick of a pencil to make an illegal gift so the ballpark project could go ahead.

Twice the appeals court has rebuked superior-court judges for dismissing the Furgatch suits. An impatient appellate court has even lectured San Diego superior-court on correct legal procedures in such

to get the legislature to slap on a \$2 to \$3 fee on rental cars on port district property, including the airport, allegedly to pay

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Neal Obermeyer



A Barrel You Could Drive a Car Through

By Todd Westfall and Ernie Grimm

Last August, a crew of nine Southern California surfers—seven from San Diego County, two from Orange County—traveled to Indonesia for a two-week cruise to the surf breaks of the Mentawai Islands, which dot the coast of Sumatra, southwest of areas devastated by December's tsunami. The crew: Mike, Tim, and Terry, a trio of brothers from Coronado and Imperial Beach; James and Sutherland from the South Bay; Patrick and Rusty from Huntington Beach; Andrew from Coronado; and Imperial Beach surfer Todd Westfall, who kept a diary of the trip. Each crew member paid nearly \$5000 for airfare and room and board on the *Indies Trader II* surf tour boat. "We're all here," Todd wrote in one of his first entries, "to surf the best waves of our lives."

Friday, August 20, 2004

Twelve hours from LAX to Taipei, another four hours from Taipei to Singapore, four hours from Singapore to Jakarta, where we stayed a night. Nice city. Humid but not uncomfortable, plumeria blooming everywhere. Julian, the ground guy for our surf-tour company,

Indies Trader Marine Adventures, met us at the airport in Jakarta and transported us and our boards to our hotel. Nice guy, 50ish, Kiwi who's been in Indonesia for 20 years. Has an Indo wife and two kids. He told us the islands are a bit crowded [with other surfing tour boats], but a wicked south swell is to hit in a few days.

Aboard the *Indies Trader II* heading south—the plane from Jakarta landed in Padang around noon. Mick, the cook and captain's mate, met us at the airport accompanied by an Indonesian crew member. We loaded all our stuff in two vans and made our way to the harbor—crazy Vespas and taxis everywhere, no rules on the road, and driving on the left side of the street. Street vendors are all over the place. Muslim women covered from head to toe. We made it to docks where the hardworking Indonesian crew did all the loading onto the *Indies Trader II*. It's around 70 feet long and 20 wide. The hull's painted blue

while the superstructure is white. There are four two-man staterooms, a main room for meals and movies, and a couple of bathrooms. It's all air-conditioned. Tony, the captain, is a classic—a grizzly Aussie with a heavy, gravelly accent. Super nice.

Everyone's ruined with jet lag and we've turned in to our cabins pretty early. I'm bunking with Andrew.

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We cruised 80 miles south overnight through rain, light-

ning, and rough seas, at least that's what Tony tells me. I slept through all of it. Woke up to a nice left-hand point along a small, uninhabited island. Tony says it's called McFright's. Mike, Andrew, Terry, and I are the first out. The others soon follow. One of the crew drives us to the break in the "tinny"—a 15-foot center-console aluminum boat that is towed behind the big boat. The waves are lots of fun but difficult—a very fast, hollow wave. The coral is two feet under the surface (sometimes less). And we all got some cuts, scrapes, and board dings. Rusty got slammed into the reef when his roommate Patrick cut him off. We all saw it and were shocked. Surfing three hours and came in for breakfast of muffins, coffee, fruit, cereal.

Second session of the day is with Tony the captain, who is a good surfer; Mike, who is an incredible surfer, though it's only been a month since he broke his femur; and Sutherland, who is a talented surfer despite the fact he's surfing on a prosthetic lower leg. Perfect surf, warm clear water, shallow reefs, and a comfortable boat with a large flat-screen TV for DVDs. Surfing five and a half hours today. After a dinner of Thai curry with asparagus and fresh fish, I crashed out.

While I was on board, some of the guys were putting around a nearby island in the tinny when they spotted a red flag.

They motored up to find four Indo teenagers on a raft made from six pieces of bamboo held together by palm fronds. Their intent was to sail from one island to another, but their raft was sinking and they were miles from any inhabited land mass. All they had was a machete and a bag of sugar. Mick, Suther-

land, and Tim transported them to the nearest village. One teen was shaking and near death from dehydration. As they arrived at the island, villagers came to greet them. Mick says he's "100 percent sure" they'd have died had we not spotted them. Mick says kids like these

8/22/04

Awoke to heavy rain. Catch a

few waves off a small, jungle island. We paddle back to the boat and head to McFright's. The *Indies Trader III*, another boat from the same company, is there with a few guys out in the water. I'm bummed to see another boat since we've been

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Peace isn't happy

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for a parking garage at the expanded convention center. Peace successfully pushed the bill through in 12 days. On August 20, 1998, a *Union-Tribune* article noted that the new parking garage would be near the ballpark. Some people expressed skepticism. The port's then-executive director said that while the bill only alluded to parking for the convention center, there could be other uses, too.

Feces hit the fan. The same day, August 20, Malcolm sent an emergency message to commissioners and staff. "I just got off the phone with Senator Peace and he is mad as Hell!" said Malcolm. "He said the comments in today's paper have probably killed this bill. He wants NOBODY to say anything about the ballpark. This parking fee is being used ONLY FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER. As we all know, the Senator has said, 'The assembly and the Governor will kill the bill if anyone talks about the ballpark.'"

Then on October 20 came the announcement that the port would fill the \$21 million gap by chipping in a parking area — presumably one that would serve the convention center, even though it was a long walk away.

First, Furgatch and Zubel sued, saying the port had violated the Brown Act, which restricts the ability of government bodies to hold secret ses-

sions. Reams of documents indicated that port commissioners must have discussed the issue at a closed meeting held on October 20, but they never advised the public or reported its closed-session discussion. Then Malcolm and another commissioner got on the stand and solemnly swore that they never discussed the topic at the closed-session meeting that day. Judge William Pate said he was a good judge of people, and he believed Malcolm and the other commissioner, despite all the evidence to the contrary. (There is no record of Pate's reaction when in 2003, Malcolm pleaded guilty to felony conflict of interest for taking \$20,000 a month from a port tenant while he was a commissioner.)

Furgatch and Zubel didn't appeal that one, but they did go to work on other aspects of the case. "This was nothing more than a gift from the port to the Padres/city partnership," says Zubel. He notes that the port's own in-house real estate executives could only come to a \$12 million valuation of the property; hence, the number had been stretched to reach \$21 million. In contravention of the law, the parking lot is not on tidelands property that the port controls. Initially, the port ruled that it could put the lot on non-tidelands property because it had no suitable land on the tidelands. But then the port tried to wipe that away because it had approved a measure to build a parking structure on Campbell Shipyards property on the tidelands.

In 1999, according to Furgatch and Zubel, the port began applying the car-rental fees — \$3 million a year — to its fund for buying the tailgate parking lots for the ballpark. "That was unlawful," says Zubel, because those fees were restricted for construction of a parking structure adjacent to the convention center. "In a deposition, the chief executive of the convention center was unable to cite a single instance since the tailgate lots opened in March of 2004 when they were used for any convention center-related purpose. And there would be no such use in the foreseeable future."

Judge Linda Quinn initially threw out the suits on grounds that the city should have been joined as a party. But the appellate court said that there was no such thing as an indispensable party in such a suit. The cases then went to Judge S. Charles Wickersham. He said that the suit should have named the state lands commission, even though Zubel showed him the appellate court's decision. Back it went to appeals court. This time, the court got testy. "The appeals court went out of its way to give a new trial judge guidance on how to handle evidentiary issues," says Zubel.

The third hearing was to go to Judge Jay Bloom. But on April 29, he said he was taking another case. After a wait, Bloom said that Judge Frederic Link would take the case. "My jaw probably hit the carpet," says Zubel. Link had fined him \$10,000 in another controversial ballpark-related case three

years earlier. Zubel had appealed the fine, and the appeals court had dropped it to \$900. "Any reasonable person possessing all the facts would see Judge Link as somebody not impartial."

Zubel challenged the Link appointment, and then sat and waited. From April 29 to May 13, he waited daily for the naming of a new judge but heard nothing. "The day-to-day delay in naming of a trial judge in such an instance is practically unprecedented in the history of the superior court," he says. On Friday the 13th, he was assigned Judge Thomas O. LaVoy. In all the delay, "They have not just iced my case, they have iced my practice," Zubel says.

Why did the court take so long? "Nobody in superior court wanted the case. It will be a tremendous embarrassment to the port and the city," says former District 6 councilmember (1986-'91) Bruce Henderson. "If Harvey wins, one can clearly infer there were criminal violations."

The money from the rental-car boost "was not meant for the ballpark," insists Malcolm, chairman of Suncoast Financial. "It was not a ruse to provide parking to the Padres."

"The bill had nothing to do with the ballpark," says Peace, whose work for Moores is mainly related to political matters, he says. The reason he was so upset on August 20, 1998, he says, was that the Federal Aviation Administration had to approve the measure. The proceeds from the fee boost had to go to federal activity. The

ballpark didn't meet that criterion. "I wanted to make sure it was used in a way that was approved federally."

Zubel and Furgatch agree that the money had to go to federal purposes, although that is not part of their state court cases. "Harvey has filed a complaint with the Federal Aviation Administration, has claimed that airport revenues were misdirected, has sent letters to congressmen, everybody... There is a black-hole reception," says Zubel.

Just as is in superior court — and banana republics. ■

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alone so far. But the two captains communicate, and the *Indies Trader III* guys paddle in and Mike, Tim, and I paddle out.

After a while, our crew of nine paddles out and our first internal conflict erupts. Patrick has been aggressive in the water. Yesterday he put his own friend on the reef. Today, he's paddling around people, cutting people off, mushing out waves for other guys. Terry and Tim say, "What the hell, Patrick? Is this the way it's going to be?" He's apologetic and mellows out...a little. People are giving him the cold shoulder, and he paddles in with his tail between his legs.

Wind changed so we bailed back to the boat. We cruise a couple of miles to another one of the 13,000 islands in the

Mentawai chain and paddle out at another left-hander called Moots.

8/23/04

Woke to stormy seas, rain, and wind. Seems like the typical morning around here. We motor an hour or so south. Terry is seasick, poor guy. I think the hard partying he's doing every night might have something to do with it. We end up in front of a big island — low, flat, and wide, kind of like Coronado. Tony says we're so far south we're no longer in the Mentawai chain. Andrew asks him, "Is this on any navigation charts?" Tony answers, "Maybe."

Paddled out at a shallow right-hander — never did get the name. Got a few long barrels, but when one tube closed out, and I dove off, I took a shot to the ribs from my board as I tumbled. It hit me so hard that the skin split.

After lunch we surf a right-hander across the bay. Tony calls it Meat Lockers. It's way overhead — 10- to 15-foot faces — with big drops, but it's rideable and it's not shallow. The waves are big enough for a guy to stand straight up inside the tube. I got out my 7'2" — been surfing one of the two 6'6"s I brought up till now — and paddled out. Lots of fun, but I got pounded a couple of times. We all got pounded. Sutherland got the barrel of the day but broke his favorite longboard. We surf three hours, then motor to a mangrove for a dinner of steak with peppercorn sauce

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and garlic mashed potatoes.

8/24/04

Day four, I think. Losing track of the days. Woke to rain and wind and motored among the islands looking for surf. Hit a spot called McFright's Rights—three to five feet and deep. The reef shouldn't be a factor. Mike and I were on it first, but the rest of the crew paddled out and the *Indies Trader III* showed up to spoil the fun. On one wave, I got held under a long time, started to panic a bit, couldn't find the surface. Got dragged down the reef. Then I lost my \$25 hat.

Some guys are a little surfed out and are fishing today. Caught a bunch of "coral trout" and had fish tacos for lunch. Talked a bit with Mick and Tony—total Aussie watermen and protective of these islands. Tony says it's supposed to get huge in a few days.

8/27/04

Been away from the journal and missed a few days. Toured

around some mangrove swamps in the tinny one day. Doing lots of fishing. Got some fun surf, but we had to share breaks with one, sometimes two other boats. I think I'd be seasick if I didn't have the patch. (You put it on behind your ear and change it every two days.) Even with it, I get a little sick. The Indian Ocean is rough.

Patrick's been sulking and some days does not leave the boat. He can tell everybody's unhappy with him, but I don't think he's smart enough to figure out why. We watch DVDs in between surfs, play cards, backgammon, and eat.

8/28/04

We're still in the south end of the islands, but we're no longer alone. Other boats at every break. Tony knows what we want and we motor three hours or so north to "Thunders." It's stomping big—20- to 25-foot faces at times. I say, "Hell with it, I don't want to die," and I sit on my board in the channel out of danger. I saw Tim, who will paddle into anything, drop into a wave—must have had a 30-foot face—and make it to the bottom when the whole

wave closed out on him. I thought, "I'm going to have to go save him. And I don't want to because I'll get hurt myself." But Tim made it up okay. His leash broke and his board washed up on the beach. A couple of crew members got in the tinny and raced to retrieve it.

A native guy in a canoe paddles out with a bag of shells to exchange. We give him some candy, soda, and a pair of shorts.

We end the day surfing a spot called Rags. When I saw how shallow the reef was, I understood the name. As we pulled up, Tony quipped, "Get out the suture kit," but somehow nobody got cut up. We decided it was like Ralph's [a break on Point Loma] on steroids.

8/29/04

Woke up to the sound of gigantic Thunders. We took a look at Rags, but it's not working. Tony hears over the radio that Macaronis, one of the most famous waves in all of the Mentawais—it's in all the surf movies—is off the Richter scale and there are only three boats there. It's a two-hour

cruise north and, by the time we arrive, the place is packed—15 or 20 guys in the lineup, four or five boats bobbing offshore. Andrew, Terry, Mike, James, and I head to the right-hand break across the bay called KFCs. It's big—15- to 20-foot faces—and sketchy. I got cleaned up while waiting for a set wave, and it was one of the worst hold downs I've ever had. I was bear-hugging my 7'2" and still going down. I decide to hang in the channel and watch Terry, Andrew, and James risk death. I saw Andrew catch the wave of the trip—a barrel you could have driven a car through.

Across the bay, Macaronis is maxing out. Tony says it's the biggest he's seen in seven years. Most everyone is spooked and won't paddle out. But Mick comes in from Macaronis and says it's really fun, that we should give it a go. So we paddle out—it's dropped size from the 20s into the teens. Got three or four good ones. At least I can say I surfed Macaronis.

8/30/04

Two more days. Nobody wants to admit it, but I think we're all

ready to go home. Two weeks is a long time on a boat. In the morning, we spent three hours on a perfect right-hander breaking off a tiny island in the middle of the bay, with rides a mile long or longer. Lots of fun, but the day is crawling by.

6:00 p.m.

We were back on the boat by midafternoon, cruising north, looking for smoother conditions when we come across a boat adrift. It's an old wooden junker full of a bunch of surf tourists just off the plane—their boards are still in travel cases. The law of the ocean says they need help, so we help them. We tow them to the nearest inhabited area.

Cruised an hour north to Playgrounds, a bay with four or five quality breaks within tinny distance. The bay is packed with boats, as it's the closest spot to Padang. Patrick is a total disaster. Rusty decided to paddle to shore to look for shells. Turned out he used the board Patrick wanted to ride. So, Patrick started walking around the boat, throwing stuff, and cussing. Then he got on another board, paddled to the island,

ripped into Rusty, grabbed the board he wanted, and started paddling out right as a big set was coming in. He tried to jump over a wave, but the wave took him, pounded him into the reef, and broke the nose off his board.

8/31/04

Our last day. We're all surfed out, sunburned, and people are cracking under the monotony of doing the same thing every day. I'm burned out, quiet, and my back's killing me. Mike's leg is extremely sore, and he's eager to get home to his eight-months-pregnant wife. Other guys are getting into each other. Tim's kind of bitter all the time: "Ah, these waves aren't that good. I'd never pay to come back here."

After cruising past a lot of jam-packed breaks, we pulled into a bay with no obvious surf. But we find a peak with good lefts and rights. We named it Over Easy's and surfed it twice that day.

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On the boat headed back to Padang. I'm ruined and glad we're heading for home. ■

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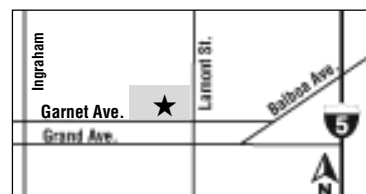
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BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Heymatt:

Yesterday when I was driving real fast I found a peanut shell that had four individual peanuts in it! Crazy, huh? Anyway, I tried to explain to the CHP officer why I was speeding (late or something) and he wasn't having any of it. I showed him the peanut and he himself could not believe it. He told me that he gets shells with three peanuts in them all the time but he had never seen four before. Amazingly, the peanut bond that we had just established did not get me out of the ticket but I think he'll remember me next time he's chowing down on some peanuts. My question, how rare is four peanuts to a shell? What's the most ever? Does anyone bother to keep records of these things? Can you genetically engineer a peanut plant to deliver four peanuts per shell every time?

— Jay, the net

I guess if you can't flash cleavage to get out of a ticket, you have to use what you got. But peanuts were a long shot, you have to admit, even a four-banger like you found. I assume you sensed you weren't really on the brink of a legume breakthrough and finally ate them rather than saving them for the Peanut Museum (in Georgia, natch). Wise choice. Depending on the variety of peanut you're eating, four seeds won't raise an eyebrow. Call 'em up when you have six or seven.

Any crop we human beans have been cultivating for 4000 years could hardly avoid some tinkering. From the wild original in Argentina and Bolivia, we've jiggered four varieties and several dozen cultivars. But since U.S. consumption of peanuts is measured in billions of pounds, wasting time coaxing a plant to reliably produce four seeds per shell rather than three or two has got to seem a little silly, even to you. The wow factor just isn't there. Especially because only a small fraction of U.S.-grown peanuts are eaten whole.

If I had to guess — and, actually, I do — I'd say you were eating the Valencia variety of peanut. Small, possibly red-skinned, sweet, bought them at the ballpark, yes? Valencias produce at least three, often four seeds per pod. It's just what they do. Nothing special, unless you're trying to distract a highway patrolman, I guess. They're grown only in New Mexico and are generally sold roasted in the shell. That's in contrast to at least half the U.S. peanut crop that ends up smashed into butter.

So, Jay, thanks for letting us know that we can't distract a Chippie with some nuts. Please write back if you find something that works.

Dear Mr. Alice:

Why does the pianist have someone to turn pages of music when they perform? I'd think a cellist or trombonist would be in greater need of this help.

— FEH, San Diego

Compared to cellists or trombonists, concert pianists are busy, busy bees. They're whamming away at the keyboard, playing whole chords, while flutes and oboes cruise along playing a single note at a time. This means the printed score for the piano has a lot more of those funny little black spots crammed onto one page than does the average clarinet score. And odds are that in a piece such as a piano concerto, certain other instruments are going to be sitting out for minutes at a time with nothing at all to play while the pianist is still wailing away.

As a result, scores for non-keyboard players are more compact and contain frequent rests, perfect opportunities for our cellist or trombonist to flip the page of the score and probably make out tomorrow's shopping list and maybe pay a few bills too. Music publishers make every effort to end a page at a rest, eliminating the need for someone to ride musical shotgun. (This applies to the piano, too, when it is not a featured instrument.) Anyway, the crowd created by individual page-turners for each instrument would transform a concert into a sort of onstage brawl. Consider the flying elbows in the string section alone. They'd need paramedics standing by to haul off the unconscious.

In some cases, though, a mid-passage page-turn is unavoidable. And here's where concertizing becomes a team sport. Most instruments in an orchestra are paired, and one of the two musicians will be the designated page-turner. At the appropriate time, the turner will stop playing, lunge forward, and flip the sheet, then return to the music as if nothing had happened. The overall sound of the orchestra isn't noticeably affected by this brief time-out in one section. In small ensembles, where this buddy system won't work, the printed score must end at a rest or at least at a passage where a note is sustained. There's a chance that a clarinetist can hold a note with one hand and turn the page with the other.

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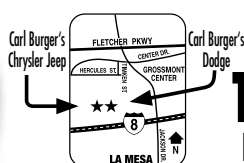


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Does it seem to you, that at some obscure hour, sometime during the past five years, the NBA season went year-round? We were never told, no one reported it, but now the merciless truth lies on the dinner table like a bleeding pig. The NBA season never ends. Playoffs go to June, then training camps open. And again. Without end.

Thought you'd want to know.

Tiger Woods has become one of the best players on the PGA Tour. He's come a long way down Golf Mountain from where he used to live, high up there above the brume, where money grows on trees. It says something about where Woods was, that while his decline is significant and unmistakable, he's still the number-one-rated player on the PGA Tour, with three tournament victories this year, including a Masters victory, and winnings of \$3.8 million.

Last week, Woods missed the cut at the Byron Nelson Championship. Of course, he made the cut in 142 previous tournaments, spread out over seven years; in fact, he's only missed the cut three times in his entire career. Still, one is always unpleasantly surprised when called upon to witness mortality.

One of the hardest roles in sports is being a frontrunner. We have the wolf in us, a gene that makes us want to run with the pack. When two or more humans compete in sports, the wolf-pack gene makes the less talented play better and the more talented play worse, each competitor unconsciously reaching for middle ground. That's what impressed me most about Tiger in his glory years: not his victories, but the margin of his victories.

He won the 1997 Masters by 12 strokes. He won the 2000 British Open by 8 strokes. He won the 2000 U.S. Open by 15 strokes. He competed against the best professional golfers on earth and stomped the manhood out of them. And smiled.

Some recite Woods's stats as if to prove nothing has changed. Woods has 43 PGA Tour wins. There are four Masters Tournament victories in there. He's 29 years old and has won nine majors. Jack Nicholson didn't win nine majors until he was 31. And so on.

But that was another life. Marking from this year's Masters, it's been two and a half years since Woods last won a major. Nowadays, he plays golf like someone who doesn't diligently practice. He's brilliant for a

few holes, awful for a few shots. Tiger's brilliant is good enough, so his round of golf ends up under par. On most days. He won the 2005 Masters by one stroke after being forced into a playoff by not-a-household-name Chris DiMarco. Woods did the forcing; he bogied the last two holes of regulation play. That never happened before.

I don't think the constant reconstruction of his swing is to blame for his drop in play, a fall that brings him down to being the best among many. Frankly, I don't think that has anything to do with it. He's newly married to a movie-star beautiful, 24-year-old Swede. He bought a three-story, 155-foot yacht, named her *Privacy*, and my guess is, he's decided to have a life and be one of the best golfers in the world instead of living alone and playing golf in a place where only he can compete. Being best or close to it is good enough.

He has money, he has a \$105-million-dollar contract with Nike that expires next year. By the way, his first contract with Nike was worth \$40 million and expired in 2001. He gets more millions from American Express, Accenture, General Motors, Electronic Arts, and I'll stop here. The money comes out to \$80, \$100 million a year. You can get by on that.

I think what he's telling us is that he doesn't want to be a god anymore. He doesn't want the heat of that much publicity or to continue being on the business end of that much human fantasy. I think he wants to be the best or near the best and have the rest of us leave him alone. That could never happen if he kept flying as close to the sun as he did in the late 1990s. If he kept doing that, I'm not sure we'd allow him to live.

But it was one king-hell of a run. Tiger Woods was, at one time, the Annika Sorenstam of the PGA Tour.

Annika Sorenstam, 34, is the new Tiger Woods. She won last week's Chick-fil-A Charity Championship, which despite its lame name, is a highly regarded tournament, this year fielding the top ten LPGA 2004 money winners, plus every LPGA 2004 tournament winner, plus every active member of the LPGA Hall of Fame — in other words, the best players in the Republic of LPGA. Sorenstam won by ten strokes. That makes 60 tournament victories. She's won 8 out of the last 11 tournaments she's entered. That's impossible.

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Senior pastor: Jeff Mitchum

Congregation size: 500

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Sunday school enrollment: 40

Annual budget: "I don't know"

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Singles program: no

Dress: casual

Diversity: white

Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6 p.m.

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Pastor Mitchum's sermon began with a 15-minute story about wild pigs and a family trip to San Luis Obispo. On this trip, Mitchum and his daughter prayed that God would send a big wild pig. "I knew if this prayer isn't answered it will take a big dent out of [my daughter's] faith," said Mitchum to the 35 people who attended the morning service. After the prayer, a 400-pound pig emerged from behind a car. Mitchum said his daughter smiled, looked over to him, and said, "Daddy, prayer works."

Prior to the sermon, communion was served in thimble-sized cups and as fragments of cracker. "The Lord can relate to our weaknesses and took our weaknesses to the cross," a man said as people partook of communion. Pastor Mitchum preached from the 27th chapter of Acts. In Mitchum's sermon he read a passage from the Bible and then reworded the text as the sermon's message. "It is the same fire that melts the wax that also hardens the clay," Mitchum said of responses people have to the message of Jesus Christ.

After service, people gathered outside at picnic tables. Across the table were spread strawberries, bagels, oranges, donuts, and coffee. "Calvary is distinct from most churches because we go through the Word 100 percent of the time," said Dustin Lozano, who had opened the morning service in prayer. "We don't preach topical messages here. There is a big difference between talking about the Bible and preaching through the entire counsel of God's word. We have no theological readings of the Bible. It's a simple literal interpretation."

Lozano said the Calvary churches take a central position on most doctrinal issues. "For example, with speaking in tongues we aren't Baptists, who don't believe it is a gift for today. But we are also not Pentecostals who speak in tongues in service," Lozano said he has never seen anyone speak in tongues at Calvary church.

I asked Lozano the church's position on John Calvin. "Calvin says no matter what you do, you are predestined by God whether you are saved or not. On the other hand, Arminians say it is open for everyone to be saved." Lozano said he has not read any of Calvin's work but did read a pamphlet, "Calvinism, Arminianism &

the Word of God," put out by Chuck Smith, the founder of the Calvary movement. In the pamphlet, Smith writes, "I would rather have the wrong facts and a right attitude than right facts and a wrong attitude." A sentiment echoed by Lozano, who said, "I don't want a theological standpoint. Systematics are what man, the Church, and religion try to do." Lozano said systematics is a method to interpret Bible passages that can lead to misinterpretation of the true meaning of the text.

Pastor Mitchum founded Calvary Chapel Point Loma in 1991 as a Bible study. Mitchum had served at Maranatha Chapel in the college and high school ministries. "[Pastors] in the Calvary denomination often come from an in-house internship program. We like to observe their ability to comprehend God's word and character first," said Mitchum about Calvary's process to train pastors. After a few questions, Pastor Mitchum requested I interview the worship leader rather than speak to him. "I get so much press and attention being the head pastor. It

would be nice to share this with other leaders in the church."

Anthony DaLuz has served as the worship leader for 12 years. DaLuz spoke about the church's leadership and the role of pastor. "There is no plurality of elders at Calvary. There is a leadership team. I wouldn't call them elders, but we have people on a board that discuss church finances and stuff," DaLuz said Calvary's pastors meet the qualifications given in 1st Timothy and Titus. "No one who has homosexual tendencies should be a pastor," replied DaLuz. "And Calvary doesn't have female pastors. What we do allow is for women to give their testimony in the front of the church. A woman couldn't preach, though." DaLuz said that their church would not allow a woman to be a worship leader.

"A woman should submit to her husband

as the head of the household. But a man should submit to Jesus. It's a two-way street. Submission means there is an order of things. It's God's economical order," added DaLuz, regarding the roles of men and women in marriage. In response to divorce, DaLuz said, "I would consider adultery, spousal or child abuse to be grounds for divorce. Scripture always gives opportunity for forgiveness. The Bible doesn't condemn divorce saying it cannot be done. The Bible doesn't embrace divorce either, but it does allow for it as the last point of resolution." DaLuz said a Christian should not marry a non-Christian. "There will be issues if a person marries a person of a different denomination," replied DaLuz.

I asked Pastor Mitchum what happens to a person after he dies. "[The Apostle] Paul said to be absent in this body is to be present with the Lord," said Mitchum. "At the resurrection of the dead, God reveals our hearts. If a person rejects Christ, he will be separated for eternity apart from the Lord. I don't know what could be worse than this."

— Drew E. Goodmanson



ANTHONY DALUZ

Calvary Chapel Point Loma ★★

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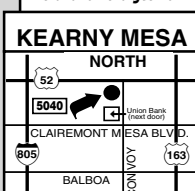
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Dear Saffron,

I'm 15 years old and on my high school track team. I haven't been on the team long, and I only tried out because some of my friends are runners and they talked me into it. To my surprise, I made the team, and it turns out I am really good at the long jump. I've been in a bunch of track meets and have done well. My problem is my parents. I don't want them to come to meets. My mom gets weird about this and says she's hurt and they want to come see me compete, they're proud of me, etc. She acts all offended when I say, "Please don't come," and now she's saying she and my dad are going to come whether I want them to or not. She says other parents get to come, so why not them? My dad is cooler and told my mom that I just need some space and when I'm ready to have them come to a meet, I'll invite them. I'm afraid that if my parents are in the bleachers I'll get so nervous I'll screw up. I don't want to say where my school is because then my mom will know it's her I'm talking about and she'll get more upset. How can I make my mom understand that it's better for me right now if she stays home?

"ANNABELLE," HIGH SCHOOL LEAPER

Dear Leaper,

Though you are at an age when young women are often at war with their mothers, please, *please* try to be patient and understanding with yours. She just wants to be included in your life — to get joy from your accomplishments. Don't freeze her out. Politely explain that while you'll soon be ready to have her come see you jump fantastic distances to the tune of a cheering crowd, you're just not ready yet. You want to gain more confidence on the field before asking her and your dad to come and root you on. Reassure her a little. She probably thinks you hate her. Seriously. Be nice to her. However much she might get on your nerves right now, she loves you and you mean the world to her.

Dear Saffron,

My wife has been corresponding with a colleague of hers by e-mail, a man I've never met. He works at a branch of her firm in another state. They meet a few times a year at conferences. I knew that they wrote to each other and I don't have a problem with that per se, but I inadvertently found out that they write each other several times a

day. Every day. Twice a day seems to be the average, and it's not about business. She doesn't write to him when she's at work but rather always from home. I am uncomfortable with this. Why does she need to write to this man so often, and vice versa? It's not like my wife has nothing to do and is looking for things to occupy her time. She is very busy with job, kids, friends, our house, our life. She had led me to believe that they wrote to each other less often, like a couple of times a week. She has assured me that this is a friendship based on mutual interests in books and movies and so on, and nothing more. Am I crazy to find this unsettling?

GNAWING DOUBTS IN
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Dear Gnawing,

The person you need to ask about this is, of course, your wife. Since this is preying on your mind, have a talk with her. You're not accusing her of anything — you just want to let her know, calmly, that this e-mail relationship is making you feel a little funny, and you would like to check in with her to make sure everything's okay. Be honest with her and do your best to set up a situation where it's easy for her to be candid with you. I do understand your nervousness. I would probably be curious about what was up if my mate had a pen pal that he was writing to several times a day. I hope that having a frank conversation will clear the air and set your mind at rest.

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I'm a transplant to Southern California. The sun does wonders for my disposition, but a recent trip to Dr. Sandra Morimoto, my dermatologist, got me wondering about what it does for my skin. So back to Morimoto I went.

"The skin is composed of multiple layers," she began. "The outmost layer functions as a mechanical barrier to outside chemicals and microbes, and prevents fluid loss. Underneath that is the epidermis, which consists of multiple layers of living keratinocyte cells. Scattered in a random pattern throughout the epidermis are the melanocytes, the cells that produce melanin pigment. They give skin its color and its ability to tan. Below the epidermis is the dermis, which contains collagen and elastin proteins. These elastic fibers are some of the first things to be destroyed by chronic sun exposure. Loss of them causes the skin to sag."

Tanning, said Morimoto, "is the skin's response to damage from ultraviolet light. You cannot tan without injuring your skin. A sunburn occurs when excess ultraviolet radiation damages cell proteins. As the cells die off, they set off an inflammatory immune response, which causes the blood vessels to dilate and become leaky. That results in redness, swelling, and blistering of the skin. Then the immune system goes into repair mode."

Ultraviolet light, she said, "consists of three bands, or wavelengths. The shortest, called UVC, is filtered by the ozone layer, and doesn't reach the earth. The middle and longest wavelengths, UVB and UVA, do make it through. UVB causes skin reddening, sunburn, and tanning. Chronic UVB exposure increases the risk of skin cancer. UVA rays, which comprise 96% of ultraviolet light, penetrate into the lower dermis and augment UVB damage in sunburning and tanning. Both UVB and UVA damage cell DNA and can cause mutation. Those damaged cells can replicate into a tumor. That's why it's important to use a broad-spectrum sunscreen that blocks both UVB and UVA."

Morimoto sought to explain sunscreen's protective action beyond the SPF numbers. "Sunscreens work in one of two ways. They are either physical blockers which block or scatter radiation the way a lead blanket would, or chemical blockers, which bind to the skin and absorb UV radiation. Most sunscreens block well in the UVB range, but are lacking in the UVA range." Morimoto preferred the physical blockers, which "block a wide range of light." Plus, they're hypoallergenic. "Titanium dioxide and zinc oxide are the ingredients in physical sunscreens. Micronized zinc oxide (which has smaller particles than ordinary zinc oxide) has the broadest spectrum of protection of any product on the market. And it is more translucent than regular zinc oxide, so it's more cosmetically acceptable" than a layer of white goop. The divisions among the chemical sunscreens

"One ounce — roughly enough to fill a shot glass — is considered the amount needed to cover exposed areas."

were legion, but Morimoto dove right in. The first division was between "those that absorb primarily UVB, and those that absorb UVA as well." A product called PABA was the first commonly used UVB blocker, "but due to its propensity for causing allergic reactions, it's rarely used." Cinnamates and salicylates tend to cause fewer reactions, and are more water-resistant to boot.

UVA-absorbing sunscreens were also divided. "Benzophenones contain Oxybenzone, which is used in 20-30 percent of sunscreens. It's a very effective UVA blocker, but it can cause dermatitis. The second UVA blocker, Parsol 1789, is the best available," but it too can cause allergic reactions.

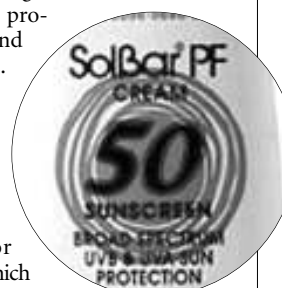
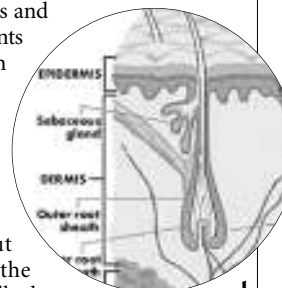
Now it was time for the number on the bottle: SPF. "The Sun Protection Factor is a measurement of the product's ability to prevent UVB reddening. If a person normally burns after 10 minutes, an SPF of 15 would mean that the person could stay in the sun 15 times longer before burning. The numbers, however, measure only protection against UVB, not UVA. Plus, they're valid only if the person applies the sunscreen very thickly. Most people apply only a third of the correct amount. Further, many people think that SPF 30 provides double the protection of SPF 15. Actually, SPF 15 gives 93% protection; SPF 30, 96%; and SPF 50, 98%." What to use? "Use the highest number tolerated, in a form you're comfortable using. It's no good picking a high-SPF sunscreen if you don't like how it feels on your skin and you hate using it."

Morimoto offered a few parting tips, a general regimen for doing battle with the ultraviolet. "Apply a broadband-spectrum sunscreen with the highest SPF you can tolerate as thickly as you can. One ounce — roughly enough to fill a shot glass — is considered the amount needed to cover exposed areas. And chemical sunscreens need 15 to 30 minutes to bind to the skin before they're effective. And reapply sunscreen every two hours, even when using ones marked 'waterproof' or 'all day.' Children and people with sensitive skin or allergies do best with physical blockers, and people prone to acne should look for words like 'non-cosmetic' and 'won't clog pores.' Aerosols and sprays have problems with uneven distribution and offer less protection. Don't put sunscreen on infants under six months; it's best to just keep them out of the sun."

And even if you slather on the zinc oxide, "other protective measures are necessary; no sunscreen gives complete protection. Try to avoid the midday sun, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Typical summer weight T-shirts provide an SPF of only five to nine, and even less when wet. Adding Rit Sunguard laundry treatment to the wash cycle can increase the SPF of regular clothing from 5 to 30. One treatment is good for 20 washes, and it can be purchased in many grocery stores. And a wide-brim hat gives protection equivalent to an SPF of five."

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Thirty Years Ago

By the movie's fade-out, Huyck and Katz settle down to wrenching squirms from the audience (the actors begin to weep tears of blood and to vomit live insects)... A cross-eyed Negro albino materializes beside the gas pumps to demand, "Two dollars, no-knock." In the back of the albino's pickup truck, under a tarp, is a row of corpses with slit throats.

— **"SPEAKING OF B MOVIES,"** Duncan Shepherd, May 22, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Perhaps it did border on bad taste, this political cartoon. It was based on President Carter's pledge not to make the drowning death of Mary Jo Kopechne an issue in the race against Kennedy for the Democratic nomination. The cartoon showed Mr. Carter, shovel in hand, standing over Kopechne's grave, with the caption, "I think I've found a running mate." The artist who drew that cartoon for the *San Diego Union*, Lee Judge, did not realize it would be one more shovelful of dirt on his own political grave. The 27-year-old cartoonist was fired last month.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"CARTOONIST DRAWS DISMISSAL,"** Mark Orwoll, May 22, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

The janitor at the Ken Cinema is tired of sweeping up rice, toast, and vomit. The theater's management has grown irritated with the audience. And the young people who flock to the theater on Friday and Saturday nights for the midnight showings of their favorite flick, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, are impatient with the quality of the Ken's print of the film.

Riding the crest of this displeasure are the 20 or so members of the cast, which acts out the movie on the theater's floor as the film plays on the screen behind them. They were informed on the night of Friday, May 10, by the theater's assistant manager, Mary Lang, that they would no longer be allowed in the theater for free, and that the general admission for the movie had been raised from \$3.50 to four dollars.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"LIZ TAYLOR WOULD NEVER STAND FOR THIS,"** Abe Opincar, May 23, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

I recommend watching *The New Tijuana* — .

Some of the old footage: Rita Hayworth singing and dancing at the Agua Caliente casino; William Powell and Carole Lombard gambling at the racetrack; Jean Harlow on the golf course. The program explains how Mexican officials in 1980 cleared the river zone of squatters by opening the city's dam



Erik Davidson

and flooding out the shanty communities that had sprung up on the prime real estate. Some 90 people perished.

— **"TIJUANA ON TV,"** Jeannette De Wyze, May 24, 1990

Ten Years Ago

Erik explains that although he lives in Long Beach, an area known for its concentration of Cambodians and Hispanics, the "melting pot" reality hasn't affected him. "I'm not a physics major," says Erik, "but I know enough that some things won't melt."

I asked Erik if he had problems standing out in the crowd. "No," he says. "I've got what you call a fifth column-type operation. Me and my girlfriend, we look like your stereotypical Fred and Ethel on the outside, but on the inside, we're more like Dr. Mengele."

— HELL.A., Adam Parfrey, May 18, 1995

Five Years Ago

The intrigue surrounding city councilwoman Valerie Stallings and the Padres grew last week with the release of telephone records. Stallings or members of her staff used city phones to make 11 calls to Padres owner John Moores or Moores-related entities between September 28, 1998, and March 21 of this year. The first call was to a hotel in Houston. The next calls, two on February 23, 1999, and another on March 1, 1999, went to Neon Systems in Sugarland, Texas. Neon Systems is the company, controlled by Moores, in which Stallings reported buying shares on March 5, 1999, the day of the company's initial public offering. Stallings has refused to disclose the circumstances surrounding her purchase of the stock, the market value of which shot from \$15 a share to almost \$27 three weeks later, when Stallings sold her holdings; she pocketed a reported 267-percent profit.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"WIRED,"** Matt Potter, May 18, 2000

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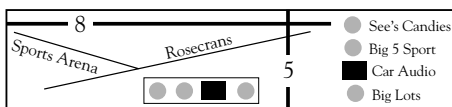


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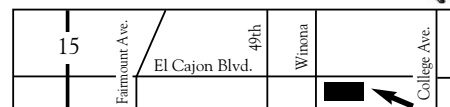
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Crasher

MATINEE

by Josh Board

I went to a party on 21st and B Street one afternoon. I asked a few guys if this area was considered downtown, and the guys living there weren't sure.

It was a good location for a party. The two houses (one behind the other) were filled with young guys who like to party. They live on a corner, with only one neighbor who never complains.

When I arrived I saw a motorcycle on the porch and heard a buzzing sound. I knocked on the screen door a few times and the buzzing would stop. I walked around the side of the house and down a path to the back yard and the other house. I joked with someone that it sounded like a tattoo parlor in the front house. "It is right now. This guy Miguel is in town from Sacramento, and he's been hooking us up with tats."

I saw a guy I recognized from a party I was at a year ago. I said, "Are you that writer from *CityBeat*?" He was. His name is Ken, and the few times I've talked to him it's been about local bands we both like.

Another guy was walking over, and we heard a dog squeal. He had accidentally



stepped on it. There were three cute puppies (one was a pug), and I thought more would be stepped on as the drinking continued.

One guy heard I was a writer and told me his brother was a writer in L.A. He told me his brother wrote liner notes for the band Goldfinger. "He writes for a publication called *Mean Street* in L.A. It's like the *Reader* but not nearly as big. And it's crazy, because when they did a special on Eminem on VH1, they had [my brother]



cool to write the liner notes for a band we liked. I remember when I worked in radio, my friend and coworker Peg was thanked on a few different CDs (Stone Temple Pilots and Alien Ant Farm).

I talked to a guy named Mike who had just quit his job

"Dude, it's from Vietnam, not Vons."

comment. And when he agreed to write about Goldfinger, he called me. He didn't know anything about the band. He ended up writing it, and he got paid well."

We all agreed it would be

in Riverside. He seemed bummed about being unemployed. We talked about some of the horrible jobs we've had over the years.

I talked about when I was in high school and working at

McDonald's. My first day, I dropped the entire set of 12 hamburger buns just as the burgers were ready to be pulled off the grill. My trainer looked at me, looked at the buns on the floor, and quickly scooped them up. "We don't have time to toast new ones." At least we didn't serve any food with fingers in it.

One employee put a cockroach in the fry vat. We all laughed as it sizzled. That guy was promptly fired.

I almost got fired too. My friend and I used to try to make each other laugh in the drive-thru window. One of us

would be on the grill and would press the button of the headset so only the person working drive-thru could hear you, not the customer. He always cracked me up, but I could never get him to laugh. I would say "Welcome to McDonald's, where 23 million have been served. Make that, 23 million and one with your order." Nothing. "Welcome to the home of the Whopper." Nothing. Finally, two minutes before closing, an old lady pulled into the drive-thru. As my friend took the order I picked up the other headset, determined to make him laugh. The old lady yelled, in her old-lady voice (think "where's the beef!?!"), "I would like one Super-Size Coke please." Determined to make my friend laugh, I pressed the button for him to hear me say, "How about a Super-Size cock instead?" What happened next surprised everyone. The old lady said, "Excuse me? What did you just say, young man?" I ran into the storage room scared. I had pressed the wrong button. She paid for her drink and left without complaint. I guess you need hot coffee on your lap to complain at McDonald's. After all the talk of horrible jobs, we realized that we

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were sweating. Someone said, "That's the problem with afternoon parties. We're drinking and standing in the sun. Last time I did this, I was sick for two days, and I didn't even drink that much."

A few of us then stood against the fence, which covered us in shade. Two cute girls were sitting in chairs, and one guy said, "It will be hard for us to talk to any of them if we're over here against the fence." Someone else said, "I'd rather not get burned up and have skin cancer when I'm 50."

I heard one of the girls say, "I'm, like, totally a vodka girl. I don't do beer." I figured I wasn't missing much standing in the shade and missing that conversation.

I met a guy named Alex who said, "I can't shake your hand, man, I've got beer in both of 'em."

One guy in uniform, and I asked if he'd be going to Iraq soon. He laughed and said, "No. I'm in the Coast Guard." The guy celebrating his birthday overheard this and said, "I'm going to Iraq." His name was James and this was his combination birthday/going-away party. He's in a band with two friends, "Wank" and Danny. They're called "Stripmall." I asked them how they got the name. "Well, strippers are cool. And, just imagine a mall full of them." They told me their previous band had "Tom Hanks" in the name. One of them said, "We changed it because we thought we might get sued." I responded, "Yeah, but how cool would that be to get sued by Tom Hanks?"

The last case I read about like that was about the band Postal Service. The United States Postal Service sent them a letter telling them to change the name. But after the USPS researched the band and found out Postal Service was popular and didn't use explicit lyrics, they made a deal with them. They could keep the name if they did a few promotional things for

the Post Office.

A guy named Marshall came out into the backyard, and I noticed he was sweating more than the rest of us. His arm was covered with blood. He was the one getting the tattoo. He said, "It was just a skull before, with horns. It looked pretty plain." It now had red flames all around it and two guns underneath. He said, "It's not finished, but I wanted to take a break and grab a beer."

When he walked back in to have it finished, I followed him.

One guy said, "Are you that Reader guy? I love the column. It's perfect for when I'm on the crapper. I can finish your column while I'm taking care of business. I also read 'News of the Weird,' which is cool." I took it as a compliment. After all, he didn't say he used it as toilet paper.

His name was Hoang. He said, "That's a Vietnamese name." I said, in my best sarcastic voice, "Really? I thought it was Spanish." He laughed.

I enjoyed listening to him talk. He spoke fast and every other word was slang. He referred to the party as a "matinee," since it was daytime. When I asked what he did, he said he was "a wrench for Volkswagen." I assumed that meant mechanic. He had a slang word for everything and sometimes it would take me a minute to figure out what he was talking about. He showed me some of the tattoos Miguel had put on his arms. Hoang told me, "Miguel's from Sacramento. When he comes down, we have him bring his equipment. We like to do some crazy stuff with ink. He tattooed a chip on one guy's shoulder."

I asked Miguel if he had friends who wanted tattoos for free. "That happens all the time. I do some of my friends, but I finally started telling people I do it for a living."

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"I'm so sick of women wanting those done. And when I see a woman with one, I always tell them exactly what it is. They are surprised I know what the symbol means, but I've done them so often."

Since his arms were already covered with tattoos (and he had a few on his face and neck), I asked if he'd get any more.

"Maybe, but the older you get, the more it seems to hurt. I don't know why. Maybe when you're young you just try to act tough, like nothing hurts you."

Marshall chimed in, "Yeah, this is starting to kill my arm. I'll need another drink in a minute." Miguel told him, "You should take a shower, too. And keep this area clean."

Marshall went into the other room to get a bottle of booze. "My friend brought this back from Vietnam. It's supposed to be the strongest stuff. You know how tequila has a worm in the bottle? This has a cobra."

I asked him how they got it through customs. He said they hid it really well. He took a big swig and then ran to the bathroom gagging. I asked what it tasted like. "A mix of gasoline, sake, and rotten eggs." We all laughed. I said, "It doesn't have a label on it." Hoang said, "Dude, it's from Vietnam, not Vons."

Hoang and I talked about our various hobbies. He loves golf, motorcycles, and he's in a bicycle club called "Schwinner's List," which collects old Schwinn. He tells me that he had a bunch when he lived in Sacramento, "but I only have a few bikes out here."

Since the sun was starting to set, I went into the back yard. I started talking to a guy who looked like he could be the bass player of Deep Purple. He had long straight hair and a long mustache. He was telling stories about weird things that had happened with his contact lenses. One

involved him getting drunk and putting them on somebody's arm at a party. When he woke up next to a girl he asked her to feel around his eyes, to see if his contacts had slid somewhere he couldn't find them.

A few guys were leaving to eat at the Turf Club, a steakhouse around the corner that Tim Mays owns (he also co-owns the Casbah). Ken said, "I took a girlfriend there and we had just been in a huge fight. She was pissed that they bring the food to you, and you have to cook it yourself." Another guy said, "My friend told the waiter, 'I give my compliments to the chef.' He then told the bartender that he should buy the chef a drink."

I left to go to another party in El Cajon. When I got there, it was just four guys (three without shirts) sitting in the back yard on a broken-down car. They had some beer and said, "We already drank the first 6-pack and only have one left." I laughed and

grabbed a Coke.

They had a boom box playing '80s metal music. None of them was really saying much. Sometimes a topic would start, like the work somebody was putting into a car he was restoring. But the story would never be finished, or someone would interrupt. One guy was telling a story about a rattlesnake, and two guys walked away, one of them saying, "I'm going to the store to get some more beer. Where's that fake ID?" I asked them if they were old enough to drink, and they admitted that they weren't. I said, "Do your parents care that you drink?" A guy named Randy laughed and said, "My dad is drunk most of the time, too. He doesn't care what I do. And whose beer do you think this is?"

I wasn't sure of the legal ramifications of me being with a bunch of underage drinkers, so I told the guys I was tired (which was true) and left.

I got home before

midnight, which is the earliest I've ever returned from a night of partying. I flossed and brushed my teeth (I highly recommend doing both for fighting gum disease and tooth decay), and I was in bed by 1 a.m.

An hour later, I was woken up by a party going on at my apartment complex.

Was this bad karma? All these parties I've been writing about that have tortured neighbors trying to sleep. I looked out my window and saw it was the two Marines who moved in last month. They seem to make noise most nights, outside smoking and talking loudly.

I tried to go to sleep, but they continued. A car would drive up, honk a few times, and then they'd yell, "Dude, I thought you would never make it. Semper Fi!"

I heard yelling that sounded like a fight. I looked out my window, and two of the guys had taken off their shirts and were

ready to fight. The big, red-headed Marine who lives there was trying to break them up. The shorter of the two then started pushing the peacemaker. The short guy was pushed into some bushes and then started screaming. He punched a light pole a few times and then reached up and broke the bulb. As he walked away, someone said, "You're forgetting your shoes." He took one of his boots and threw it across the parking lot. It landed on a brand-new BMW and the alarm went off (the same alarm that goes off every time it rains, or the garbage collector comes; if anyone reading this has sensitive car alarms, you are as annoying as the people with cell phones in the theater).

Later in the morning two other Marines started getting into it. They quickly made up and hugged each other. I thought that our military really is ready to fight. They even fight each other.

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I saw a few neighbors looking out the window, but none of them said anything. I would've yelled at them to be quiet, but I was kind of getting a kick out of watching the dumb jar-heads.

Their front door was open and one guy was sitting on the living room floor. Another walked over and poured beer on his head.

There were two women and about 30 Marines. One of the women said, "Are you guys ready for another round?" I immediately thought of the Tailhook scandal.

One of the guys tossed his cigarette into the

bushes and she said, "Won't that start a fire?" I wondered, if fire-fighters showed up, would the Marines try to fight them?

One drunk guy stumbled outside. With a thick Southern accent he told a 20-minute story about how he got really drunk last week and lost his ID.

I noticed a few more Marines had their shirts off, and I wondered why it is that guys with muscles always want to take their shirts off. When I see them at a Padres game, I want to say, "What's the problem? Is a T-shirt too restrictive? Is it hard to sip a beer with sleeves on

your shirt? Or do you think we'll all be impressed with the fact that you spend three hours a day in a gym?"

When I saw one Marine puking into the bushes I decided I'd seen enough. I turned the TV on so the sounds of CNN would drown out the noise of them yelling.

Just as I was dozing off a story about Marines in Iraq comes on. ■

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Minimalist Mantra

The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so that the necessary may speak.

— Hans Hofmann

Only bring what will support your lifestyle,” said the authoritative woman in red with an elegant Eastern European accent.

“But that’s everything,” I muttered under my breath.

“There are four reasons for clutter: fear, papers, guilt, and money.” I nodded along with these sage

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words as I took a bite of juicy strawberry from the plate David had just handed me.

“She’s right, you know,” I whispered to David.

“I know,” he whispered back.

“We’re going to have to go through your garage and get rid of anything you haven’t used in over a year,” I said, then handed the plate back to him so I

could jot down more words of wisdom: Every item needs a permanent home.

“This is going to be tough,” I said as I snatched the last piece of cheese.

“Yeah, and think about it — this seminar is for people who are moving from their large suburban house to their small city condo. Our new place will be a lot bigger than the one we’re in now, and we still won’t have enough room for all the shit we have.” With a bittersweet awareness of the irony, David prefers a minimalist style but can’t seem to let go of unnecessary clutter (like his complete ten-year collection of *Fine Homebuilding* magazine or his absurdly large and

heavy Cold War-era oscilloscope).

For the past two years, I’ve been living with David, but portions of my belongings still reside with my father in Mission Hills or my mother in Chula Vista. The remainder of my stuff stays with David and me in our Kensington loft, where it has multiplied and now threatens to suffocate us.

This reign of clutter is soon to end, however, for we have vowed to embrace the minimalist mantra: less is more. I expect some transitional difficulty, seeing as I have lived my life thus far by chanting, “More! More!” When I see an available countertop, the first thing that comes to mind is, *oh look, a place for me to put my purse or book or whatever happens to be in my hand at the moment*. But David has always felt that the clearer our surfaces, the clearer our minds. The higher my pile of crap on the counter, the higher his blood pressure and the shorter his temper.

I can understand how one can be affected by one’s environment: on the few occasions I organized my papers so as to glimpse the desk beneath, a relaxing sensation washed over me. It’s the closest I’ve ever come to Zen.

As I surveyed fellow students at the organizational seminar, the absurdity of our problem was not lost on me. *Look at us*, I thought, *whining about how much we*

have and attending a class to learn such a simple thing as how to give some of it away. But despite my brief moment of enlightenment, the fact remained that our abundant stash was not going to get rid of itself.

“It’s just like she said,” I told David after we returned home from Stania Rensberger’s seminar. “We need to categorize everything.” Unfortunately, David and I have different ideas of what needs to go or, more importantly, what must stay.

Before we move into our swanky new uptown pad, we have a lot of material purging to do. Like a raccoon that is virtually tethered to the hole in which its tiny fist is clutching a shiny object, I am trapped by the idea that I must hold on to some of my possessions. David shares this affliction of assigning emotional value to what is essentially useless junk.

We decided that before taking inventory, we must have an objective method for determining what is essential to “support our lifestyle.” I grabbed a sheet of paper, drew four columns, and across the top wrote down Stania’s reasons for clutter: Fear, Papers, Guilt, and Money. Under “Fear” I wrote “magazines.”

“Those need to go,” I said to a distressed-looking David.

“I thought they’d come in handy for when I did some homebuilding,” he said.

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Then he tightened his face as though he'd just eaten something sour and gave in. "You're right. I'm not going to be building anything anytime soon. Or anytime ever."

Under "Money" I wrote, "Italian sofas."

"This kills me," I said.

"You know they won't work with our color scheme," David said in an attempt to console me. Brocades of muted rose, green, and beige cover the dark-wooden rococo frames of the three-piece set I purchased as part of a psycho shopping spree in Los Angeles. My sofas make me feel like a dowager during teatime. Minimalist and urban they are not. Expensive they were.

I consulted my notes to find out why money was an irrational reason to keep my fabulous sofas.

David didn't have to research the answer before telling me, "Remember what she said, Barb. The money's already gone. Keeping those sofas won't bring it back."

"Fine!" I am less graceful about defeat than my magnanimous partner. Though it pains me to contemplate on which credit card I am still paying for the damned things, I realize that the sofas must go.

Next up: "Paper." Every brochure, program, and birthday card will have to be examined independently for sentimental worth. David promises to be ruthless.

"I have the map from when I rode my bicycle across Europe in 1977," David announced.

"That's important. You should keep that," I said.

"I haven't looked at it in over 20 years."

"Oh. Couldn't you frame it or something?" I knew it was a stupid question before I could stop myself from asking it. A weathered old map was not part of our modernist vision.

The only column left

was "Guilt." These are items we keep because they were given to us by a loved one; especially one who upon entering your home is likely to scan your walls in a silent but obvious search for the macramé wall sculpture she believed was the "perfect piece of art to bring some warmth to this cold, minimalist environment." We live in fear of these spot inspections because we don't want to hurt anyone's feelings or make them think we are ungrateful for their kindness.

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It's easy to make a list of things to do away with but not so easy to actually do away with them. I thought we were off to a good start because David had already sold a few pieces of furniture on craigslist. I was beginning to feel in control of our situation and confident in our abilities. But last night, while thumbing through the latest of a growing mountain of home decor magazines (our new pornography), David suggested we bring in an interior design professional.

"Particularly," he noted, "someone who won't keep insisting that your Italian sofas are part of the 'New Modernism.'" ■

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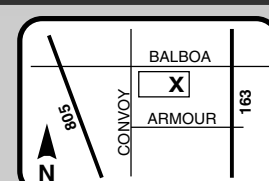
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THE RETURN OF THE FOTONOVELA

(story continued from front page)

could itself be a *fotonovela*. Later, when it's revealed that Soledad and Narciso (a young couple who will eventually marry) are cousins — which they don't suspect, despite the fact that they are both named Reyes — the spirit of the Awful Grandmother remarks, “Just like a good *fotonovela*.”

I put down the book and thought, So what are these *fotonovelas* about?

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Since I grew up in San Diego and often set my stories here, I frequently use Mexican or Mexican-American characters. Having spent a lot of time in Mexico in the 1960s, I came to admire the Mexican people and their culture. But somehow I hadn't heard of *fotonovelas* before.

I thought of the popular soap operas called *telenovelas* that you sometimes come across on Mexican television stations, and I assumed that what Cisneros was describing were short, printed melodramas that use photographs to advance the story.



Over time, the article related, the *fotonovela* also became an efficient way to promote political and social agendas to those with little access to television and movies, and they appealed to many who were only semiliterate. The *fotonovela* form is now commonly used in the United States to promote political issues

and candidates and to sell products to the Hispanic population. *Fotonovelas* have been produced to spread warnings and provide practical advice about pesticides, rape, AIDS, diabetes, and Alzheimer's.

Most of the examples I found online, however, were either pornographic or full of low-grade, adolescent humor. More-

over, most were illustrated, not photographic. One article made the following distinction: "Technically, the *fotonovela* is illustrated with photos while the *historieta* employs drawings, but the two terms are often used interchangeably." I dubbed the *novelas* with drawings *fauxtonovelas*.

I discovered that Michigan State University has a collection of *fotonovelas*, and I imagined that SDSU might have one as well. But the librarians I reached on the phone didn't know much about them. A trip to the SDSU library turned up only a few academic articles. Cecilia Puerto, bibliographer for Latin-American studies and Mexican-American studies at

SDSU, told me that the Santa Barbara Public Library has a *fotonovela* collection.

My curiosity was piqued, and I would have welcomed an excuse to take a drive up to Santa Barbara, where I've passed serene days on the beach, but between here and there lies Los Angeles. I would rather drive east to Miami in August through the desert and steamy South than suffer the 405 or the I-5 and 101 route between Irvine and Thousand Oaks. Besides, if the Santa Barbara library had *fotonovelas*, I reasoned, so must the San Ysidro library. And if I couldn't find any in San Ysidro, I'd be a teaspoon full of gas from Mexico.

The San Ysidro



library is small, quiet, and orderly, with lots of computers. The librarian, Lorena Rodriguez, didn't seem to mind a

gringo pestering her about *fotonovelas*.

"We used to have a subscription to *fotonovelas* when I first came to

this branch 16 years ago." They were usually no more than 30 pages, she told me. "They had actors and actresses with

the dialogue to the side of them or above their heads. They were like reading a novel only with pictures of the people. They mostly were the romance type, sometimes with a little bit of mystery. Not usually murder mysteries, though. More to do with romance. They were very popular, but we stopped getting them at least 10 years ago. The company we used to get them from ceased publication. Then we used to get *vaqueros*, which were colorized, like cartoons. They were called *vaqueros* because they were westerns."

Lorena supposed that the *fauxtonovelas* came into vogue once actors and actresses decided they were better off trying to make

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movies or *novelas* on TV. She tilted her head contemplatively. "I don't think any branches in San Diego City have *fotonovelas* anymore. Maybe the Logan branch does. They used to carry them, but I'm not sure they do now."

A few minutes later, moping on the library lawn, I told myself that the odds of my finding anything but *fauxtonovelas* at the Logan branch were about the same as the odds of my being drafted by the Republican Party to run for president. And like most men, I have a mild phobia against backtracking. Besides, from San Ysidro I either smelled Tijuana or imagined I did. Over the border, at one of those corner magazine stands, I was



sure to find some real *fotonovelas*. Onward, I commanded myself, and don't come back to *el norte* without *fotonovelas* in hand.

I don't go to Mexico often these days, though I still enjoy it when I do go, and most people I meet there are kind and gracious. But I'm not as

adventurous as I once was, and last month my brother-in-law was out surfing below Playa Rosarito when his friend's car got

snatched. The two of them had to stagger home in wet suits, lugging their surfboards onto Mexican busses and the San Diego trolley. And not long ago, after taking a walk on an Ensenada beach, my son Cody and his girlfriend returned to her truck to find two policemen rummaging around inside of it. They excused themselves by claiming someone had broken in and they were investigating.

But more dangerous than any crooked cop or car thief is Tijuana traffic. Driving in Mexico was a welcome thrill in my wilder days, but I have become a defensive driver in my afternoon years. A drive through Tijuana sounds to me almost as deadly as the I-5 and 101 route from Irvine to Thousand Oaks.

I tried to blend into the flow of traffic, but after horns and shouts reduced me to a wimp, I drove in fits and starts the way my mother used to at the age of 80. I infuriated scores of motorists by rounding a traffic circle a dozen or so times before I determined which way to branch off. Downtown was a maze of one-way streets and construction detours. My brain whirled from the tornado of delivery trucks and cabs whizzing past. At last I found a parking lot off Avenida Revolución, near the Jai Alai Palace.

After a fruitless search of the magazine rack in a Sanborn's department store, I hiked past the police station to Constitución, a busy mercantile street a couple of blocks outside the tourist zone. At

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a magazine stand on the corner of Constitución and Calle Ocho, Sergio Nieto, a small man with a gray beard, was preparing to close for siesta. In my best high school Spanish, I asked him about *fotonovelas*. He had many, he said, and started to show me *vaqueros*, *sentimentales*, *historietas*. Not a true *fotonovela* among them.

"No *fotonovelas* con fotos actuales?" I groaned.

He used to have them, he said. They used to come out every week, but they don't make those anymore — not for a year at least, he explained.

I bought a few *fauxtonovelas* to show my appreciation and then plodded east until I spotted another magazine stand. There a young vendor named Atanacio Ramírez told me he also hadn't seen any *fotonovelas* con fotos in several years. But Atanacio pointed the way to the treasure.

At Lucero Librería, a used book and magazine store, the proprietor, Oscar Ruiz, showed me a pile of true *fotonovelas*, all of them frayed, fragile, and at least a dozen years old.

Tonight, I told myself, armed with *cerveza*, a *dicionário*, and the phone numbers of friends who are real Spanish speakers, I would read them.

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I can read Spanish menus with ease, but for any other kind of litera-

ture I need a dictionary and ample time to concentrate. So while I waited in the quarter-mile-long Port of Entry line, I browsed a few of the articles I had picked up at SDSU. I learned that some social-activist

critics claim that *fotonovelas* foster gender ambiguity and other social ills. One critic lamented the simplistic plots of commercial *fotonovelas* that target the widest, least discriminating audience

and criticized the way they stereotyped social classes and blamed moral defects on bad genes.

At the border gate I felt sure the guard who stood there gazing at me would conclude that my

face must belong to a terrorist — I hadn't yet recovered from the harrowing drive, and I was hungry. He asked what I was bringing from Mexico. "A bunch of magazines," I explained, cringing as I wondered

if the *fotonovelas* I'd bought at Lucero Librería might get me jailed as a pornography smuggler. To my surprise, he simply waved me through.

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frayed nerves at a Popeyes chicken just off the 805 when inspiration struck. Ever since another writer and I walked into a Tucson Popeyes for lunch and discovered that the only other patrons were the novelists Larry McMurtry and Leslie Silko, I've considered it a literary hangout. And Tucson, I remembered, was the location of a distributor of *fotonovelas* an Internet site recommended. A distributor, I thought, would carry contemporary *fotonovelas*.

Risking indigestion for the sake of art, I gobbled the rest of my chicken and dirty rice. Then, risking death for the sake of art, I sped home along Highway 94 at rush hour, arriving just in time to call Latin American Periodicals before they closed.

A fellow with a congenial voice answered.

"Does your outfit handle *fotonovelas*?" I asked. "And I mean real ones, with the photographs in them."

"We sure do."

"Could I come there and look at some of them and interview somebody?"

"You can," he said. "We're closed over the weekend, though."

Sure, I could've waited and driven over at dawn on Monday and returned Monday evening, but I have more to do in Tucson than play detective. I've got a daughter, a son-in-law, and a baby grandson there. Plus they live just blocks from two excellent golf courses, and because I helped them buy their home, I possess a Tucson resident discount card.

Besides, the Muse



could be leading me to that certain *fotonovela* whose melodramatic plot would inspire my first bestselling novel.

I would have loved

to take my wife Pam and our daughter Zoë along, but traveling with a two-year-old is a chore, and I was too intent on my pursuit of the

fotonovela to put up with such distractions. And anyway, Pam had to work on Monday. "Darn it, Pam, I guess I have to go to Tucson, to interview a guy."

She's a clever one and probably could sense I wasn't feeling as put out as I let on. Before she could probe any further, I described my frustrating day on the trail of the elusive contemporary *fotonovela*. "But," I announced with grim assurance, "this distributor, who just happens to be in Tucson, holds all the answers."

"Can't he enlighten you over the phone?" she asked. My hopes for a sunny round or two of golf began to dim.

"Well, I need to see these *fotonovelas* in person," I said. "The only ones I found are ancient. And —"

"Have fun," she said. "Zoë and I will be fine."

While she was occupied changing a diaper, I snuck my golf clubs from the garage to my car. But I made sure she saw me carrying the laptop computer. "In case some *fotonovela* inspires me," I said.

That night in the desert, the moon turned from silver to red and back to silver again. Ahead of me all the way was a blanket of stars, but in my mirrors all I could see were clouds like giant lumps of coal. Even when surrounded by thunder and lightning, even in blinding sandstorms, I feel safe in the desert, as though rocked in my mama's arms — much safer than the way I feel driving north or south out of San Diego.

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lived in Tucson for 3 years, and I still find it to be a more comfortable place than my hometown of San Diego. Even though Tucson's population has doubled since I lived there and the traffic has

its snags and snarls, life is mellower. Maybe the heat slows people down, or the fact that they don't need three incomes to buy a home lessens the pressure. Or perhaps it's the \$14 rounds of golf at public

courses.

One city course, called Fred Enke, can be injurious to the ego. If you hit the ball ten degrees off line, you're in a forest of cholla cactus or a bottomless arroyo. But the fee

included the use of an electric cart, so I cruised along, losing golf balls, smiling in the sunshine, sipping lemonade on the front nine and Heineken on the back nine. Relaxed as I was, I sank a few long putts

and shot 91, counting the lost ball penalties.

Most of my adult life, I've harbored the suspicion that my breaking 80 would foreshadow the phone message I've been waiting for, the one from my lit-

erary agent, the one when he says, "You can buy that writing retreat in the mountains, Ken. Hyperion, Knopf, Doubleday, and Farrar, Straus all want your book."

Maybe tomorrow I would break 80.

At my daughter Darcy's house, before dinner, while baby Nicolas napped, I read *fotonovelas*, juggling the little books and my Spanish-English dictionary. One of them, entitled *El Enfermito* (*The Sick Little Boy*), begins with a woman named Connie walking home, carrying a child, and shouting, "Help, help! My son is sick." A neighbor approaches and carries the boy back to Connie's house. With a shower of tears, Connie tells the man that Ismael has a horrible blood disease and the doctors can do nothing but help relieve some of his pain. After she injects the boy with painkillers, she thanks the man and he leaves.

When Horacio, Connie's husband, gets home from work, Connie explains that Ismael needs more pain medicine but that they don't have enough money. Horacio vows he'll do anything for the sake of his son, even rob a bank. But none of his friends will lend him what he needs; he has no savings account, no insurance. Horacio decides that his only option is to buy a fake gun and rob someone. He attempts to rob an old woman, but she gets away. Then he successfully robs a young woman. He goes home disheveled, holding the woman's purse. Connie assumes he's cheating on her. When he explains what he's done, Connie is appalled. With a look that could shame even an innocent, she tells him their neighbor can lend them all they need.



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After some crying and arguing, Connie and Horacio go to check on Ismael. The boy has taken a turn for the worse. Horacio rushes out to buy the medicine, and when he returns, Connie is on her knees, moaning that she believes God is punishing her for her sins. She clutches her husband's knees and confesses that Ismael is actually her cousin's son, not Horacio's. Horacio smacks her around. He had loved Ismael like a son, but his name has now been disgraced.

Ismael calls for his father: he can't breathe. Connie runs to Ismael's side and yells for Horacio to come too. When Horacio finally does, he gives Ismael an injection...but Ismael dies. Horacio had injected him with a water placebo. After murdering Ismael, Horacio leaves Connie. End of story.

A Dos Equis helped me recover from that tragedy before I plunged into the next one, which features a narrator who explains that "Uriel and Luz had a very harmonious and passionate relationship. When a couple loves each other, sex is very gratifying and necessary for the body. We should nourish love so that it won't extinguish." Uriel and Luz have four kids. He works and she takes care of their home with the help of the maid, Juana. One day, Uriel loses his job and becomes distraught. He walks the streets like a drunken blind man. Meanwhile, Luz's sister Lilia runs into Luz's ex-boyfriend Ruben. When Lilia learns that Ruben is looking for a trustworthy administrator to run his law office, she tells him about the office experience Luz had before she married Uriel. Ruben tells Lilia that Luz should contact him.

Uriel spends day after day fruitlessly looking for work. He tells his wife that they have only enough money to last two more months. They make love out of obligation, thoughts of how to

make life better running through their minds and into dialogue bubbles.

When Luz contacts Ruben, she gets the job instantly. Later that night she tells Uriel that she wants to give him a

break, and she suggests that he stay home and take care of the kids for a while. He reluctantly consents. He will let her work. But shame, self-doubt, and jealousy torment him.

The next day, he

rushes around rubbing his temples while he washes dirty diapers, cooks, and shops. At the market, Uriel runs into an old friend who questions his new status as "housewife" and warns him that any woman

who works in an office is sure to cheat on her husband. Uriel can't dismiss this notion, and the more he dwells on it, the more he begins to doubt Luz's fidelity.

The next day, while Uriel is out running

errands, he spots Luz in a car with Ruben. They are on their way to a meeting at another law firm, but he imagines Luz and Ruben together in bed. Later that afternoon, Luz tells her sister about Uriel's growing jealousy. Uriel is eavesdropping through the kitchen door when Lilia asks Luz if Uriel knows that Ruben was once her boyfriend. At that, Uriel grabs a butcher knife. He charges into the parlor, knocks Lilia to the ground, and slits Luz's throat. The cops take him away. In jail he finds out that Luz had actually always been faithful. End of story.

I couldn't remember enduring such vicarious misery since college, when I read *King Lear* and *Oedipus* back to back. But these *fotonovelas* had convinced me that powerful stories usually weave romance and tragedy. I phoned Pam.



"How's the trip?" she asked.

"Oh," I said wearily, "it was a long drive, and reading all these *fotonovelas* with my bonehead Spanish is a grind."

"Why are you both-ering if it's so hard? I

mean, what's so important about them anyway?"

When you're 18 and you tell somebody, even a girlfriend, that you're doing something for no obvious practical reason, she probably won't go sour on you. But

when you're past 40, not to mention past 50, and have a small child and bills and have quit your day job in favor of writing, "I'm following my muse" can be fighting words.

"Didn't I tell you?" I said. "I'm going to write

an article about them." "Oh, good idea," she said.

I started pitching my own questions to avoid fielding any more of hers. And when I ran out of questions, I said, "Baby Nick's crying, and Darcy's making a shopping list. I'd better help out."

On Sunday I couldn't sit around reading all day because I needed to burn off the fried chicken and mashed potatoes my daughter had cooked for dinner the night before. I walked around Del Urich, one of two golf courses at Reid Park about a mile away from Darcy's house. And I might've broken 80 and soon gotten the message I'd been waiting for all these years except I couldn't putt and my drives hit too many trees.

After all the exertion, aching all over, I sat with a Dos Equis and

my Spanish-English dictionary and read another *fotonovela*. This one featured rape, murder, adultery, bribery, prison, and doomed love and ended with a sudden death. Maybe, I thought, these domestic tragedies were the wrong kind of *fotonovela* to inspire a popular literary masterpiece. Maybe I needed to find some *historietas* with what publishers call a "high concept," such as the fate of nations at stake. Latin American Periodicals might be just the ticket.

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First thing Monday, I drove up Speedway, which a national magazine once labeled "the ugliest boulevard in the country" but whose proletarian charm appeals to me: the thrift shops, used tire outlets, and taco stands; the drab, flat-roofed, single-floor buildings. From

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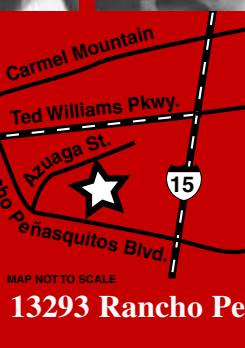
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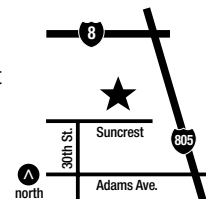
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Bernardo Serrano, a soft-spoken man with wavy hair, welcomed me. Originally from Monterrey, Mexico, Serrano worked as a CPA before moving to the States 15 years ago. He found a job with a company called Hispanic Books Distributors that shipped books and magazines across the country. Six years ago he bought the magazine arm of the business. Now he distributes Latin American periodicals to public libraries,

universities, and correctional facilities nationwide.

"We are contractors to the government," he said. "At all levels: federal, state, or even local. We have a variety of materials here. We have the most popular and well-known Spanish-language magazines for men, women, teenagers, children."

"How about *fotonovelas*?" I asked.

"The most popular *fotonovelas* that we have are like the westerns and the *sentimentales*. We buy these *fotonovelas* in Mexico City and ship

them out to the border, to Nogales, which is 65 miles down. We pick them up every week, and from this small warehouse facility we ship them out nationwide."

He showed me a few of his offerings, all of them *fauxtonovelas*, illustrated with drawings. No photos. "Thanks," I mumbled. "But I know there used to be *fotonovelas* with actual photographs of actors playing the characters, instead of the drawings. Do you have any of those?"

"Okay, those you can rarely find. The old

ones, most of them, are off the market."

"Are any still on the market?"

"No, years ago we used to sell those, but little by little they started disappearing."

I must've looked discouraged. He pulled a chair out for me. I felt lots older than yesterday, because I sensed that the story I had chased for 30 years, the one as dramatically rich as *Les Miserables*, *Wuthering Heights*, or *The Da Vinci Code*, was still out of my reach.

"Do you have any idea why they don't make the real *fotonove-*

las anymore?" I asked.

"My best guess is the printing costs became prohibitive."

"Do photographs cost more to print than drawings?"

"They were very neat in the presentation, and they had to hire actors and professional photographers and the quality of the paper was higher.... Now you can find pornographic *fotonovelas* with the actors, but we don't handle those kind. They used to deal with sentimental topics, love, romances, tragic stories. The same stories we have now, but the ones

we have now don't use the photographic format.

"But in the illustrated ones you can find the *Joyas de Literatura*, the jewels of literature. The classical stories from famous books and novels. You can find *Hamlet*, *Don Quixote*, a lot of those great books."

Bernardo agreed it was a shame the form has been left behind. "They were higher quality than what is available today," he said.

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"Good thing you brought your golf clubs," she said.

I didn't ask whether she had spied on me or checked in the garage to see if my clubs were missing. I just mumbled, "Yeah, well, I'll be home before bedtime."

* * *

I didn't break 80 that day. But on the way home, as I approached Gila Bend beneath a silver-flecked sky about 50 miles south of thunderheads and serious lightning, I decided that I wouldn't let the classic *fotonovela* die. Instead, I would make my article a plea for a popular

revival, in Spanish, English, and in every human language.

The age of the *fotonovela* has arrived, I would argue, because anybody with an imagination can write one. They don't require a poetic gift or a novelist's grasp of craft, or a marathoner's perseverance. And because anybody can act in one. It's the perfect vehicle for would-be actors. Hold one pose, look at the photo and try again. And because anybody with a camera can shoot the photos, and anybody with a computer and printer can mass-produce them after adding the dialog. And anybody with a stapler can make the pages into a little pamphlet or chapbook. They don't require publishers or producers. Anyone can tell his or her story. And from these modest efforts a new trend might rise.

As I drove across the desert, I imagined a whole new industry of *fotonovelas*, with titles that would hook every level of reader. I imagined whole racks of them, in the Wal-Marts, Costcos, and Borders. I saw street vendors pushing carts laden with *fotonovelas* along the boardwalk at Mission Beach. I heard vendors shouting at Petco Park, "Get your Trevor Hoffman *fotonovela* to read while you're stuck in traffic."

Maybe, I dreamed, a whole generation will commence with *fotonovelas* that could curb the appetite for comics about superheroes and for reality-TV shows. Maybe people will start with *fotonovelas* and read their way up to Dickens, García Márquez, and Jane Austen. And I dreamed all this would begin with the San Diego *Reader* running a

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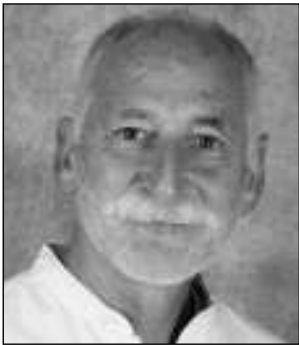
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Naturally, I decided to start with a *fotonovela* of my own. It would be called *An Overnight Success*.

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Frame 4 is a photo

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Frame 5 introduces the love interest, a pretty Woman who stands nearby smiling seductively at Gene, who responds with a hungry look. The clock reads 1:30. The stack of books is no smaller.

By frame 6, Gene looks discouraged. The stack of books is no smaller. The clock reads 2:00.

In frame 7 the Woman passes Gene on her way to the cashier and flashes him another seductive smile. Gene points to the sign that says his appearance will end at three. The clock

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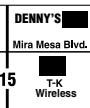
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reads 2:20. The stack of books is no smaller.

Frame 8 shows Gene sneaking one of his books into the basket of a passing Customer.

In frame 9 the Customer is at the cash register, holding up Gene's book and saying, "I didn't buy this. That man must have thrown it into my basket."

In frame 10 the Clerk and Gene glare at each other, and in frame 11, the Clerk approaches Gene accompanied by an armed security Guard.

Frame 12 shows Gene being escorted out of the store by the Guard. "My books are in there," Gene says.

In frame 13 the Woman watches Gene while he gets interrogated by the Guard; frame 14 shows the Woman striding off with her nose in the air.

Gene snatches the Guard's pistol out of his

holster in frame 15.

Frame 16 shows Gene striding into the bookstore toward the horrified Clerk.

Frame 17 is when Gene shoots the Clerk.

The last frame is a photo of a stack of Gene's books on the

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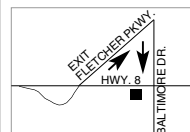
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Billy Joel, *Piano Man*, 1973: Most of the songs on this album are a blend of cheeriness and melancholy, achieved through uplifting melodies and poignant lyrics. Joel's lyrics center around the average man; he sings about the imperfect lives of everyday people and conveys the message that happiness is determined more by a person's outlook on life rather than material possessions. An example of this idea can be found in the song "Piano Man." In this song, Joel sings about a night in a bar; he is beside his piano, granting requests from the bar's patrons whose stories Joel recounts throughout the song. Joel's love songs are just as moving. The lyrics of "You're My Home," for example, are reflections of a man in love.

Otis Redding, *The Very Best of Otis Redding*, 1992: One word comes to mind when listening to Otis Redding's music: soul. Whether he is singing about love, like in "These Arms of Mine" (one of my favorites) or sadness in "Fa-Fa-Fa-Fa (Sad Song)," Redding puts his heart into the music. Redding's music — perhaps unconsciously — endorses the idea of living in the moment, embracing times of joy and overcoming sadness. Another song I am fond of is "Tramp," in which Redding sings with Carla Thomas; Thomas's criticism of Redding is beyond amusing.

Janis Joplin, *Janis Joplin's Greatest Hits*, 1973: Janis Joplin is not like any female singer I've heard before. Her voice has a slightly masculine rasp that comes across with force. Her music has aspects of both rock and soul; "Piece of My Heart" is more rock-inspired while "Try (Just a Little Bit Harder)" hints at Joplin's jazz side.

— Dara Arikian, *El Capitan H.S.*

Bruce Springsteen, *Born to Run*, 1975: Although *Born to Run* has only eight songs, it's different from today's pop genre in that it's about the music, not posturing; you don't hear Springsteen yammering on about the latest vehicle he purchased or how many ladies he snagged "in da club." I like that Springsteen sings with a fervor that I rarely hear in today's music. His heavy use of classical and brass instruments such as piano and saxophone creates a soothing effect. I imagine Springsteen was great to listen to while extremely high on marijuana, especially his songs "Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out" and "Backstreets."

The Rolling Stones, *Some Girls*, 1978: One of the defining rock albums of the '70s...yet I found it too dated for my taste. I feel that many of the songs — especially "When the Whip Comes Down" and "Respectable" — are generic representations of rock music in the late '70s and early '80s. Similar to contemporary rock music, *Some Girls* songs such as "Imagination" and "Beast of Burden" describe the agony men feel when trying

to make an unattainable woman theirs. "Miss You" demonstrates the strength of the vocals, an emphasis not often valued in today's rock music. What I appreciate most is the record's boldness for its time period. For instance, the lyrics of "Shattered" consist mainly of the lead singer screaming "sex!" Albums like these paved the way for modern music's embrace of sexuality.

Van Morrison, *Beautiful Vision*, 1982: Though this rock album was released in the '80s, it does not sound like the rock 'n' roll that defined that decade. All of the tracks have a slow-paced rhythm to them. Having spent nearly ten years in northern Florida, I love that the songs have Southern and country influences. Songs such as "Dweller on the Threshold" and "Cleaning Windows" are combinations of country and rock that I enjoy. However, I am not fond of music with religious undertones. I find them too preachy. "Beautiful Vision" and "She Gives Me Religion" were great to listen to, but hard to take seriously. *Beautiful Vision* differs from contemporary Christian rock

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Elton John, *Greatest Hits*, 1974: Subdued opening notes of John's piano give way to his quiet rasp that begins "Your Song." John's voice seems at times to catch with emotion, as when he swallows before declaring, "And you can tell everybody, this is your song..." Backed by sweet violins, he gives the impression he's searching for words when he sings, "Yours are the sweetest eyes...I've ever seen." The emotional vibe of the album comes through most in ballads such as the tragedy-tinged "Daniel" and "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me," a pleading, heartfelt lament for a fading love. Somewhat less appealing are high energy but only anemically meaningful tracks such as "Crocodile

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John Lennon, *The John Lennon Collection*, 1989: Offering grating hard rock ("Stand by Me") and a gentle lullaby ("Beautiful Boy"), the voice of the most lyrically provocative former Beatle anchors an at-times hit-or-miss collection of recordings. Lennon's hippie/socialist sentiments, always expressed with conviction, achieve clarity in "Imagine"; at other times, his message seems bogged down in limiting lyrics, as in the instrumentally dramatic "Mind Games." The socially conscious nature of Lennon's solo work, rooted in the Vietnam era and its Cold War aftermath, foreshadows the peace-oriented slant of U2.

Bruce Springsteen, *Born to Run*, 1975: With its glorification of cars and counter-culture views, this rock album exudes nostalgia and brutal realism. Rock this pure is nearly extinct. Springsteen uses

American themes to express unique and intelligent insights on working-class turmoil in small-town America ("Thunder Road") as well as on the streets of Harlem ("Jungleland"). Most perfected, however, is the anthemic title track, a road-trip-as-personal-fulfillment ode reminiscent of the *Easy Rider* mindset. In "Born to Run," Springsteen sings of a chance to "walk in the sun"; this album, brooding yet basking in light, is Springsteen's fulfillment of that dream (though he may not have known it at the time).

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Earth, Wind & Fire, *Gratitude*, 1975: When listening to this album, soulful beats and upbeat dance numbers drift through your ears and make it impossible not to dance...or at least bop your head a bit. That's why I like old-school rhythm and blues

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so much. Whether it is "Singalong," which puts forth a happiness vibe, or "Reasons," which Maurice White sings with soul-wrenching emotion, I can see why Earth, Wind & Fire is one of the greatest R&B groups of the time. Alicia Keys brings her soul-stirring music into the R&B scene of today, but her music reflects Earth, Wind & Fire's passion for good instrumentals and awesome lyrics.

The Eagles, *Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975*: Most of today's rock music falls toward either alternative or hard rock genres (although the band Our Lady Peace has good beats and lyrics). The Eagles' classic "One of These Nights" has powerful guitar solos and lead singer Don Henley hits the right notes to get you into a laid-back mood. Another timeless piece is "Take It to the Limit," one

of my favorites. Rock songs have changed since the '70s, so this collection doesn't sound too much like what I expected from a rock album; one couldn't compare "Peaceful, Easy Feeling" with Switchfoot's "Dare You to Move," but they are both breathtaking songs.

Chicago, *Chicago Transit Authority*, 1969: Chicago's sound ranges from jazzy blues to rock. What I find refreshing about the band is that, over time, it is their music that will be remembered, not so much the lyrics. In "Does Anybody Know What Time It Is?" the horns will never fail to quicken the blood.

— Lee Ann Gonzales,
Monte Vista H.S.

Elvis Presley, *Elvis 30 #1 Hits*, 2002: Presley tackles even gentle-sounding music with vigorous vocals. His overly sentimental tones, like those in "Love Me Tender" and "Are You Lonesome Tonight," remind me of classic love stories (maybe because

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his early music is 50 years old). In this way, Presley's music can be banal. However, he makes up for his weaknesses. Nothing compares to his enchanting, suave voice. Presley is tolerable and pleasurable even when I have no choice but to listen to it while on a road trip with my parents.

Abba, *Abba Gold*, 1992: This album keeps me sane when I have a desire to let loose and utilize every obsolete dance move. Masterpieces such as "Dancing Queen" and the soothing "Fernando" never fail to entertain me. Songs on *Gold* pacify while others rouse emotions. The lyrics can be silly at times.

The Beatles, *1*, 2000: This Beatles album is the only one I am willing to listen to for hours. Songs such as "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "Here Comes the Sun" are not the typical "corny" material that parents often listen to. The Beatles' songs make you laugh, dance, or bob your head. Nothing is strange or peculiar about these songs.

— Vivian Pham,
Mt. Carmel H.S.

Three Dog Night, *The Best of Three Dog Night*, 1982: I didn't realize this was the music I had heard since I was small. It was always playing when we cleaned the house and I've always liked it. "Black and White," "Old Fashioned Love Song" — I couldn't believe all of the songs that I knew on this album. The song "Celebrate" was one of my favorites because it was about going to a party and dancing. It makes you want to... "Celebrate! Celebrate! Dance to the music!" This is music that made my parents' generation get up and dance.

Journey, *Journey's Greatest Hits*, 1988: I liked this band, too. I really liked their song "Don't Stop Believing." It's still stuck in my head! I identified with the story in the song: a young girl is getting out of her small town and starting her life. It is scary and exciting because maybe that will be my life after graduation. Among

contemporary songs, Michelle Branch's "Goodbye to You" reminds me of letting go of the past and diving into the future.

Boston, *Don't Look Back*, 1978: This band was rock and roll. I especially liked the guitar solos. One problem with this band is that some of their songs sounded really '80s with their synthesizers, but because this album came out before the '80s, they must have been trailblazers. The song "It's Easy" had a synthesizer intro that lasted for a minute and 40 seconds! Aside from that, this was a worthwhile band. It was funny because when I was listening to the music, my mom came in and sat with me and knew all the words and I could see her going back in her mind. You could see it in her eyes; she was in the room with me but she was really a million miles and years away. I realized that my music does that to me.

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Ian Hamilton Finlay's *UNDA*

I face them and then quite blue when I see them from an angle. I have the impression of surprisingly intense blue twilight hanging in the branches.

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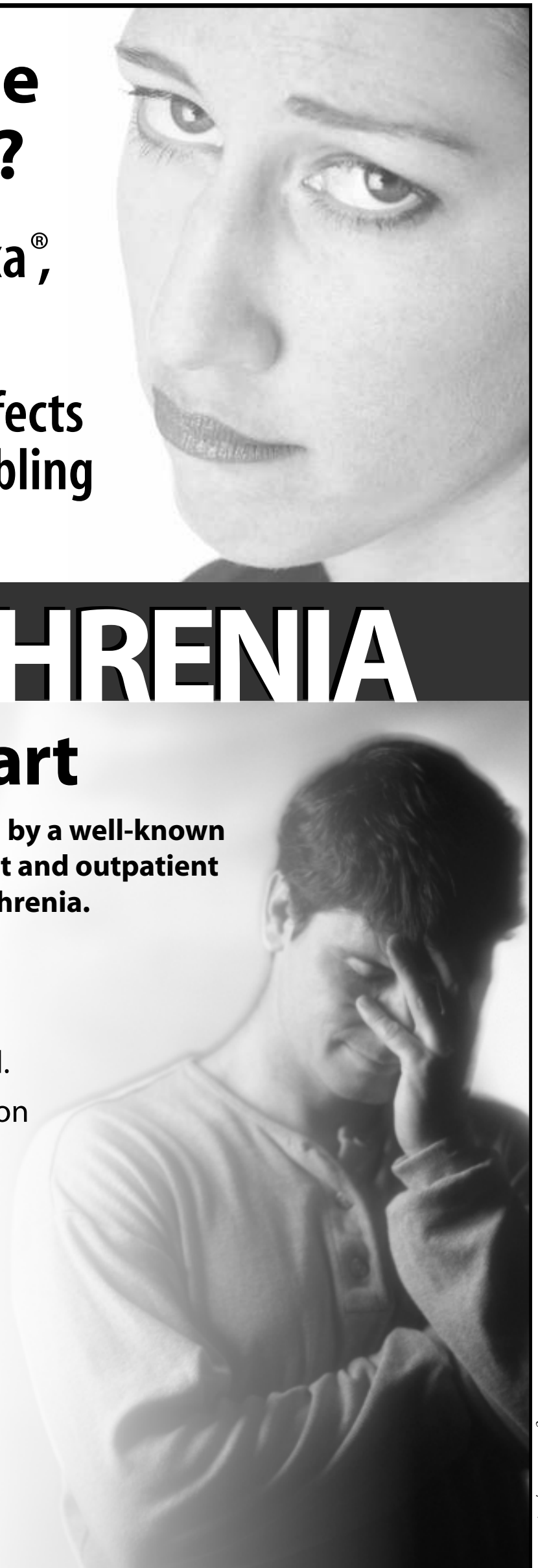
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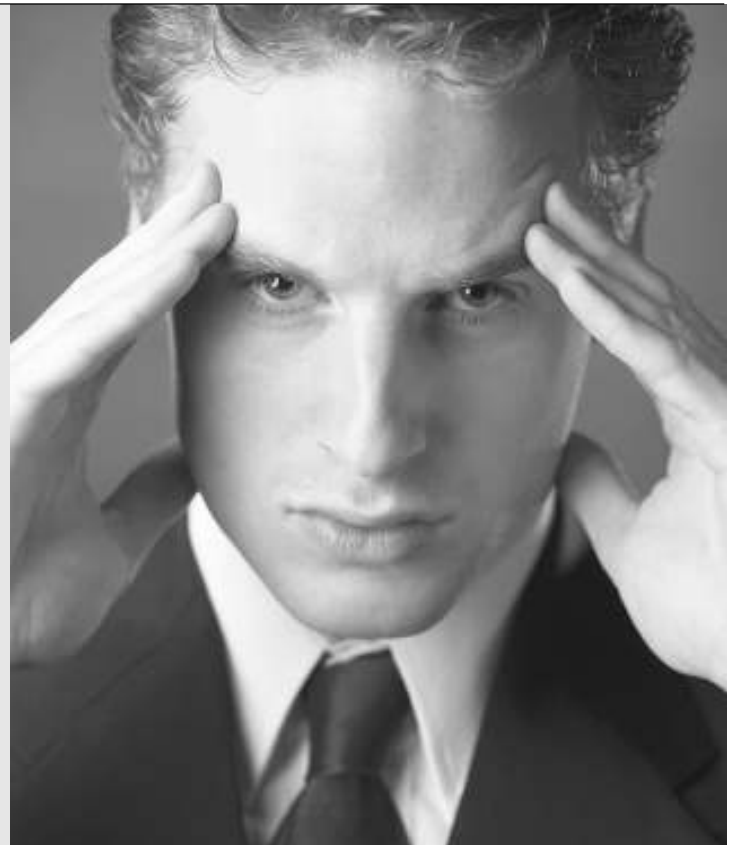
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zon is a line of pines across the field, and the third would be the Pacific Ocean and sky, except now they are deepening into night. Language meets landscape, and the medium, stone, gives the meeting a strange permanence that I am inclined to resist a little. Why? I have to ask myself if language should be portrayed as though it's as enduring as a landscape. Of course, the answer is yes, and maybe that's why the word is written in Latin.

The Stuart Collection contains ten other pieces of sculpture. Terry Allen's lead-wrapped talking trees remind me of the musical fountains of the Villa d'Este and the talking statues of antiquity. Two of the trees stand in the eucalyptus grove. During the silence between tapes, a little boy keeps shouting, "Hello! Come on! Tell us a story!" while his sister shouts, "Wake up!" They are compelled to remain by the promise of music; they pick up sticks and start beating the trunk. Their father begins reciting the age-old litany, "Put the stick down," as his son wheels around the tree.

It's night, and I get completely lost in the fog. I beg two young women to help me find Jenny Holzer's *Green Table*. They take me under their wing and ask carefully what I think of Niki de Saint Phalle's *Sun God* — a 14-foot, brightly colored, crested bird. When I admit I don't like it, they volunteer with relief that they think it's "gross," but they entirely approve of the Holzer, a monumental table of deep-green Canadian granite that acts as a reflecting pool for a melaleuca tree and some Torrey pines. Engraved into the table and benches are inscriptions of banal or enigmatic truisms, like SLOPPY THINKING GETS WORSE OVER TIME, which could pass as classical wisdom in these times.

I feel a little jealous. When I saw Holzer's beautiful benches at the Guggenheim Museum and the Dia Foundation in New York, I wanted one for my own garden. The young women tell me that students like to gather here to do homework and eat lunch. ■

— Robert Glück

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and would probably walk there daily, even if it weren't on my way to just about anywhere. The stately brownstones on the north end of the square retain the look they had when Henry James walked past them. Closing my eyes, I can will myself for an instant into James's 1881 novella *Washington Square*. Returning home, where the book awaits me in a choice of editions, I can complete my act of literary escapism.



Washington Square

Despite the negative connotation that clings to the word, escapism in the pursuit of literary pleasure is no vice. T.S. Eliot contended that poetry is "not an expression of personality, but an escape from personality," and the same often

holds not only for the writing of poems but for the reading of books.

We read for many, sometimes conflicting, reasons. And in times of war or other national crisis, the mature person's need for inspiration, information,

and consolation is matched only by the mental traveler's irrepressible wanderlust.

There are hours when, like Keats concentrating on the nightingale's song to the exclusion of all other things, we feel the need to "fade far away," leaving behind "the

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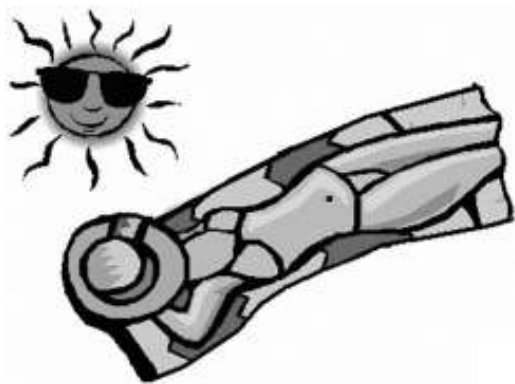
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weariness, the fever, and the fret" of the world. Keats wanted to escape to the "forest dim." New York chauvinist that I am — born and raised in Manhattan, a product of Stuyvesant High School and Columbia — in my mental travels I like to visit different neighborhoods and places during various periods in our city's history. Each seems, in the glow of retrospect, irrecoverable and for that reason, if no other, a sort of Eden.

The setting of *Washington Square* provides the social context for a narrative rich in moral complication and exact in its understanding of the relation between money and marriage. Of the square itself and the streets to the north, in particular the "more august precinct" of lower Fifth Avenue, James writes

with great affection. Born on Washington Place in 1843, James made regular visits to a widowed grandmother who lived on Washington Square.

In his novella, set in the 1840s and 1850s, he calls it the "most delectable" portion of New York: "It has a kind of established repose which is not of frequent occurrence in other quarters of the long, shrill city; it has a ripper, richer, more honorable look than any of the upper ramifications of the great longitudinal thoroughfare the look of having had something of a social history."

In *Washington Square* James tells the story of Catherine Sloper, a plain, rather dull heiress who gives her heart to a fortune-hunting suitor, Morris Townsend. Her father, a prosperous physician, has warned her

against Townsend, but she has dared to fall in love with him despite the threat of a lost (or greatly reduced) inheritance. Townsend does leave her in the lurch, yet his caddish behavior has unanticipated effects.

And what has this to do with the all-consuming events of our day? Nothing, and that's the blessed beauty of it. As E.M. Forster said of Eliot's "Prufrock" and other early poems, they had the merit of being "innocent of public-spiritedness" in 1917, when they appeared, at the height of the Great War. "He who could turn aside to complain of ladies and drawing rooms preserved a tiny drop of our self-respect," Forster wrote. "He carried on the human heritage."

In the years after World War II, the hallmark of Washington Square and its

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environs was not the “established repose” that enchanted James but its noisy antithesis. The hero of Anatole Broyard’s charming 1993 memoir *Kafka Was the Rage* is constantly upstaged by the hum and buzz of life in Greenwich Village at that sunny moment in its history when young veterans studied at the New School on the G.I. bill, young painters in cold-water flats went abstract and conquered the world, and young intellectuals at the San Remo Bar got extra points for using words like “alienated” or “ontological” in a sentence.

Broyard charts the course of a bohemian love affair that begins in that most characteristically New York way, as a real estate negotiation. The young Broyard needs an apartment, and a painter named Sheri Donatti has one on Jones

Street. When they shack up, Broyard feels that he has been “drafted by Sheri Donatti as I had been drafted into the Army.” On their first night together he asks for the keys to the toilet, which is on the landing outside the apartment, and Sheri tells him to pee in the sink. “There are dishes in

that happiness itself might be cheaply had.” Not only was Kafka the rage but also psychoanalysis, literary criticism, Martha Graham, and the poems of W.H. Auden, who lived on Cornelia Street long before it became the restaurant row of today. To Auden, Broyard attributes the wonderful statement

“THE ART OF LIVING IN NEW YORK CITY LIES IN CROSSING THE STREET AGAINST THE LIGHTS.”

the sink.” “They have to be washed, anyway.”

In his detail, Broyard conjures an Edenic time and place. “The Village was as close in 1946 as it would ever come to Paris in the ’20s,” he writes. “Rents were cheap, restaurants were cheap, and it seemed to me

that “the art of living in New York City lies in crossing the street against the lights.”

Auden’s poetry hangs over a mystery novel I enthusiastically recommend to fellow New York escapist, Amanda Cross’s *Poetic Justice*, published in 1970. Each

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chapter begins with an epigraph from Auden, and Cross, a pseudonym for the scholar and longtime Columbia professor Carolyn Heilbrun, works in an amazing number of apt Auden quotations in the

bling Lionel Trilling, a performance by the Living Theater ("the entertainment principally consisted of the members of the cast removing their clothes and urging, gently of course, that the audience do likewise"),

beset with political intrigue and strife, is drawn with a sure hand and resonates today. Best are the quotations from Auden, which induce in the reader an appetite for that great poet's work.

It is possible that all acts of imagination spring from a craving for escapism. No doubt that was what Auden had in mind when he chose, as the epigraph for his superb collection of literary essays, *The Dyer's Hand*, this line from Nietzsche: "We have Art in order that we may not perish from Truth."

Auden's own poems, not only the recently much-quoted one he wrote on the day Nazi Germany invaded Poland ("September 1, 1939") but his elegies for Yeats and Freud, complicate the view that would pit Art against Truth. Certainly compared with the mythologies of Yeats, whose "Sailing to Byzantium" is virtually an

ode to escapism ("Once out of nature I shall never take / My bodily form from any natural thing"), Auden's poems are remarkable for the amount of news they assimilated during the late 1940s, the era he dubbed "The Age of Anxiety."

Auden was himself addicted to reading murder mysteries. He analyzed the genre in his essay "The Guilty Vicarage." In Auden's view the detective novel lib-

erates the reader from a sense of guilt. The restoration of order at the end of the novel, when the crime has been solved and all ambiguities explained, is "the fantasy of being restored to the Garden of Eden, to a state of innocence." It fol-

lows, then, that readers of murder mysteries are always looking for what James in Washington Square and Broyard a few blocks away beheld, or what Columbia before the revolution represents for Amanda Cross's heroine.

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course of the novel. Names have been changed, but pervading *Poetic Justice* is the mood and atmosphere on the Columbia University campus in the aftermath of the "revolution" of 1968, when students occupied buildings and brought the university to a halt.

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unwashed radicals, the generation gap, and a list of then-typical New York disasters that makes one feel almost nostalgic ("strikes, garbage uncollected, snow unremoved").

Cross's detective, Professor Kate Fansler, a "sort of overage Nancy Drew," has limited appeal, but the novel's milieu, a major university English department

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UCSD Healthcare

Many have found that anxiety-free state of innocence in the breezy New York of Rex Stout's Nero Wolfe murder mysteries. When the jazz singer Lena Horne got homesick on the road, she would turn to

Nero Wolfe, she says in the preface to a new paperback edition of Stout's 1958 mystery, *Champagne for One*. It's easy to share her predilection. Most marvelous is the division of labor that Stout has devised for his two lead-

ing characters. The cogitation is done by the obese, beer-drinking, orchid-loving detective with the imperial name who doesn't budge from his West 35th Street brownstone; the legwork, by his right-hand man-

about-town Archie Goodwin, who gets around.

In Wolfe and Archie, Stout worked a variant on the old partnership of mastermind sleuth and good-hearted, dim-witted narrator that had long been a

staple of the genre. Wolfe is as impossible in his behavior as the crime puzzles he imperiously solves. But dashing, self-deprecating Archie hoofing it to Fifth Avenue in the '80s in *Champagne for One* or to Sullivan Street in

the first book in the series, *Fer de Lance* (1934), has a roguish charm and sharp intelligence you don't find in Dr. Watson.

"You are headstrong and I am magisterial," Wolfe tells Archie in *Champagne*. "Our tolerance of each other is a constantly recurring miracle." Of Stout's 72 Nero Wolfe novels, the mystery aficionado Jacques Barzun prefers *Too Many Cooks* (1938). I vote for *Too Many Women* (1947). But you can't go wrong with *And Be a Villain* (1948) and *The Silent Speaker* (1946) if the place you'd like to escape to is the New York of the late 1940s.

The city just before the repeal of Prohibition is the milieu of Dashiell Hammett's final detective novel, *The Thin Man* (1934). Like Auden's "September 1, 1939," *The Thin Man* begins at "one of the dives / On Fifty-Second Street," though Hammett's is a speakeasy, where Nick and Nora Charles, world-class drinkers, have come after Christmas shopping.

The Thin Man has elements of the hard-boiled mystery novel. When Nick nabs the culprit, he growls at the police lieutenant: "What do you want me to do? Put him in cellophane?" But we prize the book not so much for its wisecracks or for the intricacies of the criminal design as for the pleasure of the company of its male and female leads. They behave like a pair of sophisticates — rather like William Powell and Myrna Loy, the actors who played them in the movies — as though they're living in a screwball comedy, a permanent floating cocktail party, to which glamour-struck readers would gladly escape.

When I think of how our skyline has drastically changed, I escape to the skyline as beheld by a commuting bard in 1856, when Walt Whitman wrote "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry": "Ah, what can ever be more stately and admirable to me than mast-hemm'd Manhattan?" In the course of this work, the poet uncannily anticipates the reader's existence across the divide of time. "Consider, you who peruse me, whether I may not in unknown ways be looking upon you," Whit-

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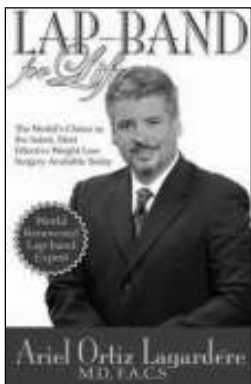


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man writes, and the most astonishing thing about the poem is that you feel his eyes upon you, his presence in the air.

Next stop is the Hudson River as described in the middle of the 20th Century by Paul Goodman, the poet better known for works of social criticism like "Growing Up Absurd." In "The Lordly Hudson," Goodman salutes with a certain ironic grandeur "our lordly Hudson hardly flowing / Under

the green-grown cliffs."

Literary escapists attracted to a New York City of the mind will have no shortage of titles to choose from. Lionel Trilling, to whom Amanda Cross's *Poetic Justice* is a sort of homicidal valentine, wrote much criticism and little fiction, but two of his stories are masterly: "Of This Time, of That Place" (1943) and "The Other Margaret" (1945). Both introduce the mental time traveler to a

concept of mind redolent of the 1940s intellectual and foreign today: the "liberal imagination" with its trust in reason, its ability to live at peace amid contradictory truths, and its insistence on the real with its faults rather than the sentimentalized ideal.

No New York loyalist can overlook the fact that Herman Melville's "Bartleby the Scrivener" (1853), that definitive parable of resistance and refusal, is subti-

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That the prerogatives of wealth do not come without cost is a lesson that Edith Wharton beautifully teaches in *The Age of Innocence* (1920), which is escapist only in the sense that it is so absorbing a social drama and so remote from today's headlines. Of the many poets of New York, I like losing myself in Hart Crane's visionary meditation on the Brooklyn Bridge ("The Bridge," 1930), Charles Reznikoff's peripatetic observations, so exact yet so full of pathos ("By the Water of Manhattan"), Frank O'Hara's midday, midtown wit ("Lunch Poems," 1964), the well-made sonnets of Emma Lazarus (such as "Long Island Sound"), and Bernadette Mayer's love affair with the sonnet form ("Sonnets," 1989).

A poem that has meant much to me and others, judging from its appearance on several websites in the weeks and months after September 11, is not escapist even by my flexible non-definition. It was, like Auden's "September 1," written when Nazis and Fascists threatened world peace. The Brooklyn resident (and unlikely Dodger fan) Marianne Moore wrote "What Are Years?" in the 1930s and published it in 1941. It is a poem about courage and honor and duty and joy. And we read it not for comfort but for inspiration. Here's the opening:

What is our innocence,
what is our guilt? All are
naked, none is safe. And
whence
is courage; the unanswered
question,
the resolute doubt —

dumbly calling, deafly listening — that
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When I flopped in downtown motel rooms during the late 1980s and early '90s, I used to walk by the live/work loft building at 529 Market Street and fantasize about dwelling in there when the day came that I could afford it; later, I would cruise by the Harbor Twin Towers and think the same — because the buildings looked so fashionable, and inside I knew the answers to my problems and ponderings were hidden like Easter eggs from my scattered childhood. *Oh to be one of them*, and all that. I did live across the street, for a year, in the Baltic Inn at Sixth and Island and after that just down the block in the infamous Coast Hotel, always being watched by the San Diego Police Department and Border Patrol. Then the neighborhood was not a zone you strolled through lightly after the sun



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529 Market Street

went down; the crack dealers and prostitutes converged from Market Street at Fourth all the way up to 25th as if they owned the streets — and they did.

Designed by architect Edmond Blachman in 1906, 529 Market was financed by D.H. Steele; he wanted Blachman to create a structure

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The structure was con-

verted (with a name change from the Alan John to the Steele Lofts) in 1986 along with the Pioneer Building on K Street; they were the first two to begin the downtown "yuppie loft invasion," as we SRO residents would call it. "We took over management in 1990," says Howard Greenberg, president of Trilogy, who handles the day-to-day routine of renting out many of downtown's lofts, condos, motels, and retail outlets.

J.D. and Cathee Hurley of the now-gone Rita Dean Gallery were early residents; their gallery was located on the Sixth Avenue side, next to the Star Motel. A certain local actress was the only person I knew who rented a loft there in the 1990s; she never invited me to her parties because she didn't care for my stage-directing style and never had any fun in the plays I cast her in. I asked some of the current residents who'd been

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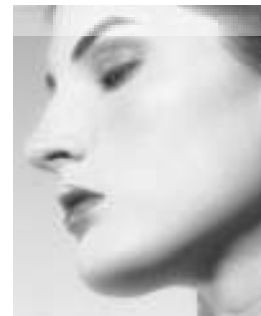
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there for a while if they remembered her. "Oh yes," said one, "she lived on the second floor. She moved to the Horizon Building."

Ten years ago, most of downtown's lofts, I observed, were rented out by lawyers, stockbrokers, and trust-fund babies; those folks are still there, but with more old motels and warehouses being transformed, the landscape of downtown's urban renters is familiar to any big city — artists, musicians, cultural gadflies. This is what I dis-

covered when meeting some of the residents of 529 Market.

My first encounter was an invite to a Sunday barbecue on the roof, a gathering that happens every weekend unless there's rain. I'd just arrived from a failed attempt to interview Courtney Love while she did her sound check at 4th & B. It was a relaxed atmosphere of hamburgers, steak, chicken, cheap beer, and homemade cookies. With wide eyes and wagging tails, several small dogs anticipated scraps. The

people were friendly but suspicious — I was an outsider. When one guy asked which loft I lived in and I said that I wasn't a resident, he turned and walked away, shaking his head.

MEET THE PEEPS

Marty and Chris Morrow are the first people I encounter there, via the blogosphere at *LiveJournal.com*. Chris's blog is filled with her photographs and item lists about what she does from day to day, sometimes hour to hour; Marty's blog mostly contained links to news stories and odd scientific facts regarding string theory and the nature of time.

Marty works as a network engineer, and Chris is a freelance photographer. Their shared loft is 1000 square feet, which Chris describes as "fun — bright colors and a great view of the Gaslamp."

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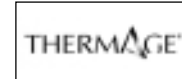
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discover who we are. If we decide to have children, I would love to be able to have this documented and say, "This is our life."

GiggleCam.com is not as unusual or fascinating to Internet users as it was from the beginning. Chris and Marty may have pioneered this way of digital life, but mil-

lions of people now have cheap webcams hooked to their machines; now it has become rather redundant.

"We used to get money, and we never asked for it," Chris says. "We had fans who would send in \$20, \$100, because they wanted to help us keep it going. One time this guy sent us five lap-

tops — they were used, but they worked, and that was cool. There were some weeks that \$1000 came in."

"And now?"
"We still get gifts from old fans but not money."

"Kelly Matthews was one of the first people to watch GiggleCam.com," Chris says.

"Now she lives down the hall."

Kelly is from the Washington, D.C., area and works as a webpage developer — her online handle at LiveJournal.com is Webdiva. "I had planned on moving to Cali for years," she says. "My best friend Chyrise had already lived here, moved back home,

and then wanted to come back. I was going to go to L.A., but then Chris told me how nice San Diego was. I didn't move into the lofts when I first got here, but when a really nice one became available, I had to grab it."

"What year did you start watching GiggleCam?" I ask.

"Nineteen ninety-seven, I think. I just happened to run across them [on the Internet]. Cams had just become popular, and I was already working in the industry, back in the days of the coffee machine cam and the soda machine cam... Hey, you're not under the impression that I moved to San

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"What do you like best about living downtown?"

"Being able to walk everywhere. Being able to party without having to worry how we are getting home."

"What do you like least?"

"The noise, but you have to expect that here."

She describes her loft space as a "750-square-foot loft with an additional 150-square-foot bedroom that was built. I live on the top floor at the corner of Sixth and Market, so I get a great view of two sides of downtown. The view is truly one of the best in the building. Rent under \$1200 a month — this does not include parking, utilities, refrigerator, dishwasher, air conditioner, heat..."

Most memorable moment at the building? "I can't narrow it down to just



Hazel Barr

one. Ultimately the friendships I have made will be the most memorable thing to come from my stay at the Steele Lofts. Beyond that the barbecues and parties."

She has two cats, Bob and Marley.

"My name is William Edge, and I have lived at the Steele Lofts for close to seven years

now."

He's also the resident manager and works in the mortgage business. Originally from Houston, Texas, Edge's sister brought him to

San Diego, "Divorce and then the Gaslamp."

What does he like best about living downtown? "Anytime you're bouncing off the walls, just walk out

your front door. For fun I drink...a lot. No, really, well, I drink...a lot," he says jokingly. "Kind of comes with the territory. Oh," he adds, "I like to stay active: work out, ride bikes, play music."

One of his favorite hangouts is Fred's Mexican Restaurant. "I frequent other bars, but Fred's has become my Cheers."

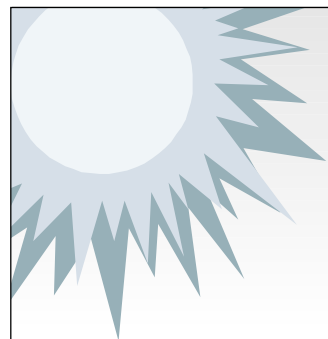
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He describes his space as an "open floor about 1290 square feet, eclectic. [Since] I'm the resident manager people would not like me if they knew what I pay for rent." He occasionally takes care of other neighbors' dogs and says he has three half-time pets: Stinky, Roxy, and Bling.

"Between the three I have a pet."

Jennifer Dvorak is also originally from Texas — San

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Antonio. I start to sense a trend here and wonder what's making these Texans come to the Gaslamp.

"After I graduated from high school, I went to New Mexico on a basketball scholarship," she says. "I've always wanted to live in San Diego ever since the first time my parents brought me here to visit when I was young. I've also always wanted to try living in an urban atmosphere, which is why I chose the Gaslamp."

"The thing I like the least is when certain bars have the bass so loud that it rattles my windows at night; other than that I can sleep through the rest of the noises. Oh yeah," she says, "I almost forgot...parking absolutely sucks."

Jennifer is a real estate appraiser and works from home. For fun, she says, "I don't know where to start. I am still learning how to

snowboard and surf. I know I probably look really funny carrying a surfboard downtown."

Most memorable moment at the building? "R2D2."

"What?"

She laughs: "Ask William."

So I do. William tells me that one night the two of them saw a guy on the street dressed in a cardboard robot suit. "They were shooting a video or something," says William, "and we were making fun of him, yelling at him, calling him R2D2. 'Hey, R2,' we said, 'show us your tits!'"

"My loft is a pretty open floor plan," Jennifer says. "I don't have any walls except for my bathroom walls. The 12-foot ceilings make my place feel bigger. The total square footage of my loft is about 890 square feet."

She has a long-haired

Chihuahua named Roxy. "She gets along good with most people in the building...sometimes she has short-term memory loss and forgets who someone is and barks at them. But as soon as they give her a treat or pet her, then she's fine with them again."

Jesse Henderson hails from Florida's West Palm Beach, which he calls "a sunny place for shady people."

He came to San Diego to attend the Thomas Jefferson Law School. At press time, he had graduated, with an emphasis on intellectual property law. "Any artist needs legal work! For fun I deejay with the Brokenbeat Collective, produce downtempo and experimental beats, and am a contributing writer for *ReUp* magazine."

"What do you like best about downtown living?"

"Walking to the places I need to get to, living next to the *ReUp* office and store, being able to get a slice of pizza at 3:00 a.m., living next



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George and Kelly

to an international hostel — girls that speak other languages!"

"Least?"

"Drunks and crack whores outside my windows at 3:00 a.m. Sidebar having its doors wide open so I can feel the music as if I were

there. Parking in general and especially during Petco Park events...and the fact that the trolley doesn't go to the beaches."

He says the most memorable experience at 529 Market "has to be the three guys trying to rob me weeks

after moving into my new spot. There were these two guys hanging around a parked car as I was walking down J Street, and one of them was, like, 'Yo, whatcha got on my 40?'"

"What does that mean?"

"They wanted money for a 40-ounce beer. I told them I was broke."

A third guy, a very big fellow according to Jesse, emerged from the parked car, and the three attacked him. "They beat me up, they broke my glasses." A witness came to Jesse's aid and took down the license plate number of the bad guys. The police located them and discovered they were enlisted in the Navy.

"They told the cops I started it," he said.

Jesse describes his space as "one of the bigger units; my space is about 1200 square feet, shaped almost like a T. You walk into a large room facing three windows measuring 8 feet by 5 feet, composing the entire wall, facing out towards Market Street with a nice view of the Side-

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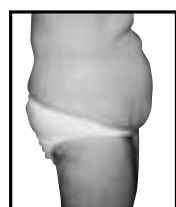
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Unlike the other residents, Jesse has neither a cat nor a dog. "I have a pet turtle named Adidas — yes, like the shoe — which was rescued from Chinatown, L.A."

Jason Sadural was born in Honolulu on a military base.

"My parents are from the Philippines, and my dad joined the military. He was stationed in Hawaii, and two years after I was born he was stationed at the 32nd Street Naval [Station]. Been here ever since."

"Why the Gaslamp Quarter?"

"I transferred to UCSD

as a physics major and lived there for a couple years. I decided to live on my own and realized that rent, especially in La Jolla, is very high for a single. After some research I found it to cost the same to live down here. I've been deejaying down here since I became of age and see myself more as a downtown person. So basically I'm studying physics and playing with music." He adds, "I live on financial aid. Deejaying pays peanuts."

Parking is his main gripe. "I'm a starving student and already have to pay a parking permit over at school. There is never any parking, and the only free one is six blocks away, and over there it's still not guaranteed."

His most memorable moment at the building was the day his loft was "finally fully decorated. I was leaving school and driving down the freeway toward the big buildings thinking, 'Wow, my new home.' I walked down the Gaslamp and toward my home, observing how alive the streets were.



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And I walked into my own place and took a deep sigh of satisfaction. Every week is like an adventure here because all the neighbors have very interesting traits. We always go out together."

"So I've noticed. What are some of your favorite

hangouts?"

"Sometimes I go to Red C Lounge, but I usually only go out during special events. I enjoy seeing talent at various places like Sidebar, Ventana's, Onyx..."

He describes his space as "775 square feet. High

ceilings. I painted the whole place with a monochromatic color scheme of four colors. Have my DJ setup and basic essentials of a household, I guess. Rent is \$1100 a month, cable/telephone is \$100."

He has a kitten named Oreo.

George Alphonse Walker originally hails from the Jamaican West Indies. A soft-spoken man, he tells me he lived in New York and London before San Diego.

"I was drawn to the Gaslamp after a nasty episode with some people and my artwork." He is a painter, specializing in oils on canvas and is the art curator for the San Diego Rep's Lyceum theater.

"I like the close proximity to everything. It has life as a big city, and it is growing so rapidly... I don't like the crowd on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night. Almost everyone is drunk, all the twentysomethings with their raging hormones."

"So what do you do for fun?" I ask.

"I walk, I visit my neigh-

bors, I plan events for non-profit art organizations."

He describes his space as "open, like a big huge box. I hate white walls. So naturally I have introduced colors. Purple, red, blue. To give different vibrations to different sections of the space. My rent is up there... yeah, it is high, but worth it."

He has been moonlighting as an astrologer for many years and is often in demand. This "helps to fund my projects and to buy art supplies. I have to use top-grade oil paints for my work."

"How did you become an astrologer?"

"It was a part of my development that introduced me to the world of metaphysics. It is a spiritualist movement that governs the universe as energy fields, rather than a stagnant one. It states that we are all energy. This is subconsciously eminent in my work and has acutely sharpened my sense of color, energy patterns, and sometimes a flash of the near future."

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"What brought you to downtown?"

"I met my partner William Curtis at the Comic-Con, where I volunteered for disabled services. William has been volunteer staff at Comic-Con for about 14 years, and I've volunteered there for the last 2. I moved from Pasadena and a lovely California bungalow home — with loads of maintenance — with the help of William. He knew that I wanted low-maintenance living, so he suggested I look for a loft in the Gaslamp."

"Any gripes?"

"I miss having a downtown library as a cultural center — like the library in downtown Los Angeles — and the constant building

of high-rise condominiums. It feels like such a poor use of resources."

She tells me about a "clairaudient experience" — from sound rather than visual — she had during the first night she slept in her loft. "At 3:00 a.m., I woke to the sound of gunfire. The first shot came from below my window on Sixth Avenue. The sound of the shots were like an antique six-shooter I once had in Oklahoma. I heard the shooter run to the corner of Market and fire again. Then I heard gunfire coming from Fifth and Market in response. Another round of shots were exchanged before I could get to the window. As I looked at the, of course, empty street below, an ethereal silence — the complete absence of sound — punctuated the moment, and I realized that the occurrence was of a psychic nature.

"Local historical facts tell that the Steele Building actually housed a popular gun store in its early years, and the Tivoli Bar on the corner is the oldest saloon still operating here. Along with the additional histor-

ical elements that are clustered about, it is quite plausible that these sounds — this ghostly gunfight — actually came from the area's past, still resonating into our present."

She describes her space as "about 1100 square feet, mostly one long rectangular space with two 9- by 9-foot windows overlooking Sixth Avenue and beyond. My loft does have one of the exposed brick walls that are highly coveted. There are large open areas around my furnishings so that I can run, jump, and dance freely. I have enough room and an extra bed, next to the TV, for my 18-year-old son Daniel, when he visits from L.A., and I've just finished a month-long visit here with my niece Stephanie. Family and close friends have been known to fall asleep during a movie and stay the night."

Her cat's name is Mia.

On April 30, 2004, former Steele Lofts resident Mark Kolowich pleaded guilty in Federal Court to money laundering, mail fraud, smuggling, and conspiracy to import illegal prescription

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drugs — namely “generic” Viagra, from which he became rich. He lived in #4a when starting his business, before renting a \$6 million penthouse in the Horizon Building.

According to the FBI and the Department of

Homeland Security, Kolowich was responsible for World Express Rx.com, one of the largest Internet-based international distribution rings for the anti-impotence drug that is obtainable without a doctor's prescription. He was

known as “the go guy” to his neighbors and drove a leased Porsche 911 Turbo with the license plate “BLUPIL.” When he was arrested in March 2004, on a yacht docked at Shelter Island, he was in the process of buying a pill-pressing machine that would increase the manufacturing output of his “product.”

“I think he had a drinking problem,” says Chris Morrow. “I would hear him come home late at night and fight with his girlfriend a lot.”

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New Year's Eve

Inc. Kolowich was also selling Cialis and Levitra knock-offs that were made in India,

bringing in millions of dollars that he apparently failed to report to the IRS. He turned state's evidence and ratted out his business partners in Chula Vista, Florida, and Mexico — including his girlfriend, Odette Pidermann, a grant writer who was in on the scam — and forfeited his offshore and Swiss bank accounts that, reportedly, held more than \$3 million in illicit profits. His U.S. banks held only \$45,000, and prosecutors believe he may have foreign holdings he hasn't revealed.

On January 21, 2005, Judge Jeffrey Miller of the U.S. Federal Court for the District of Southern California sentenced Kolowich to 51 months in prison.

“It's news to me,” says Trilogy Real Estate Management's Howard Greenberg. “He was a pain to deal with, but I had no idea what he was doing.”

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I am invited to spend the last hours of 2004 with the residents of the Steele Lofts.

Seven p.m. and all the phone lines for taxicabs are busy. I'm supposed to be downtown by eight. I have three bottles of chilled Korbel. I think about walking toward Sunset Cliffs, maybe I'll see a hack to flag down; I've done it before in Ocean Beach. Around the corner, on Voltaire, is one of the stations for North City Cab. I walk over. There are two employees in the office, a man and a woman in their 60s; they look tired, answering the ringing phones.

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cops get irritated with me, like, how dare I do their job, but I'm going to do it if they're not around!"

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“You have a safe and happy New Year,” he tells me.

At 529, Marty isn’t answering his cell phone, and Chris isn’t in their loft. There are people I don’t recognize going in and out. I don’t want to just walk right in; there’s a doorman sitting on a red plastic crate, wearing a gray and white trench and a badge. He’s in his late 40s or early 50s, gold-rimmed glasses. He watches me as I stand outside the door, calling people on my cell. It’s 8:40 p.m. Did they go somewhere without me? I didn’t think we’d all head to L5 until later.

Three young women in miniskirts (one with glitter all over her face) stop, look at the loft, say, “Is this it?” No, they don’t think so, and they walk into the international hostel next door.

I go to the intercom and ring Kelly Matthews (who, later that night, will almost fall to her death by stepping into the open well of the fire escape but catches herself on the cold metal just in



Jason Sadruel

time, writing in her blog, “OMG I almost died!”).

“Yeah?”

“It’s Mike.”

“Who?”

“I can’t find Chris or Marty.”

“Oh, okay. Okay, I’ll buzz you in.”

The three women leave the hostel and say, “No, *this* is it.” A tall brunette in black jeans meets them, says, “Where were you, did you get lost?”

The doorman eyes me, so I say, “I’m looking for Chris and Marty.”

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I meet a number of people who don't live in the building and are friends with one resident or another — one tells me he heads a group of downtown dwellers who gripe to get more parking spaces; another tells me he's a poet who will have work in the new magazine *Sisu*; one woman tells me she "makes movies, if you know what I mean."

"No," I say, "what do you mean?"

She whispers and giggles, "Porn."

I don't believe her.



Stinky and Bling

"Never mind her," some guy says, "she's on 'shrooms."

Another guy, with a long goatee, weaving about and holding a six-pack of India Pale Ale, says, "So where are all the hot bitches? What kind of party is this? Where are the bitches around here?"

He then stumbles to the hall-

way, bumping into the walls. "Where where where?!" he says to the ceiling.

I'm in the hallway. I cheer, with my champagne glass, several people whose names I don't know.

"So, do you live here?" they ask.

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I go up to the roof with some people I do know — Jesse, Kelly, and Chris. The roof is wet from the rain a few hours ago. Just about every room light is on at the Hyatt and Marriott hotels.

More people join us. We start talking about going to L5. We want to be there before midnight. Calls are made. We can get ten or so people in. There is a long line to get into the popular nightclub for its last hours. Two cops stand by and make sure no one gets too rambunctious.

One guy is yelling on his cell phone: "What do you mean you can't get me in? You *have* to get me in! You goddamn better well get me in! *Listen to me!*"

Someone makes fun of him, holding an air phone and saying: "I know people, dammit! I'm important and I know people!"

Our group of 10 that became 15 has suddenly become 20, but we get in through the side, bypassing the line, because we *do* know someone: Lance Winston,

the club's VJ and former 529 Market resident who always shows up for the Sunday barbecues.

"Eight minutes, eight minutes," the DJ announced as we head into the crowded venue. This is the most people I've ever seen in L5. The music is hip-hop from Club Deviate.

"This isn't the kind of groove that usually plays here," I hear someone tell a friend.

"I'm rolling so hard," said a girl with a top hat to a girl in a sequin dress, referring to the onset of an XTC high. "Touch me, touch me now or I'm going to die!"

Tough guys in leather jackets push their way through people; big guys in dark suits and earpieces make sure the tough guys don't clash with themselves or their women.

I make my way to the bar and order two White Russians, because one has to be double-fisted at these times.

Two thousand five arrives, people jump up and down and raise their hands,

and then it's all over and things are the same.

I get another White Russian.

I have lost my 529 group. I am alone, and there are too many people bumping into me. I find Lance and he says, "Oh there you are! We had champagne."

Everyone is in the VJ booth drinking the bubbly. One guy is passed out on a big chair. I feel for him, missing out, or not missing much. I want to be him, dreaming. I want to go home and close my eyes.

Finding a taxi later isn't easy because half the party people downtown are leaving. Fifth Avenue is a long line of slow-moving cars, police horses trotting up and down, making sure law and order is maintained. There are some fights, but nothing seems out of hand.

I'm hungry so I stop off at Ciro's Pizza to get a couple of slices to go; there are no brown paper bags left so my two cold pieces of pepperoni and sausage are placed in a giant pizza box. I know what's going to happen when

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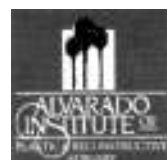
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"I'm hungry too."
"Hey, dude, gimme
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"Pizza boy! Pizza boy!"
Everyone has to be a
smart-ass. I walk up Fourth
and Third Avenues, and every
cab is occupied. I go to the
taxi stand in Horton Plaza
and it's empty. I stand at
Third and Broadway; I'll
wait until one drives by. People
across the street are doing
the same. I see three cabs
pull up to the Westgate Hotel,
and they are quickly taken.
Fifteen minutes later, an
empty taxi finally comes my
way. I wave. The driver stares
at me.

"I need to get out of
here," I tell him.

"Where to?" he says with
a Pakistani accent.

"Ocean Beach."

He makes a face.

"It's a good fare," I say;
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Jesse

"Sure, get in."

Two women and one
man on the other side of the
street, drunk and loud, yell,
"Hey, that's our cab!"

"Lock your door," the
driver says.

"Crazy out there.... It
will get worse, yes it will,"
he says, making a U-turn.

At a red light, a couple
of big guys with crew cuts
wearing Hawaiian shirts try
to get in; of course, they can't
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"YOU!" one says to me,
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I recognize him as the fellow I often see rummaging through the trash bin.

The synchronicity is too perfect — if it had taken me another minute to find a cab, I would've come home to an intruder inside.

If I had left later, or come home earlier...but what's the use of thinking about these things?

I am home.

I should move back downtown.

ADDENDUM

On Friday, January 28, Chris and Marty Morrow are given

a 30-day demand to vacate the premises. Their three-year lease has run out. "The way it works here," Chris tells me, "after the lease expires, you go month-to-month. They told us we would be switching month-to-month, no problem, and now we get this?" Their attempts to contact management's Howard Greenberg weren't successful; they are told to direct all communications to Greenberg's attorney. The attorney explains to the Morrows that they had to be out by the specified time and no explanation is needed.

Chris thinks they were evicted because she filed a complaint with the City of San Diego about a resident she believes is operating an illegal business. She also suspects management wasn't happy with her for contributing to this article. Though Howard Greenberg does not express this, on-site manager William Edge agrees with Chris.

Edge is fired and evicted two days after Chris and Marty. Per the terms of his

Trilogy contract, he's allotted six days to pack his belongings, find a new home, and say goodbye. He says the stress of the situation put him in the hospital.

On February 11, 2005, I send Greenberg an e-mail expressing concern that people are being evicted because of their association with this article.

His reply: "Unrelated."

I send another e-mail. "I would hate to think that was ever the case. As I told you before, this was (and is) a general-interest feature about downtown loft living, never intended as any sort of 'looking for dirt' piece."

"We have no problem with your story or any other story," his e-mail answers in part. "As you are aware, we have been around for a long time, and I believe we have a good reputation. We are fair and honest and have long been cooperative with the city as well as the press. We only ask that we are involved in the process and our comments and responses are included." ■

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EVENING OF FILMS *Rivers and Tides* documents Scotsman Andy Goldsworthy's natural-elements sculptures; *All Under Heaven* follows James Hubbell's Pacific Rim Parks projects in Russia and China.



Both films are shown at the Natural History Museum. See **FILM**, page 96

MARAT/SADE Mob mentality and political revolution dominate Peter Weiss's 1964 drama about the Marquis de Sade and Jean-Paul Marat. See **THEATER**, page 145

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DAVID LEE ROTH Former Van Halen front man shifts from heavy metal to balladeering at House of Blues. See **CONCERTS**, page 114



FERN STREET CIRCUS The homegrown circus performs in Balboa Park for the 15th year. *Through the Looking Glass* stars Alice on a chessboard with Tweedledee, Tweedledum, and other oddballs from Lewis Carroll's classic. Through 5/29. See **SPECIAL**, page 102

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RIVERFEST Remove refuse and invasive plants, take bird walks and hikes, and restore and enhance the river. Cleanup efforts along 51 miles of water sponsored by 50 groups, including the Audubon Society. See **LOCAL EVENTS**, page 92

MAN'S BEST FRIEND

1700 dogs represent 150 breeds in the ring at this two-day American Kennel Club show at Qualcomm Stadium. Obedience trials, agility competitions, and a chance to ask breeders questions, talk to dog handlers, and shop for dog-related products. See **SPECIAL**, page 102

SECRET GARDEN TOUR Directions to garden sites won't be revealed, but expect historic La Jolla homes, strolling musicians, and onsite artists, ready at their easels to celebrate gardens on canvas. Boxed gourmet lunches available. See **OUTDOORS**, page 95

MELT BANANA How does this Japanese hardcore punk rock band describe its show? "Shooting machine gun and laser beam." At the Casbah. See **CLUBS**, page 141

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CORONADO HOME TOUR A glass-and-steel three-story structure with blue concrete exterior and all bay views highlights this year's Spring Village home tour. Three other homes open for public viewing. See **SPECIAL**, page 102

BEACH AND BOATING FAIR

On safety's side: helicopter rescue demos and swimming tips from San Diego's lifeguard service. For fun, watch a kayak fishing tournament or join the Crown Point-to-Ski Beach walk. See **SPECIAL**, page 102



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SIGHT HOUND Pam Houston signs her latest book about lessons learned from her dog Dante. At Book Works in Del Mar. See **IN PERSON**, page 100

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MARIA SHRIVER counsels college-bound girls in her newest book, *...And One More Thing Before You Go...* Meet California's first lady at Warwick's tonight. See **IN PERSON**, page 100

SEAL SINGS

British soulster fuses rock, pop, and folk at Humphrey's. See **CONCERTS**, page 114

"SCHOOL'S OUT"

Spring semester ends at SDSU with stand-up comedy: CTP (opened for Mariah Carey); Ray Combs (La Jolla's Comedy Store); Tim Palmer (ESPN Radio, Dennis



Miller Live); and Matt Acosta (4th & B, MTV's *Rock the Vote*). See **IN PERSON**, page 100

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TRANSFORMING A COMMUNITY UC Irvine's Dr. Linda Vo analyzes change in San Diego's Vietnamese population at the Mira Mesa Library. See **LECTURES**, page 99

Wild Enemies

River Day Celebration

We try to get the worst first...we've got a fair shopping list of plants," says Jim Harrison, river committee coordinator for the San Diego Audubon Society. "We hope that, over time, we'll be able to put the river back into some semblance of what it used to look like naturally versus a collection of junk and so forth running down through the valley and great huge masses of plants from South America all over the place."

As an affiliated member of the San Diego River Coalition, the Audubon Society has adopted the segment of the river that runs

west of Interstate 5 to the mouth of the river along the south edge of Mission Bay Park. For the second annual San Diego

River Day Celebration on Saturday, May 21, the Audubon Society is hosting a cleanup. "[The coalition groups] will all be out there observing the day in some way. We chose to move our cleanup day in order to coincide with the river celebration," says Harrison. Typically, the Audubon Society hosts a cleanup for its segment every other month.

"We're at the bottom of the river," says Harrison. "Anything that washes downstream gets deposited along our banks." Volunteers are asked to collect refuse. "We're talking about paper scraps, abandoned clothing, and a lot of cans. We've found old bicycles and mattresses. Our segment does not have any regular [transients]. Occasionally some people will try to set up there, but it's not the same quality as the next area upstream. It's pretty visible."

Trash is only part of the problem.

Invasive plants along the river's edge threaten indigenous species. "Any plant growing out of its ordinary area that doesn't have any natural enemies can just run wild. That puts the plant on our priority list. If they're here and they prosper here, they do so at the expense of our native plants that already have enemies, but then have to take on the added burden of these [invaders]."

There are six plants that volunteers are instructed to look for and remove. Harrison says he has "almost always had to deal with the Russian thistle, or tumbleweed...it has ferocious thorns on it, it's not edible for the wildlife in the area, and it's harmful to the people who walk around and get scratched up by it."

Another pest is the castor bean plant. Though humans have used its oil for centuries, the plant itself is poisonous. It's scientific name, *Ricinus communis*, is Latin for "common tick." Swedish naturalist Carolus Linnaeus, who named it, thought the plant's seeds resembled large, blood-engorged ticks — an image that should deter most people from experimenting with the poisonous seed's taste.

Ice plant is one of the most dangerous, for even if it dies, its salt deposits leave the area uninhabitable. "This is an imported plant from a different environment entirely. I'm not aware of any animal that uses it for food, and it has the ability to suppress the plants around it. Once a patch of ice plant is in place, nothing else can grow there; it uses the resources and takes over the land, and native plants just can't survive against it." Harrison's back yard was covered in ice plant for many years before he removed it almost a decade ago.



PHOTOGRAPH BY GREGORY CROSS

Volunteer cleanup workers

Of the Brazilian pepper tree, Harrison says, "It has no merit other than it's green." This tree is a rapid-growing, nutrient-sucking detriment to native plants. The Brazilian pepper tree and the tree tobacco plant (an invasive easy to spot because of its bright yellow, tubelike flowers) were originally brought to San Diego for their ornamental value.

Pampas grass is one invasive plant "so prolific and ferocious, there have been some attempts to try and get it put on a blacklist," meaning it would be illegal to possess or plant it locally. "It forms great, huge stalks with a seed head up on top." Each stalk produces millions of seeds that require no pollination in order to develop. "The problem is that once they get more mature, they form a dry bed [that creates] a fire hazard. If someone walks by and throws a cigarette, there will be a

brush fire."

"This is a loser of a year," says Jim Peugh, coastal-wetlands conservation committee chair for the San Diego Audubon Society. "Other years we make a lot of progress, but this is very much a defensive year because of the rain." At the last cleanup, volunteers filled around 40 large plastic bags with invasive plants and a dozen with refuse.

— Barbarella

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Rock Festival featuring Alex Lora and El Tri, Saturday, May 21, 9 p.m., in parking lot at Caliente Race Track (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-608-4692. (TIJUANA)

A Folkloric Dance Festival begins with parade of more than 200 participants on Saturday, May 21, 3 p.m., along Avenida Revolución. Mexican folkloric dancing presented at 3 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$9 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Take the Train to Tecate when Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association hosts vintage train excursion, Saturday, May 21. Train departs Campo Depot at

10:30 a.m., returns to Campo at 4:30 p.m. Fare: \$40 for adults, \$20 for those 3–12, free for kids under 3. Reservations: 619-465-7776 x5. (CAMPO, TECATE)

Celebrate Accountant's Day during 5k race for all manner of runners, Sunday, May 22, starting at 8 a.m. at CPA Building (Salvador Novo #1051, Zona Rí). 011-52-664-682-9516. (TIJUANA)

Bacilos in concert, Wednesday, May 25, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

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Wild Lilac (ceanothus) is currently blooming mostly at elevations higher than 4000 feet in San Diego County. Blossom colors range from pure white to various shades of blue or lavender. Some fine examples may be seen along the Noble Canyon and Big Laguna trails in the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area atop Mt. Laguna.

Open Fields and Chaparral, Audubon Society birding adventure to Sweetwater River Gorge, Saturday, May 21, 8 a.m. to noon. Species to look for: least Bell's vireo, Bullock's orioles, rough-winged and tree swallows, lazuli bunting, yellow-breasted chat, others.

Meet at old steel bridge on Singer Lane. Bring drinking water; no restrooms. Free. 619-280-7710. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. (SWEETWATER RIVER GORGE)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly long-guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m., starting from park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

In Search of Migrating Shorebirds and Ducks, Friends of Famosa Slough lead an outing on Saturday, May 21. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat. Meet at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Trail Cleanup hosted by REI Encinitas on Saturday, May 21, starts at 9 a.m. at Indianhead Canyon trailhead (at Quail Hollow Drive and Saxony Road). Supplies provided. 760-944-9020. Free. (ENCINITAS)

San Diego River Day RiverFest 2005 is celebrated Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to ride trolley (free) between Old Town transit station and Qualcomm transit station; tours of river mouth; Dog Beach cleanup; docent-led tours at Presidio Park; one-hour walks along river (starting at 9, 11 a.m., 1, and 3 p.m. at Park in the Valley trolley stop); exhibits, demonstrations. Free. Details: 619-297-7380. (MISSION VALLEY)

Seventh Secret Garden Tour hosted by La Jolla Historical Society is Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gardens in question are revealed only on tour day. Musicians entertain at each garden. Tickets for self-guided tours: \$45. Reservations: 858-726-0227. (LA JOLLA)

Help Remove Invasive Plants and refuse along San Diego River in honor of San Diego River Day — from I-5 west to river mouth — with Audubon Society volunteers, Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. to noon. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Free. Directions: 619-682-7200 or 858-273-5242. (MISSION BAY)

Help Restore Disturbed Areas, remove invasive plants, and plant native trees and shrubs during volunteer work party, Saturday, May 21, 8 to 11 a.m., in San Dieguito River Park. Free. Reservations: 858-674-2275 x5. (ESCONDIDO)

Snakes Alive! Ranger Maureen Abare showcases creatures that slither and slink during program on Saturday, May 21, noon, in Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open-Space Preserve. 858-513-4737. (POWAY)

A Guided Nature Walk led by trail guide Don Wetzel begins at 9:30 a.m. on May 21 at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Explore Hidden Pathways in and around San Elijo Lagoon and Ecological Reserve with Walkabout adventurers on Saturday, May 21. Three-hour, moderate-plus-paced meander starts at 8:30 a.m. at clock tower at Cedros Coaster station (just north of Lomas Santa Fe Drive, about a mile west of I-5). Free. 619-231-7463. (SOLANA BEACH)

Palm Tour and Workshop, Saturday, May 21, 9:30 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Emphasis on best palms for home landscaping. \$12. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Lakeside's River Park Conservancy hosts San Diego River Day events on Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Hanson Aggregates plant (at Channel Road and Lakeside Avenue). Participants learn about joining Water Quality Monitoring Program, ranger project, park patrol. Free. 619-443-4770. (LAKESIDE)

Moonlight Serenade, naturalist Larry Allen Tonar leads moderate to strenuous 3.5-mile moonlight walk on Boulder Loop in Daley Ranch on Sunday, May 22. Adventure starts at 6 p.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive.

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LOCAL EVENTS

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The Full Moon rises over the mountains to the east some 25 minutes after sunset on Monday, May 23, and then spends the remainder of the night arcing from east to west across the sky. By the time the sun rises in the east the next morning, the moon will be setting at the ocean horizon in the west. Only during full phase does the moon truly "rule the night."

Highest Tide this month, measuring +6.6 feet, occurs on Tuesday, May 24, at 10:07 p.m. The three lowest tides of May will occur during early-morning hours: a -1.4-foot tide at 4:42 a.m. on Tuesday, a -1.5-foot tide at 5:30 a.m. on Wednesday, and a -1.4-foot tide at 6:23 a.m. on Thursday. With plenty of daylight in the sky on the latter occasion, you might try an early-morning exploration of normally inaccessible coastal areas such as La Jolla Caves.

Rediscover Old Escondido West during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Tuesday, May 24, 6 p.m., starting at northeast corner of Escondido Boulevard (at 5th

Tribal Dancing by Laura Creatrix, bellydancing by Rachel George and Maribela, and live music by Middle-Earth — all promised on Sunday, May 22, 7 p.m., at Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). \$10. 858-488-4200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including May 24, at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8 to 10 p.m. \$5. 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

Bellydance Gala by Leiliana, Yazmina, and Lucia on Thursday, May 26, 8 p.m., in Club Cleopatra at Luxor Cafe (1100 Fifth Avenue). \$5. 619-231-8888. (DOWNTOWN)

Comic and social critic Mort Sahl at Poway Center for the Performing Arts, May 21 (see In Person)

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

Cross-Step Waltz Variations highlight beginner-friendly dance on Friday, May 20, 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)

Ballroom, Latin, and Swing Dancing promised during party on Saturday, May 21, 8 p.m., at Dance for 2 (5150 Murphy Canyon Road #107). Admission to "grand reopening party" is \$7. 619-887-4595. (KEARNY MESA)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party Saturday, May 21, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for dancing, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Dance lesson: 8 p.m. 619-275-3533. \$7. (BAY PARK)

Swing and Ballroom Dance Party hosted by North County Swing and Ballroom Dance Club on Saturday, May 21, 7 to 11 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Lesson by Mary Manzella at 7 p.m. \$12. 619-229-0141. (ENCINITAS)

West African Dance Workshop led by Abdoulaye Camara of Guinea, West Africa, with live drumming, on Sunday, May 22, 1:45 to 3:15 p.m., at Magdalena Ecke YMCA (200 Saxony Road). \$15. 760-942-9927. (ENCINITAS)

"Passato Prossimo" by Maria Sole Tognazzi screens in Italian with English subtitles on Friday, May 20, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

"A Most Unlikely Hero," chronicling one man's five-year battle against discrimination in the Marine Corps, will be shown for Sunday Matinee series on May 22, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Filmmaker Steve Okino and historian Don Estes will be on hand for discussion after screening. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Up for a "Guerilla Time-Warp Fantasy"? See Shane Carruth's *Primer* when the brain-twister screens for Film Forum on Monday, May 23, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Cinema on the Green" is theme for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. See Matt Damon, Will Smith, Charlize Theron in

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

The Legend of Bagger Vance on Wednesday, May 25, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

The "Not-So-Silent Film Festival" featuring Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films concludes on Wednesday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m., with Cecil B. DeMille's 1915 silent version of *Carmen*, starring soprano Geraldine Farrar. Opera singer Martha Jane Weaver will join the fun planned at San Diego Museum of Art. Evening begins with slapstick short and audience participation in music-making.

ing. 619-696-1966. \$7 general. (BALBOA PARK)

"Arna's Children" examines life work of activist Arna Mer Khamis, who founded theater group for Palestinian children at a refugee camp. Film returns to camp following Khamis's death to find out what became of young participants. See flick during screening hosted by American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m., at Four Points Sheraton Hotel (8110 Aero Drive). Donations accepted. 619-840-1945. (CLAIREMONT)

"Studio 15 2005 Film Festival," with work by Carlsbad High School film students, runs Thursday and Friday, May 26 and 27, 7:30 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$6. 760-331-5100 x5264. (CARLSBAD)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Rhythms of the World, Mystery of the Nile, Roar: Lions of the Kalahari*. Fridays at the Fleet continues every Friday night, featuring two classic IMAX films. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Retratos — Latin American Portraits" examined by curator Steven Kern on Thursday, May 19 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, May 22 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Karin Homberg presents tour in Spanish on Thursday, May 26, 6 p.m. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"City Dog, Country Dog," learn to make your canine a "go-anywhere dog" during Happy Hour Lecture on Thursday, May 19, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street).



Passato Prossimo at Italian Community Center, May 20 (see Film)

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"Down-Under Paradise: Australia and New Zealand" is topic

for SDSU geography professor emeritus Bob O'Brien when Sierra Club gathers on Friday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of zoo's main entrance). 619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Why I Became a Conscientious Objector" divulged by Iraq war veteran Aidan Delgado on Friday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., in Bard Hall at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Army reservist Delgado served in Iraq for one year, including time at Abu Ghraib prison. Donation. 619-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

"Presence and Representation in Latin American Portraiture" examined when UC Santa Barbara art history professor Jeanette Favrot Peterson speaks for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, May 20, 10 a.m. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

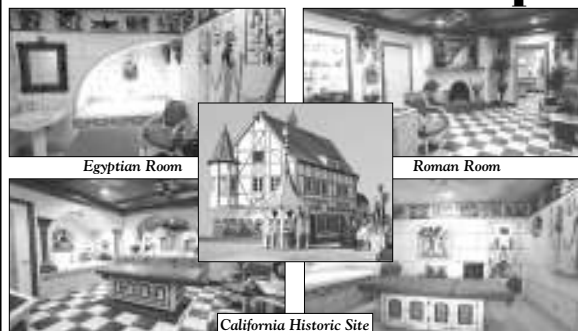
"The French and the American: Differences and Similarities" explored when Ruth Mastron speaks for Alliance Française on Saturday, May 21, 2 p.m., in Solomon Hall of Maher Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Followed by buffet. \$10. 858-824-6694. (LINDA VISTA)

The "Pattern Perfect" System grid pattern for beading is discussed when creator Frances Case speaks for Bead Society of San Diego County, Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m., at Mingei Museum. Non-member fee: \$8.50 (includes museum admission). 858-566-7778. (BALBOA PARK)

"Finding Anything Online With Privacy and Protection" is subject when Andy Pomeroy speaks for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego on Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

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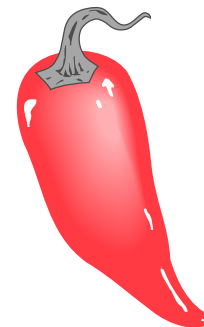
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Barbara DeMarco-Barrett speaks for Romance Writers of America on Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Best Western Seven Seas (411 Hotel Circle South). \$25. Reservations: 619-741-9114. (MISSION VALLEY)

"An Architect Firm Grows Up: Getting to Do Bigger Work" is subject for architect Eric Naslund, Saturday, May 21, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

"San Diego's Asian District 75 Years Ago, Today, and Tomorrow" is topic for forum on Saturday, May 21, 1 to 4 p.m., at San Diego Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). Keynote speaker is Murray K. Lee, who has examined the 1930s census and will look at the old district block by block. "Speakers and old-timers will talk about the history and their experiences living" and growing up in the area. Discussion on resources in district today. Free. 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Plunge Into "Southern California Surf" during program on Saturday, May 21, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Learn where waves come from, why waves are sometimes exceptionally large, how waves affect beach sand. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Face of a Nation: Portraits, History, and Still Lives in 19th-Century Mexico" presented by Stacie Widdifield on Sunday, May 22, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Widdifield is University of Arizona art history professor. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Metabolic Rates of Deep-Sea Animals: Everything You Know Is Wrong," asserts James Childress (a UCSD physiologist in the ecology, evolution, and marine biology department), who will lecture on Monday, May 23, 3 p.m., in Sumner Auditorium at Scripps Institution (8602 La Jolla Shores Drive). Free. 858-534-3624. (LA JOLLA)

"Mystery Speaker — Mystery Topic!" Guest speaker will "divulge the solution to an old mystery," present a new one when speaking on Monday, May 23, 8 p.m., at San Diego Aerospace Museum. \$15. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Delve Into "Kosovo: Black Hole of Europe" when Yugoslavian native Vojin Joksimovich addresses North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council on Monday, May 23, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor activity room at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

Is Sleep for Rest? To Conserve Energy? Find out when neurobiologist Dr. Ralph J. Greenspan examines "Sleep, Waking, and Arousal" for "Grey Matters" lecture series on Tuesday, May 24, 5:30 p.m., in Frederic de Hoffman Auditorium at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Free. 858-534-5635. (LA JOLLA)

"Our Library: A Valuable Resource" explored when head genealogist Mary Van Orsdol speaks for North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, May 24, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers

(1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-509-4937. (CARLSBAD)

"The Transformation of the Vietnamese Community: The San Diego Experience" offered by Linda Trinh Võ, UC Irvine Asian-American studies professor, Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m., at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Võ's most recent book is *Mobilizing an Asian-American Community*. Free. 619-538-8165. (MIRA MESA)

Meet "Backyard Barn Owls" when Bert and Sharon Kersey address Buena Vista Audubon Society on Wednesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). The Kerseys have hosted and videotaped owls in their Fallbrook back yard for ten years. 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Japanese Flower Arranging demonstrated by Haruko Crawford of Ichiyo School of Ikebana when Ikebana International gathers, Wednesday, May 25, 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Flower-arranging workshop follows. 760-728-5586. Free. (BALBOA PARK)



Kaburaya Taiko Ensemble in Rancho Bernardo, Balboa Park, La Jolla, May 22-27 (see In Person)

"Where Does San Diego Go from Here?" Find out when Performance Institute president Carl DeMaio examines current political landscape for Libertarian Supper Club on Wednesday, May 25, 8 p.m., at Coco's (4282 Nobel Drive). Donation: \$2. Reservations: 619-757-7426. (LA JOLLA)

"United States Sovereignty in Today's World" is discussed on Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Get Out of Your Photographic Rut and discover your creative zone when Jennifer George-Walker speaks for North County

Photographic Society on Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m. in Ecke Building at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$3. 760-752-6375. (ENCINITAS)

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"Healing with Crystals," class led by Elivia Melodey on Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m., at Rainy's Mystics (801 Grand Avenue #3). Learn about crystal formations and properties, clearing and programming crystals, more. \$20. 760-744-9818. (SAN MARCOS)

Ultralight Backpacking illuminated when Glen Van Peski, owner of GVP Gear, speaks on Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (2002 South Coast Highway 101). Free. 760-966-1700. (OCEANSIDE)

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Author John Sandford signs *Broken Prey* on Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

James Lee Stanley and John Batdorf perform for Acoustic-MusicSanDiego on Friday, May 20 (\$15, \$20). Kaki King performs Sunday, May 22 (\$15, \$18). Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Feelin' Groovy" presented by NoteAbles Choral Group, May 20 and 21, at East San Diego Masonic Temple (7849 Tommy Drive). Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. \$10 general. 619-582-4349. (SAN CARLOS)

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Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) continue with country by Mark Jackson at 5 p.m. on May 20. Series continues on Fridays through September 30. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

The MiraCosta College Guitar Orchestra performs medley of selections from Africa, piece from Brazil, theme song from *Peter Gunn*, and an English folk song on Friday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). \$10. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Open-Mike Night is Friday, May 20, 9:30 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). 619-265-7287. Free. All styles welcome. (SDSU)

"Writing Children's Books for Dummies" is subject when Lisa Rojany Buccieri and Peter Economy lead workshop and sign and discuss their book on Saturday, May 21, 1 p.m., at La Jolla Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

The Long-Awaited New Novel by Pam Houston is *Sight Hound*, which she'll discuss and sign on Saturday, May 21, 7 p.m., at the Grove (3010 Juniper). Free. 619-284-7684. (SOUTH PARK)

Busy on Saturday? Houston, author of the bestseller *Cowboys Are My Weakness*, will also sign and discuss her work on Monday, May 23, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Where to Hike, Bike, and Camp revealed when co-author Tom Leech signs *Outdoors San Diego* on Saturday, May 21, 2 p.m., at Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junépero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Political Humorist Mort Sahl takes stage on Saturday, May 21, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$32, \$35. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Suspense Author Jim Tenuto signs *Blood Atonement* at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Claire-

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Chino Hills State Park spreads across some 13,000 acres of rolling, grassy hills of a sensuous, classically Californian nature. Down in the moist, hidden hollows between the swelling hills, live oak and California walnut trees thrive in sheltering habitats free from excessive sunlight and heat. State-park status is protecting these hills and ravines from the snarling, earth-moving machines that are rapidly transforming the vast "Inland Empire" region of Southern California into a mega-suburb of Los Angeles.

If you want to visit what is perhaps the single most isolated yet decently accessible spot in the Chino Hills, visit Water Canyon. Concealed in the inky depths of this steep-walled ravine, massive sycamores and oaks reach skyward, casting a perennial chill. Except for the occasional buzz of a small aircraft and the rustle of leaves in the breeze overhead, the silence and stillness are absolute.

Chino Hills State Park has a temporary main entrance that is about as obscure as the park itself. From the Riverside Freeway (Highway 91) in Corona,



Springtime in Water Canyon

drive north on Highway 71 seven miles to the Soquel Canyon Parkway exit. Head west on Soquel Canyon Parkway 1.0 mile to Elinvar Drive. Turn left, left again after 0.2 mile, and then immediately right on the gravel road signed "Chino Hills State Park." The road ahead is open during park hours, 8 a.m. to sunset. After two miles the road becomes paved and bends sharply right. There's an equestrian campground on the left, an equestrian staging area with lots of parking space on a knoll to the right, and a pay station by the road, where you can pay day-use or camping fees. More parking space can be found at the Rolling M Ranch (park office), a little farther ahead on the paved road.

From the equestrian campground, start heading south on the wide trail (dirt road) along the shallow valley known as Lower Aliso Canyon. About 0.5 mile from the campground, you dip to cross Aliso Canyon's small stream. On

WATER CANYON

Water Canyon in Chino Hills State Park serves up some sensuous foothill scenery on the edge of the L.A. Basin.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 108 miles

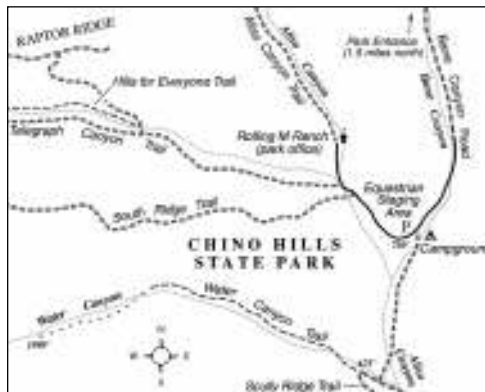
Hiking length: 4 miles round trip

Hiking difficulty: moderate

the other side, you join another road at a T-intersection. Turn right, go about 100 yards, and go right again on the narrow trail going up Water Canyon. This is one of the few trails in the park designated for hikers only. Equestrian and bike traffic is prohibited.

Willows and sycamores, flanked by grizzled oaks and well-proportioned walnut trees, line the lower canyon. After a short mile you pass a thicket of prickly pear cacti so dense it forms a

trailside wall. The trail, which may or not have benefited from recent maintenance, may be partially hidden beyond this point by seasonal grasses, especially after the explosive growth triggered by last winter's heavy rainfall. Intrepid hikers can continue an additional half mile up along the shady canyon bottom and reach its darkest heart, flanked by steep slopes on both sides. If you do so, be aware of hazards such as poison oak, stinging nettles, and rattlesnakes.



mont Mesa Boulevard), Saturday, May 21, 3 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Old-Time Vaudeville Shows — featuring Australian horns, Irish singers, German dancers, the "picking-up-cans lady," and more promised on May 21 and 22. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$14 at door. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

Clean Comedy Night 2005 is Saturday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., at Christian Church of Lemon Grove (6970 San Miguel Avenue). "Proud to Be an American" tour

includes Nazareth, Jarrod Mac, hosted by Steve Verret. \$10. Everyone six and older is welcome. 619-465-1888. (LEMON GROVE)

"Voices of the Global Awakening" presented by SarvaDharma on Saturday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Performances by original members of Freedom, Sasha Butterfly, Al Torre, Los Able Minded Poets, Kumba Dawa, more. \$10. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Hunter S. Thompson Memorial Celebration is Saturday, May 21, 7 p.m., at Kung Food Express Cafe (2949 Fifth Avenue). Thompson impersonation contest, readings, video

clips of films and interviews, life-size puppets. Donations accepted. 619-298-7302. (BANKERS HILL)

TMI (Too Much Information) — this "literary arts extravaganza and open mike for feminists and queers" features Corrine Fitzpatrick and Bethany Spiers, Kimberly Dark, and Mars on Saturday, May 21, 8:30 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Original work only. Admission: \$3-\$7 sliding scale. 619-584-4142. (NORTH PARK)

"A Tribute to the Broadway Stage" is promised when Coastal Communities Concert Band performs Sunday, May 22, 2:30 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Church (3175 Harding Street). Vocalist Michael Ruhl joined by Lillian Palmer on several medleys. \$12 general. 760-436-6137, 858-793-8258. (CARLSBAD)

"Rocketman: Astronaut Pete Conrad's Incredible Ride to the Moon and Beyond" signed and discussed by Nancy Conrad, widow of the Gemini, Apollo, and Skylab astronaut, on Sunday, May 22, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Included in museum admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

The Kaburaya Taiko Drumming Ensemble from Hiroshima, Japan, plans area concerts hosted by Seagate Concerts. Performances planned on Sunday, May 22, 3 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo High School (13010 Paseo Lucido; 866-436-8744). \$10 general. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Next, Kaburaya appears on Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$15 general. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Finally, see the group on Friday,

May 27, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$20 general. 866-436-8744. (LA JOLLA)

Local Treasure Eve Selis performs for Spring Concert series on Sunday, May 22, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

Renowned Poet and Performance Artist Jerome Rothenberg — author of more than 60 books of prose, poetry, anthologies — is featured artist when Sunset Poets host reading on Sunday, May 22, 3 p.m., at Flying Bridge Restaurant (1105 North Coast Highway). Open mike follows. Free. 760-758-2410. (OCEANSIDE)

Comics Aristotle Athiras, Terrell Wright, Mark Serritella, and Mark Christopher Lawrence perform for Comedy Grill hosted by Mitch Feingold on Monday, May 23, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). No cover. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

San Diego Poetry Slam Goes Off on Monday, May 23, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Slam, watch, or heckle. Signups at 8 p.m., slamming at 8:30 p.m. \$5 fee for competitors, \$2 requested donation for spectators. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Read Your Poetry, selections by someone else, or just listen during open poetry reading, Monday, May 23, at Twigg's 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)

"School's Out!" Comedy show celebrating end of spring semester is set for Tuesday, May 24, 8 p.m., at Comedy Store (916 Pearl Street). Bill includes Comedy Mafia, Tim Palmer, Matt Agosta. \$7 cover, \$5 with college identification. 858-454-9176. (LA JOLLA)

"Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder" is discussed and signed by Richard Louv on Tuesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). In this new book, Louv describes how children's direct experience in nature is disappearing with disastrous results. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Busy on Tuesday? Louv will also discuss and sign books on Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$8. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Praise and Music Worship Concert by Grady and Brittney Pope on Tuesday, May 24, 8 p.m., at Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church (1675 Garnet Avenue). Free. 858-273-9312. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"And One More Thing Before You Go..." signed by Maria Shriver, Tuesday, May 24, 1 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Book offers counsel for girls heading to college. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"An Evening with David Antin" promised when the cultural critic, poet, performance artist signs and discusses his new book, *i never knew what time it was*, on Wednesday, May 25, 6 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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May 25, 4:30 p.m., in UCSD's de-Certeau Room (3155 Literature Building). Liebegott's book-length poem *The Beautifully Worthless* was published in 2005. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"A Word Supreme" begins at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). "La Rue invites you to share your experimental poetry/spoken word and explore the parameters of the art form." \$2. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

The Peninsula Singers and Point Loma High School Choir plan joint concert on Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m., at Point Loma High School (2335 Chatsworth Boulevard, near Voltaire Street). \$5. 619-804-6079. (POINT LOMA)

Lingering Effects of Torture and disappearance on a community — from Buenos Aires to San Diego — examined when Survivors of Torture host event at "Poesia Diaria/Everyday Poetry" exhibit on Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Testimonial readings, poems, discussion, refreshments. Free. 619-278-2400. (MISSION VALLEY)

SPORTS

Sun and Surf Quarterhorse Show runs Thursday through Sunday, May 19–22, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival offers competition on Friday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at San Diego Polo grounds (14555 El Camino Real). Free. 619-299-5991. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Ramona Roundup Rodeo, May 20–22, at Fred Grand Arena (421 Aqua Lane). Bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing, bull riding, more. Rodeo performances: 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. General admission: \$10–\$12. Dances on Friday and Saturday nights. 760-789-1311. (RAMONA)

San Diego Padres have games against Mariners in Seattle, May 20–22, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sun-



Encinitas Garden Festival, May 21 (see Special)

day. Road trip continues with games against the Diamondbacks in Arizona, Tuesday through Thursday, May 24–26, at 6:40 p.m. each night. 877-374-2784.

Rocks, Rips, and Reefs, learn about interaction of surf, swell, and tides from a San Diego life-guard, then go for an in-water tour on Saturday, May 21. Bring your mask, snorkel, and fins to North Bird Rock (6000 Camino de la Costa) at 8 a.m. Free. 858-576-0877. (BIRD ROCK)

Wild Miles Adventure Relay, from Borrego Springs to U.S. Olympic Training Center, is Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22. There will be 250 ten-member teams covering 96 miles over 24 hours. Details, space availability: 760-692-2900. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Surf Ride/CSUS Surf Competition, Saturday, May 21, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., at south Oceanside Harbor jetty. Free for spectators. 760-722-6363. (OCEANSIDE)

Sycuan Great Western Loop and Metric Century Ride, Saturday, May 21, starting at Cuyamaca College (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Pick your bicycling options: 42-mile, 62.5-mile "metric century," 12- and 20-mile routes. 619-234-9897 x7432. (EL CAJON)

Workout in the Park, hosted by *Self* magazine, is Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. Fitness classes, climbing wall, product samples, fitness and health prod-

uct samples. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. 212-679-2233. (BALBOA PARK)

Full Moon Paddling, kayak tour of Mission Bay hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, May 21, 7 to 10 p.m. Fee: \$65 per adult, \$20 for children six and older. Registration: 619-255-0203. (MISSION BAY)

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)

Hoops at the Beach, more than 250 teams expected to participate at 18th Annual Jack in the Box 3-on-3 Tournament, Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, at Crown Point Shores. Slam-dunk contests, three-point shootout, free-throw challenge. Registration: 619-283-5808. (MISSION BEACH)

Netball Originated in the Late 1800s in U.S. as an alternative to basketball; it took off around world but fizzled out here. Currently it's predominantly played by women with teams of seven players.

San Diego United Netball Club hosts tournament with teams from Santa Monica, Thousand Oaks, and San Francisco, Saturday, May 21, at Sage Canyon Park

(5252 Harvest Run Drive). Free. 858-672-5654. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Wave House Beach Soccer Championships slated for Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, Mission Beach with 16 men's and 16 co-ed teams competing in round-robin tournament. Competition begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at sunset each day. Sand seating around fields. Free for spectators. 858-228-9308. (MISSION BEACH)

Cycle EastLake 2005, recreational bike tours on Sunday, May 22, 7:30 a.m., ranging from 5 to 50 miles; begin and end at Chula Vista Community Park (1060 EastLake Parkway). 619-253-7656. (CHULA VISTA)

Bicycle to Lilac, Valley Center, and other backcountry points with Bicycle Touring Society riders on Sunday, May 22. The 80-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 858-688-6536. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

The 19th Annual Bay Bridge four-mile run/walk starts at 8 a.m., Sunday, May 22, at Fifth Avenue and Harbor Drive. Participants run along Harbor and across Coronado Bridge, finish in Coronado's Tidelands Park. 760-736-3548. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

The Rock and Roll Marathon Returns with scenic new course looping around Mission Bay and into downtown and earlier start time (6:45 a.m.), on Sunday, June 5. Marathon starts at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street in Balboa Park, finishes at MCRD in Point Loma. Registration: 800-311-1255. (SAN DIEGO)



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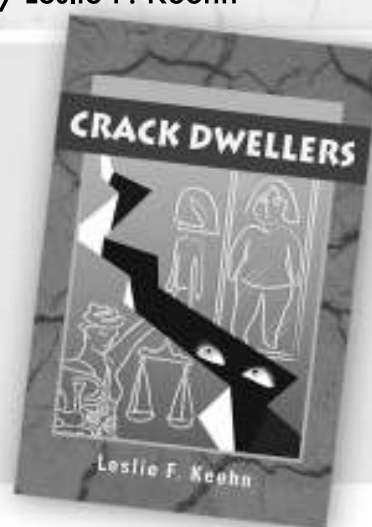
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Chula Vista Quilters Guild hosts annual quilt show, Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Community Congregational Church (276 F Street). Quilts on display, vendors, hand-quilting demonstration. \$5. 619-427-3214. (CHULA VISTA)

"Through the Looking Glass," Fern Street Circus presents its annual "mixture of fantasy, drama, and comedy" in Balboa Park, May 20-29. Professional circus performers work with after-school circus skills students.

Run away to circus at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Showtimes: Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 1, 4, and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 1 and 4 p.m. Tickets: \$14 adults; \$7 kids 12 and under. 619-235-9756. (BALBOA PARK)

Tenth Annual Wine and Food Festival hosted by Bonsall Rotary, Friday, May 20, 6 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Over 100 wines for sampling, live music, food from local restaurants. \$65. 800-456-4465. (ESCONDIDO)

Spring Garden Festival, this "garden party" is Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Lectures by horticultural experts, children's activities, live entertainment, nursery sale, more. "Paint-Out" art demonstration led by watercolor artist Helen Schafer Garcia. 619-660-0614. Free. (EL CAJON)

Sow-Abunga! The 12th annual Sweet Onion and Barbecue Festival is offered Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Siesel's Meats (4131 Ashton Street). Sample and learn to cook Kahlúa pork, grilled quail, free-range chicken, sweet onion recipes. Free. 619-281-5766. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Poetry | TWO POEMS BY ROBERT PENN WARREN

Evening Hawk

From plane of light to plane, wings dipping through
Geometries and orchids that the sunset builds,
Out of the peak's black angularity of shadow, riding
The last tumultuous avalanche of
Light above pines and the guttural gorge,
The hawk comes.

His wing
Scythes down another day, his motion
Is that of the honed steel-edge, we hear
The crashless fall of stalks of Time.

The head of each stalk is heavy with the gold of our error.

Look! Look! he is climbing the last light
Who knows neither Time nor error, and under
Whose eye, unforgiving, the world, unforgiven, swings
Into shadow.

Long now,
The last thrush is still, the last bat
Now cruises in his sharp hieroglyphics. His wisdom
Is ancient, too, and immense. The star
Is steady, like Plato, over the mountain.

If there were no wind we might, we think, hear
The earth grind on its axis, or history
Drip in darkness like a leaking pipe in the cellar.

Tell Me a Story

[A]
Long ago, in Kentucky, I, a boy, stood
By a dirt road, in first dark, and heard
The great geese hoot northward.

I could not see them, there being no moon
And the stars sparse. I heard them.

I did not know what was happening in my
heart.

It was the season before the elderberry
blooms,
Therefore they were going north.

The sound was passing northward.

[B]
Tell me a story.

In this century, and moment, of mania,
Tell me a story.

Make it a story of great distances, and
starlight.

The name of the story will be Time,
But you must not pronounce its name.

Tell me a story of deep delight.

— Robert Penn Warren



Robert Penn Warren

From *New and Selected Poems 1923-1985* by Robert Penn Warren, published by Random House.

unique evenings transpire Saturdays, May 21 and June 25. \$50. Reservations: 619-238-1233 x802. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

Cabrillo Kennel Club hosts dog shows on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Charger practice field at Qualcomm Stadium. Expect 1700 dogs in confirmation, obedience trials, rally competitions. No unentered dogs allowed. \$5 general, free for those under 12. 858-454-0253. (MISSION VALLEY)

Trash or Treasure? Find out at Antique Appraisal Faire, Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Valley Center History Museum (29200 Cole Grade Road). Certified professional appraisers on hand; \$5 per appraisal (limited to two per person). 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

See the Launch of the U.S.N.S. Lewis and Clark, a new class of dry cargo/ammunition ship, when it is launched down a sliding ways into San Diego Bay on Saturday, May 21, at National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (at gate 6, at 28th Street and Harbor Drive). Gates open at 6:30 p.m.,

ceremony starts at 7:15 p.m., and ship will plunge into bay at 8 p.m. Free. 619-544-3400. (SAN DIEGO)

San Diego Geranium Show hosts show and sale on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Festivale Siciliano, Sunday, May 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on India Street (between Date and Beech Streets). Continuous entertainment, Sicilian music by Salvatore Marchese, music by Roman Holiday, arts and crafts, kids' rides. Free admission. 619-283-1898. (LITTLE ITALY)

Spring Village Home Tour hosted by Coronado School of the Arts, Sunday, May 22, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour showcases four homes, with CoSA students performing in each home. \$35. Pick up tickets at Spreckels Park (6th and Orange Avenue). 619-522-8969. (CORONADO)

Hot Licks Fiery Foods Festival, Sunday, May 22, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Seaport Village (at West Harbor Drive and Pacific Highway). Hot sauce, salsa, cooking demonstra-

tions, salsa-making contests, more. 619-235-4014. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

San Diego Beach and Boating Fair, Sunday, May 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Ski Beach (off Ingraham Street, east of Vacation Island). Variety of beach, water-sport, recreation demonstrations, kayak fishing tournament, helicopter demonstration, more. Free. 619-692-4848. (MISSION BAY)

The House of Italy hosts lawn program at International Cottages — with dance, music, and cultural costumes — Sunday, May 22, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Wine and Breezes, charity wine-tasting event on Sunday, May 22, 3 to 6 p.m., at Western Metal Supply building at Petco Park. Food, wines from 15 Temecula wineries, live music. \$75. 619-533-6037. (EAST VILLAGE)

Behind-the-Scenes Tour offered Monday, May 23, 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)

Labyrinth Walk, Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 to 8 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Veterans for Peace honor U.S. military who have died in Iraq since March 2003, by installing over 1600 crosses on beach near Oceanside Pier, Thursday, May 26, 4 to 10 p.m. Crosses bear name, age, hometown, rank, name of service, date of death of military personnel. Candles will be lit in front of each cross at sundown. This free "Arlington West" event includes reading of the names of the U.S. war dead. 619-233-0671. (OCEANSIDE)

"The User's Clinic," a collection of underground short films, animation, and music video, offered Thursday, May 26, 9 p.m., at Whistle Stop Bar (2236 Fern Street). Films preceded by "BluePrint Art Series" by Cynthia Colis, M-Theory "music transmissions" from Gregory Page and Ryan Ferguson, 8 p.m. Donation: \$5. 619-255-1215. (SOUTH PARK)

"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

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Reading

The Poet of Tolstoy Park



Sonny Brewer

Ballantine Books, 2005; \$21.95; 274 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET: "The more you transform your life from the material to the spiritual domain, the less you become afraid of death." Leo Tolstoy spoke these words, and they became Henry Stuart's *raison d'être*. *The Poet of Tolstoy Park* is the novel based on the true story of Henry Stuart's life, which was reclaimed from his doctor's belief that he would not live another year.

Henry responds to the news by slogging home barefoot in the rain. It's 1925. The place: Canyon County, Idaho. Henry is 67, a retired professor and a widower who has been told a warmer climate would make the end more tolerable. San Diego would be a good choice.

Instead, Henry chose Fairhope, Alabama, a town with utopian ideals and a haven for strong-minded individualists. Upton Sinclair, Sherwood Anderson, and Clarence Darrow were among its inhabitants. Henry bought his own ten acres of piney woods outside Fairhope. Before dying, underscored by the writings of his beloved Tolstoy, Henry could begin to "perfect the soul awarded him" and rest in the faith that he, and all people, would succeed, "even if it took eons." Human existence, Henry believed, continues in a perfect circle unmarred by flaws of personality, irrespective of blood and possessions and rank, and separate from organized religion. In Alabama, until his final breath, he would chase these high ideas.

But first, Henry had to answer up for leaving Idaho. Henry's dearest friend and intellectual sparring partner, Pastor Will Webb, and Henry's two adult sons, Thomas and Harvey, were baffled and angry that he would abandon them and move to the Deep South, living in a barn there while he built a round house of handmade concrete blocks. His new neighbors were perplexed by his eccentric behavior as well. On the coldest day of winter he was barefoot, a philosopher and poet with ideas and words to share with anyone who would listen. And, mysteriously, his "last few months" became years. He had gone looking for a place to learn lessons in dying and studiously advanced to claim a vigorous new life.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: A dying man's decision to move from Idaho to Alabama becomes a quixotic spiritual journey in Brewer's ruminative, idiosyncratic first novel, based on a true story. In 1925, widowed Henry Stuart learns that he has tuberculosis and will probably be dead within a year. Stuart's initial reaction is optimistic resignation, as he regards his illness as a final philosophical journey of reconciliation, one that sends him back through the writings of his beloved Tolstoy and other literary and spiritual figures to find solace and comfort.

From *Booklist*: Fans of quiet, philosophical novels will find much to enjoy in Henry's musings and revelations.

From *Library Journal*: Brewer brings honor to this real-life, little-known eccentric from whom we could learn a great deal.... It will not escape those who fall in love with this beautiful novel that Stuart's cement beehive stands today in its original location, which is now a parking lot.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Sonny Brewer owns Over the Transom Bookshop in Fairhope, Alabama, and is board chairman of the non-profit Fairhope Center for the Writing Arts. He is the former editor in chief of *Mobile Bay Monthly*; he also published and edited *Eastern Shore Quarterly* magazine, edited *Red Bluff Review*, and was founding

associate editor of the weekly *West Alabama Gazette*. Brewer is the editor of the annual three-volume anthology of Southern writing, *Stories from the Blue Moon Cafe*.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

"Born in Alabama in my grandmother's house in 1949," Sonny Brewer said on the day that we talked, "and pretty quickly taken away by a father who was alternately in the Air Force and a truck driver. I started first grade in Alabama but finished the year in Kentucky and started the second grade in Fort Wayne, Indiana. That kind of a pillar-to-post experience as a boy."

"Did your family read?"

"No, as a matter of fact, my sister called me exclaiming that she saw my book in the Sam's Club, and she bought ten copies. But she has not read it. My mother doesn't read and my brother doesn't, and that's okay. That's the world in which they live. Which is not to say that they have never read. But they are not avid readers — no."

"How'd you come to reading?"

"When I was eight or nine, my great-grandfather died. Somebody needed to stay with my great-grandmother. I don't remember if I was chosen for that or volunteered. But when I would get off the school bus each day, I would walk the path down across the hill and up the hollow to my great-grandmother's house, and there was nothing to do there.

There were no other kids to play with. I was there with my old grandma, and my brother and sister were left behind, and my great-grandmother didn't talk much, and she had a lot of books.

"I began taking the books down and reading until it got good and dark and sleepy time, and that's where it started — reading those books for some few months while my great-grandmother was still alive. I remember reading *Charlotte's Web* and being completely spirited away from Lamar County, Alabama, and taken to a world of fantasy and imagination, and *Shane, the Dog of the North*."

"I wonder why she happened to have those titles."

"Her son, my great-uncle, is a Harvard-trained divinity student who's now in his middle 80s but who was an avid reader and left these books behind. So my Uncle Jay, who has also read *The Poet of Tolstoy Park* and sent me a nice long e-mail about it, was an avid reader as a young boy and left Alabama and went up to the schools in the Northeast and got a good education and helped me on my road to a good education by leaving behind those books at his mama's house there."

Mr. Brewer attended the University of Alabama, where he studied journalism. He graduated from the University of South Alabama, where he received a B.A. in English and creative writing. He acquired a license to teach high school in Alabama. "But,"

Mr. Brewer sighed, "I couldn't get a teaching job."

Brewer said that he loves Fairhope, where he's lived now since 1978. "It's where both my sons were born. My wife was born and raised across the bay in Mobile, good Catholic girl from a big Catholic family. And cousins and cousins and cousins over in Mobile, but they're over there, and we're 20 minutes away on this side of the bay."

"When did you open the bookstore?"

"We're finishing up our ninth year. It's been tough. Independent bookstores struggle with this modern era of ordering books and having them in a day without leaving your desk, and that's a tide that you cannot turn back. I was about to declare bankruptcy because my bookstore was failing. I had an appointment on a Thursday morning at 10 a.m. to sit with a lawyer and discuss the option of bankruptcy."

"At 5:00 on Wednesday afternoon, the day before, my agent, Amy Rennert in San Francisco, phoned me and said, 'Ballantine has made this offer.' Their offer — a six-figure, two-book offer — saved my bookstore. Things are working well with the book, so even though I have a life on the road as a writer guy now, I still love this bookstore, and even if I should enjoy financial success from the book, I would keep this bookstore. It's better than a pet cow."

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"I decided pretty quickly I would write a novel because what I was after was the spirit of the man and not the letter of his biography."

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)

FOR KIDS

"Peter Pan" is presented by Young Actors' Theatre through May 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 19-21; 2 p.m. matinee on May 21. Tickets: \$9 for adults, \$7 for those under 12. 619-670-1627. (SPRING VALLEY)

Pick A Flower Fantasy when Puppet Express performs through

May 22 in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Ritzzy Rosey and Bitsy Blossom Turn Over a New Leaf* performed by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, May 25-29.

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)

"The Phantom Tollbooth" is presented by theater school students at North Coast Repertory Theatre, May 19-22, at NCRT

(987-D Lomas Santa Fe). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$9 general, \$7 students. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

Rock and Roll Pajama Party planned for kids on Friday, May 20, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Author and illustrator Jarrett J. Krosoczka reads from his new book, *Punk Farm*, and there will be music. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

In Full Revolutionary War Uniform, Marc J. Stockwell-Mo-

niz, a direct descendent of a Revolutionary War soldier, will read and sign his book, *George Washington's Unsung Heroes*, Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). 760-480-2760. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts, stories, and animals are part of fun during Animal Tales story time presented by San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, Saturday, May 21, 1:30 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway; 619-593-5119). Free. (EL CAJON)

Building-Project Kits provided by Home Depot will be constructed on Saturday, May 21, 1 p.m., at Escondido Children's Museum (in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$5. 760-739-9513. (ESCONDIDO)

The Musical Pippi Longstocking is presented by J*Company May 21-29 in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturdays and at 1 and 4 p.m. on Sundays.

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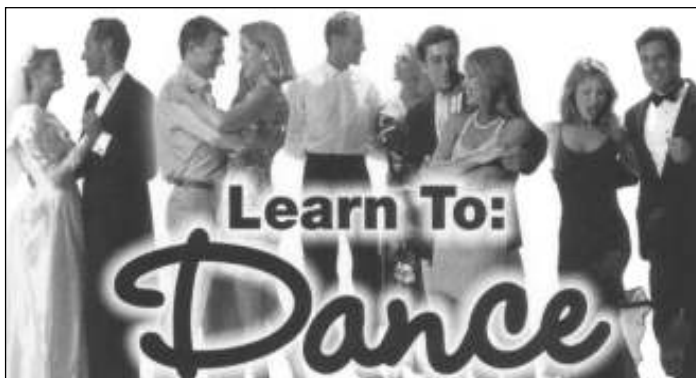
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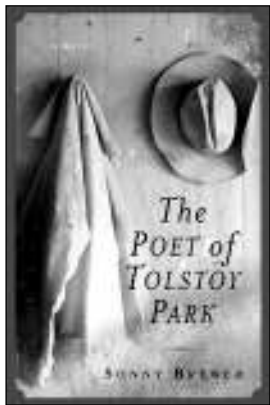
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Reading

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"You get to read, you get to meet writers who want to come to read their book, and through the association with those other writer guys and gals have grown the stories from *The Blue Moon Cafe Anthology* that is now three volumes out, and I just put the finishing touches on volume four. All that came through the doors here at the bookstore. We have to have a living, we have to have a rent, and we have to have coffee, and we have to have a slice of bread to butter, we have to put gasoline in our automobiles, so we can't be silly about it.

"But you also have to open the doors of your bookstore and let 60 people come in and hear a woman read from her novel and go away having only sold seven copies of the book, but you do it. And you enjoy the evening, and people are enlightened and moved by the experience. And it

ain't always about the money."

I asked Mr. Brewer how he became interested in Henry Stuart, the real-life narrator of Brewer's novel.

"I first discovered Henry Stuart by discovering the house that he built. I pulled into a parking lot, maybe 25 years ago, a real estate office complex about three miles from where I'm sitting at this bookstore of mine. I was going to sign up for a real estate course to try and find time in the day to write, and I thought if I was selling houses I would make all this money and have tons of time to write.

"When I pulled into the parking lot for my first class, there in the middle of the parking lot, surrounded on three sides by pavement, was this round, concrete house with six little windows and a door. I was stunned. It was obviously authentic and not something from a movie set because the lichen and moss were covering the outside of it, and the vines were growing up around it. I said to the woman getting out of her car beside me, 'What is this?' She said, 'It's the hermit hut, don't you know?'

"I said, 'No, I don't know anything about it.' She said, 'Go into this office building, where we're going to take our class. There's a newspaper article hanging on the wall, matted and framed, and you can read about the hermit who built this about 80 years ago.' So I went in and I found the newspaper article, and there was a photograph of Henry Stuart.

"He had a long, white beard and long, white hair, and the most

piercing eyes, and the biggest, flattest bare feet you've ever seen. I was immediately drawn to his story. The next day I took off to the library and found all that I could about Henry Stuart. There wasn't much. Maybe three newspaper articles, a scrap from a magazine, two or three vintage photographs.

"I discovered he had a degree in divinity from Mount Union College, class of 1888, and yet there he was in the newspaper, being quoted, answering up to why he didn't go to church. He said, 'I have no need for the institutional church. I worship God here in God's own temple, under the stars, down these paths that I walk each day by the trees.'

"He was a Transcendentalist kind of thinking fellow. I had to know more about him. I wrote maybe two magazine feature articles about Henry over the years. I wrote one newspaper piece about him, and so there he was, from the beginning, just a kindred spirit."

Why did Mr. Brewer decide to fictionalize Stuart's life?

"I decided pretty quickly I would write a novel because what I was after was the spirit of the man and not the letter of his biography. I even changed some of the facts of his life as would suit the story that I wanted to tell. But I believe that I have captured accurately and precisely the spirit of the man who was Henry James Stuart, if not the letter of his life.

"What did I change? For instance, Henry Stuart did not die on a train leaving Alabama being fetched back out west by

his son. He was, in fact, brought back out west, but he lived to make that train ride and he lived for two more years and finally died in Eugene, Oregon. But in my book it seemed appropriate that a train brought him here, escorted him into this new life that he found in Alabama, and then it felt good to me that a train escorted him out. That's the license that I took."

I asked about the hut Stuart built.

"It took him a year and 16 days to build, during which time he lived in a barn. And when he bought the ten acres that he named Tolstoy Park, he painted a pine board white and lettered it 'Tolstoy Park,' and so here in these parts back then his property was known as 'Tolstoy Park.' He constructed this odd little round-domed hut that survived 80 years through hurricanes."

"And you wrote part of this book in this hut."

"I did. When I got the book deal, the next phone call I made, after telling my wife we were rescued from poverty, or immediate poverty, the next phone call I made was to the banker who owns the ten acres and who developed it into an office complex. He had a squishy enough heart for historic preservation that he directed the workmen to work around it. I called him and I said, 'May I lease Henry Stuart's little house? If you'll lease it to me, I'll restore it.' Because at that point, it had plywood over the window holes at the windows. No door on it. Just a piece of wood leaned up over the door, fast-food wrap-

pers inside. It was really being misused, abused, neglected. And the banker said, 'I'll rent it to you for \$9 a month for ten years or so.'

"When I finished the book, I took a break from the manuscript and went up there and remodeled and restored Henry's home. It looks for all the world now like maybe he went out for a walk and will be back any minute. It's furnished, there are curtains on the window, there's a potbelly stove, there are books on the shelves."

"Your fictionalization of Henry Stuart's life is a book about how to die."

"It is. It's also a book about how to live by a willingness to admit that we all have a short time on this earth. And Henry said, 'I'll face it. I admit that I will die. The doctor said I will. I believe it.'

"He didn't necessarily resist that, but what he did was he decided, 'If I'm dying in a year or so, I'll live each day until I die, and I will live that day in the manner that I choose.' He lived in that little round house for almost a quarter of a century. He just did what he did. He grew his own food. He baked his own bread. He became a vegetarian."

"How did it change your life to write about Henry?"

"Well, for one thing, I own a bookstore, and I have been on the backside of the counter selling books. The biggest change has been to find myself on the other side of the bookstore counter, this time as an author out there traveling from Miami to San Fran-

cisco to Atlanta, talking about my book, and here at the age of 57 all of a sudden I'm an author. It's so crazy.

"A lady sat beside me in a bookstore in Jackson, Mississippi, when I was signing books. She came up and she sat down next to me, and I opened a book to sign it, and she looked at me, and she began weeping and told me how her husband had died 11 years ago, and her two adult sons lost their father, and how these books were for her sons and how she thought that this book might convey to those boys something of what was going through their daddy's mind knowing he was dying of cancer, something of the spiritual hardship that he faced and something of the loneliness and something of the desire to leave something behind for them. So then at that point, I got choked up, and those were experiences that are new to me."

As for Henry Stuart's hermit's hut, Mr. Brewer said, "We're trying to get it listed on the National Register of Historic Places. If I'm successful in that effort, then the owner of the land will grant a preservation easement to the Alabama Historical Commission, effectively saving Henry's hut forever. So that if you come in three years, and there's not a Walgreen's drugstore there instead of Henry's crazy little round house, you will be able to walk into it. If you can't get here, then if I've done my job, in your mind's eye, in your imagination, you can feel the house, and that's the next best thing to being here." ■

— Judith Moore

Tickets: \$12–\$16. Showtimes, reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

"Animals in Disguise," search aquarium tanks for creatures in their natural disguises, hear *How to Hide an Octopus and Other Sea Creatures*, partake in hands-on activities, and make a craft during family program on Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Included in regular museum admission. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Space explored when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, May 21, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Out of This World! It's Space Day on Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at San Diego Aerospace

Museum. Family-oriented event includes demonstrations, lectures, hands-on activities with industry experts, aqua-rocket building, more. Included in paid admission. 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Teen Author Night is Thursday, May 26, boasting Debra Garfinkle (*Storky: How I Lost My Nickname and Won the Girl*), Melissa Lion (*Upstream*), and Mary Pearson (*A Room on Lorelei Street*). Head to Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue) for discussion and signings at 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

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 Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

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



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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 of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China 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 fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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

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



Geranium show at Casa del Prado, May 21 and 22 (see Special)

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)

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 Ju 52, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

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"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.

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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 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)

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The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA 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.

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Music by Vitaly, Beethoven, and Bruch promised when violinist Rosanne Amarao presents senior recital on Friday, May 20, 8 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall, at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

"Beethoven's Monumental Fifth" provides theme when conductor Jahja Ling leads violinist Elmar Oliveira and San Diego Symphony in concerts, May 20-22. Program includes premiere of Augusta Read Thomas's "Credences of Summer" and pieces by Barber, Beethoven.

These "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20 to \$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Outstanding Singers and Instrumentalists showcased in concert on Friday, May 20, 1 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Listen for vocal ensembles from *Die Fledermaus* by Strauss; Gilbert and Sullivan's *Gondoliers*; *On the Town* by Bernstein; individual performances of works by Bach, Handel, Scarlatti, Schubert, Fauré, Puccini. Free. 760-757-2121 x6446. Rescheduled from May 18. (OCEANSIDE)

Pipe Organ Concert with Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church organist Alicia McMillan

on Friday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

Symphonic Sounds in Sacred Spaces, the San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra presents its next series of concerts with selections by Beethoven, Mozart, Ravel, Sibelius, and Rimsky-Korsakov.

Concerts presented on Saturday, May 21, at St. Vincent de Paul (4080 Hawk Street) and on Sunday, May 22, 3 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene (1945 Illion). Donation. 619-235-8067. (MISSION HILLS, BAY PARK)

Spring Concerts presented by San Diego Master Chorale on May 21 and 22. Programs include early American Shaker tunes, David Conte's "September Sun," as well as selections by Aaron Copland, Charles Ives, Randall Thompson, James Mobberley, and Morten Lauridsen.

Enjoy concert on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Performance repeated on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$20 general. 858-618-5464. (POINT LOMA, POWAY)

"Solo Time" is presented by MiraCosta College students and community members, along with the North Coast Symphony Orchestra, on May 21 and 22, in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Selections include music from *Die Fledermaus* by Strauss, Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi*, Rachmaninoff, Bach, Hummel, many others. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Spring Festival at UCSD continues with contemporary chamber music, improvisation, computer music, and "musical experiments" on Saturday, May 21, 8 p.m., in Warren Lecture Hall studio A. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

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)

Old Masters in Music and Art, Cappella Gloriana pays tribute to Thomas Tallis on quincentenary of his birth in concert on Sunday,

May 22, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

The Pacific Men's Chorale presents spring concert on Sunday, May 22, 7 p.m., at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (700 D Avenue). Donation: \$10. 619-435-5691. (CORONADO)

Music Sunday is May 22, at 9 and 11 a.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Choir, joined by professional soloists and chamber orchestra, presents Vivaldi's "Gloria." Donation. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

Guest Organist George Butterfield presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, May 22, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Operatic Inclinations? Tenor Luigi Luevano is joined by "operatic friends" including Metropolitan Opera singers John and Gail Carpenter, in performance on Wednesday, May 25, at 6 p.m., at Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue). \$59 fee includes dinner and show. Reservations: 619-238-1818. (DOWNTOWN)

Classical and Spanish Music promised when Mesa College Guitar Ensemble presents spring concert on Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m., at Clairemont Library (2920 Burgener Boulevard). Free. 858-581-9935. (CLAIREMONT)

Soprano Lisa Romero plans senior recital boasting compositions by Handel, Barber, Wolf, Fauré, and Weill, Wednesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

The "Not-So-Silent Film Festival" featuring Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films concludes on Wednesday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m., with Cecil B. DeMille's 1915 silent version of *Carmen*, starring soprano Geraldine Farrar. Opera singer Martha Jane Weaver will join the fun planned at San Diego Museum of Art. Evening begins with slapstick short and audience participation in music making. 619-696-1966. \$7 general. (BALBOA PARK)

Violin and Viola Students of Päivikki Nykter and János Négyesy plan recital on Thursday, May 26, 8 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

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In the stark pictures Walker Evans took of destitute Southern tenant farmers in the 1930s while working on assignment for *Fortune* magazine, the photographer's purpose was to expose the mean circumstances these people endured and also to create an essay on family interactions. We saw the family posed on the porch of a ramshackle shack or in a room papered with old newsprint or handling the cheapest galvanized tin farm implements. Evans's purpose was to expose, not to disclose. His pictures aren't about giving away secrets; they exist to bear cool witness to a culture of poverty. He doesn't try to stir our passions or get under the skin of family feeling. Many of the images look like anthropological documentation.

In 1986, Andrea Modica, a Brooklyn-raised photographer who once had ambitions to become a painter (but found the medium "too loose"), stopped in a small town in upstate New York called Treadwell. She made a picture there of two children held by adult hands. A thick arm crosses the chest of one child, as if shielding her heart. Another adult hand covers the ear of the other child, as if to protect her from the world's worst news. Then you see other hands: the child whose ear is cupped covers her *own* heart, and in the background, just barely discernible, hang another pair of adult, idle hands — idle but ready

to come to help. The image is a ferocious little essay in caretaking. The formal balance is perfect: each child fills half the frame, and each looks too aggrieved for her age.

As she spent more time with the family of 13 she found in Treadwell, they became more tolerant of her presence and eventually became friends for years. Modica uses an 8" x 10" view camera, so her pictures aren't candid snaps. She may sometimes seem to catch family members in surprised, off moments, but nearly all of them are set-ups created in collaboration with her subjects. Though these folks lead obviously precarious lives, Modica isn't interested in the anthropology of poverty. She's looking for a compact of secrets between the photographer and her subject and between them and us.

Many of the pictures are about children and sexuality. Modica has had a longstanding passionate interest in the 17th-century painter Caravaggio, and the budding sexuality between two preadolescent boys suggests how Caravaggio might have treated the same theme, though the painter would have included more debauched energies. In another, a tubby girl happens on a couple cuddling on the ground outside a tar-shingle house. They're wearing jackets so it's hard to see exactly what's going on, but the girl looks giddily embarrassed and privileged to be there.

REVIEW

W.S. DI PIERO



Treadwell, 1986

Andrea Modica: Treadwell/Fountain
The Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park
Through Sunday, May 22. For additional information, call 619-238-7559.

I've seen this picture many times and only now notice that the girl holds a cat, standing on its hind paws, between her legs. The cat's genitals are exposed in order to cover the girl's.

The title notwithstanding, many of the pictures were taken not in Treadwell but in other places,

though all document a twiggy, rough-edged rural ambience. Even though her pictures are less crowded than Evans's, they communicate the sense of too many people with too little money living in too small a space. Modica's favorite subject became an obese young girl, Barbara (she of

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the cat picture), who later died of adult-onset diabetes. She and Modica collaborated on a se-



Fountain, 2000

COURTESY OF EDWYNN HOUK GALLERY

ries of pictures where Barbara “strikes a pose.” She’s a pin-up girl, an irascible ruler of an unidentifiable (but very barren-looking) kingdom, a Hopperesque lonely girl in bed by a window, or a dreamer whose features melt into one yearning mass of flesh.

Since 2001 Modica has been working on another project, a photo essay about a small family slaughterhouse in Fountain, Colorado. At first she intended to document the meat indus-

try but, when refused access by the big slaughterhouse operations, she approached a family in private business and was eventually taken into their confidence. Her intentions were at first documentarian: since she’s a meat-eater, she says, she wanted to know where her

food came from. But of course that’s not what she’s done, though expected images of tools and carcasses occur in the pictures. *Fountain* isn’t as intimate as the *Treadwell* images either. If anything, they are more contrived and theatrical, and here, too, the subjects collaborate in the construction of scenes. Modica is the first to admit: “These are fantasies, fables, and fairy tales.”

Sometimes the question of our relation to the animal world

and how we use (ingest, wear, display) the animal world is boldly put. Next to a dead bird on a tabletop rests a child’s head, his mouth open, as if awed by the deadness of this common thing or trying to breathe life back into it. There are plenty of livestock on view — alive, dead, butchered, skeletal — in the series, but they are not the point. This isn’t an exposé, it’s an inquiry into gains and losses. In one image, next to a recumbent female figure lies a plastic body brace, like a chrysalis case the human had just slipped free of.

In one of *Fountain*’s stranger pictures, an abstract expressionist spill of jam on a tabletop is watched with bemused curiosity by a boy. Like Sally Mann, whose images of her children have been accused of exploitation and prurience, Modica is interested in how children choose to expose themselves. But Modica’s *Fountain* are also animated by formal curiosities and inquisitiveness, more so than the *Treadwell* pictures. More attention is called to set-ups, textures, and lighting. In one spectacular piece, a girl standing on a mattress — uncovered, dingy mattresses are a recurrent prop — looks above at an exposed light bulb that splays light down her front, but her head is cocked in surrender and expectation. She looks about to be abducted by a UFO or assumed into heaven. (Modica’s Catholic upbringing shows its

effects in some of her pictures.)

There’s even a trail of lights slanting up beside her toward the bulb, as if lighting the way to heaven. A second girl, how-



Treadwell, 1998

COURTESY OF EDWYNN HOUK GALLERY

ever, lying on the mattress, lightly locks fingers with the illuminated seer, as if to keep her tethered to the earth, though the “earth” is an unfinished, junked-up garage space of some kind.

Modica’s most unusual (and daunting) *Treadwell* pic-

tures are of the twentysomething Barbara in the late stages of diabetes. The shots are extreme close-ups. Her features, disappearing in the tightening

balloon of her face; her gaze is dissolving into the mass of thin, airily soft flesh. We witness mortality thinned out to an ethereally milky floatingness, as if the camera is actually capturing the imminent release of a spirit from its body. ■

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Paintings by established and emerging artists are on view during receptions at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, at Bird Rock Gallery (5726 La Jolla Boulevard). 858-729-0822. (LA JOLLA)

“Arte del Peru,” an exhibition of Peruvian painting, prints, and sculpture, opens with reception on Friday, May 20, 6 p.m., at Expressions of Mexico Gallery (1122 César Chávez Parkway). 858-774-1286. (BARRIO LOGAN)

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ART

Relationships between Man, Animal, Nature, and art explored in “Beaver Paintings” by Matthew Offenbacher, whose work is on view along with Stephen Beck’s “Video Weavings #5” starting with reception on Saturday, May 21, 6 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Drury Lane, between Kline and Silverado). 858-454-3409. Through Saturday, June 18. (LA JOLLA)

“Wanderlands,” an exhibition of photographs, charms, and memories from Christina Conway’s solo trip through Asia, opens with reception on Saturday, May 21, 6 p.m., at Planet Rooth at 3811 Ray Street. 619-297-9663. (NORTH PARK)

“Ships and Shores” by Carolyn Kenny and “Catitude” by Lois Nicholls are on display through Sunday, June 5, at Cottage Gallery (2520 Congress Street). Meet Kenny during reception on Saturday, May 21, 2 to 4 p.m. 619-296-1893. (OLD TOWN)

“California Reflections,” an exhibit of new landscape paintings by Daryl Millard, opens with reception for artist on Saturday, May 21, 5 p.m., at eponymous Daryl Millard Gallery (342 South Cedros Avenue). 858-847-9030. (SOLANA BEACH)

The Pastel Society hosts its 20th annual juried show through Monday, May 30, in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Artists’ reception is Saturday, May 21, at 2 p.m. 619-470-7117. (BALBOA PARK)

“All Our Grandmothers,” exhibit focusing on diverse lives of San Diego women from a century ago opens with reception on Sunday, May 22, 5 p.m., at Women’s History Museum and Educational Center (2323 Broadway, suite 107). 619-233-7963. Ongoing. (GOLDEN HILL)

“Reflections VI,” sixth annual exhibition of art by artists with disabilities, begins with reception including food and wine tasting, Sunday, May 22, 4 to 7 p.m., in Santa Fe Room of Balboa Park Club (\$40 per person, \$60 per couple). Space availability for reception: 858-450-1443. Featured artist this year is Vietnam veteran T.K. Gerrald-Riojas. Multimedia exhibit is open for free viewing through Sunday, May 29. (BALBOA PARK)

Gourd Artist Robert Rivera has reception and exhibit on Thursday, May 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Four Winds Trading Company (2448-B San Diego Avenue). 619-692-0466. (OLD TOWN)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, “Making It: Ten Years of Artist Commissions at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido” continues through Monday, July 4. The exhibit “examines the intimate collection of artworks produced through artist 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.

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 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 “the unorthodox beauty along with the ecological devastation of manufacturing sites.” Closes Sunday, June 5.

“Andrea Modica: Treadwell/Fountain” continues through Sun-

day, 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.”

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, eight Tasmanian and eight North American studio furniture makers who “share common talents of design and craftsmanship” are showcased in “Convergence: Crossing the Divide, the Studio Furniture of Tasmania and America.” Studio furniture is said to reflect “historical traditions of functional furniture with sculptural interpretations that are often whimsical, sometimes dramatic.” Continues through Sunday, June 12. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, “Retratos: 2000 Years of Latin American Portraits” brings together 114 objects from museums and private collections, “most of which have never before been shown publicly in this country.” Exhibit includes paintings, sculpture, photography, mixed-media work, from pre-Colombian times to present day. Modern masters represented include Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, Rufino Tamayo, Fernando Botero. Through Sunday, June 12.

“Young Art 2005: Portraits/Retratos,” artwork from kindergarten through 12th-grade students in both public and private schools is displayed through Sunday, June 5. Pieces “focus on the art of portraiture in all media.”

“Tastes in Asian Art” includes “some of the most significant works” in the museum’s collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited works, along with well-known pieces. Closes Sunday, November 6.

“Human Presence: Works from the Museum’s Collection,” two-part exhibit focuses on the human body. “Part I: The Singular Body” incorporates gallery sculptures of people and animals with those in the garden and court. “Part II” brings attention to “physiological reactions to pure form and color” via the “Through the Geometry of Color” exhibit. Experience through Sunday, July 17.

“The Origins of Mughal Painting” examines “one of the lingering mysteries in the history of Indian art: how such a distinctive and sophisticated style as that of the imperial Mughals arose so quickly.” The new installation, showcasing 20 images from the Binney Collection, continues through Sunday, August 28.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, “Old Master Drawings from the Bowdoin College Museum of Art” are on view through Saturday, August 13. Forty drawings dating from the 16th Century to the 19th Century are featured, with majority of works by artists of the Italian and Netherlandish schools, encompassing a wide variety of subjects in a range of styles and media.

Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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Hard Drive in the Hoosegow "If they arrested every male who looks at pictures of naked women, there would be no

a clean record who pays child support for two young children," says Troy. Although Pertle is looking at a maximum of 27 years, Troy says he is confident an agreement can be worked out at a pretrial readiness conference with prosecutors. Troy says authorities alleged Pertle possessed images of

Popped Twenty-two-year-old Michael Thomas Deshazer Jr. of the bands 2GO and the Beat Meters was apprehended by police April 27 on outstanding bench warrants in response to charges of statutory rape. Deshazer was convicted in early 2005 for having sex with a 14-year-old girl he met at an all-age show at Soma. When he didn't appear for his sentencing, he forfeited the bail money put toward his \$50,000 bond and sparked a police manhunt.

"We circulated flyers all over town with a description of him, his tattoos, his Mohawk hair, and where he

called in a tip, and patrol officers found [Deshazer] on the 400 block of University. He stuck out like a sore thumb; he looks pretty distinctive and wasn't hiding his appearance very successfully."

At press time, Deshazer was being held at the downtown jail on \$150,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in court on June 15 and faces up to ten years on the statutory rape conviction and an additional five to ten years for his failure to appear.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Longhair Rules Over Jocks "I coached him at Helix High from 1998 to 2001." San Diego's only known DJ/prep football coach, Mike Aitken, can brag that he coached former Helix High quarterback Alex Smith before he became this year's number-one NFL draft pick.

"He was a scrawny kid who worked his ass off," says Aitken, who coached football at Helix High for 16 years. "[Smith] led the team to two CIF championships." Aitken now serves as head JV coach and varsity linebacker coach at Jamul's Steele Canyon High and is a weekend DJ at FM 94/9.

In 1975, longhaired DJs were the norm. Now they are rare. Longhaired coaches are even less common. "I'm the only longhaired DJ left in town and the only coach with long hair. I do get some looks from football parents, but what are you gonna do?"

He says fellow 94/9 DJ Mike Halloran used to have long hair. Other longhair rock jocks included Bryan Schock (KGB and 91X), Gary Kelley and Shotgun Tom Kelly (KCBQ, B-100), and the late John Leslie (KGB).

Aitken notes that the Afro, popular in the '70s, is coming back; he sees no such trend with long, straight hair. "Most of the DJs now have the corporate chop."

Aitken works FM 94/9 from 6 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

— Ken Leighton

Combat Rocker "We'd be in this converted chicken coop playing, and this mortar would come in. It was the loudest, most scariest thing you ever heard because you

knew it came from guys who were trying to kill you." Navy corpsman Stu Fultz



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FULTZ (RIGHT) CONTINUES "FILTERING-OUT PROCESS"

spent five months in Iraq last year, tending to dead and wounded Marines.

"I was with the shock-trauma platoon attached to the 2nd Marine Division." Although he says he is a "metal guy," he was playing blues scales with Marines in their early 20s when the mortar landed in their living space.

Before he left for Iraq, Fultz played bass for a year in

the inside track

blurt

free men left in our society," says attorney Sandy Troy, who's working pro bono in defense of singer/songwriter John Pertle. The 36-year-old front man of Johnny Love Sound was arrested last week on 37 counts of possession of child pornography. (His band has played the Casbah, Lestat's, and the Triple Crown Pub on Adams Avenue.) After his bail was reduced from \$370,000 to \$10,000, Pertle got out of jail last Saturday.

"He's a good person with

young females on his computer hard drive.

"He never spent or made money on those images," says Troy. "Many of those photos he is alleged to have possessed are readily available for sale at certain stores in town. Yet he is being charged with a crime.... They confiscated his computer and as part of his release the judge ordered he have no contact with computers."

— Ken Leighton



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hangs out in O.B.," says San Diego Police Sgt. Dave Nisleit. "A homeless person

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Dirtnap 29, an Oceanside band. When he returned from the war eight months ago, Fultz and lead singer Nick Zenns formed Compartment Syndrome. Fultz now plays rhythm guitar. When he got out of the Navy in March, he'd planned to stay in North County, concentrate on his band, and pursue a job in the medical field.

Fultz admits that his Iraq experience made it hard to concentrate. He doesn't write a lot of songs about war carnage, but after living under threat of roadside mines and suicide bombers, he says he finds song lyrics of others to be on the whiny side.

"It's, like, [lyrics about] your dad [who] treated you bad. Boo-fucking-hoo. Or you lost your job. Or your girlfriend left. Boo-fucking-hoo. You know what? There's bigger stuff going on around the world; stuff that's happening outside your egocentric-filled life."

Fultz says Compartment Syndrome will play out when the time is right. He says he's undergoing a "filtering-out process.... I've just done the hardest thing I've ever done in my life."

— Ken Leighton



HEY, MOBY...EMINEM!

Dinky Crowd at Moby Appearance M-Theory Music on Juniper in South Park gets interesting musicians to perform. In the past year, I've seen locals Louis XIV, Steve Poltz, and Gregory Page. National acts make it there, too. And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead did a karaoke performance there.

On May 7, Easley did an in-store appearance. Hundreds of people showed. A lot of them watched from outside because there was no space left inside the store. The

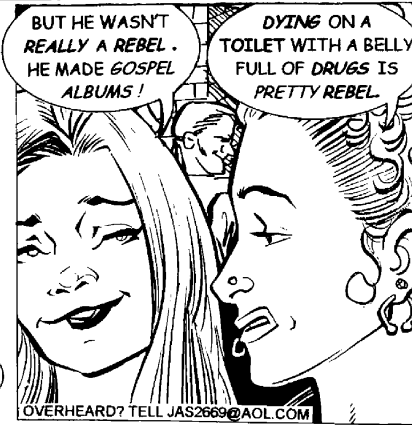
following day, I was surprised that there were fewer than 100 people there to see Moby. That night, he played a sold-out show at 4th & B.

Moby did a 30-minute Q&A, answering questions about his religious beliefs, his new book and CD, and other bands. While he answered one question, a guy in a car drove by and yelled out, "Eminem!" Everyone laughed, including Moby. The two musicians have had a long feud, which Eminem brought up in song lyrics as well as a Grammy speech. Moby has remained quiet on the subject.

When someone asked him about the tea shop he opened in New York, he said, "It was with an ex-girlfriend

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: P.B. BLOCK PARTY

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



of mine. We had been dating and then broke up on the day the shop opened. At first it was hard. Conversations were, like, me asking, 'Should we serve scones? Who are you sleeping with now?' Things are fine now."

— Josh Board

Pimp Hand by Playstation?

When Snoop Dogg plays RIMAC Arena tomorrow, May 20, he's only obligated to "play a minimum of 45 minutes.... Snoop Dogg, however, at his option may exceed the specified performance time without interference." There's also a chance he'll take an "unscheduled intermission," as his contract allows. Dogg's dressing room shouldn't have fluorescent lighting, and the catering list includes a "very important" note to provide vanilla ice cream. He also wants "one complete Sony Playstation" at the ready. His game choices usually include NBA Live, NCAA College, and Triple Play, and he requests four controls with "an appropriate video screen. Please trust that this will be some of the most important money you spend."

Before Lenny Kravitz

performs at Copley Symphony Hall tonight, May 19, you might glimpse his wardrobe at a nearby laundromat. His contract requests that the venue "please have on hand the name, address, and telephone number of the nearest high-



DR. CHUNK HUNTS FRONT MEN

quality dry-cleaning establishment. It is essential to the show that we are able to prepare the extensive wardrobe to a satisfactory standard. This means clean clothes for every performance." (These backstage rider contracts are posted at www.smokinggun.com and www.collegian.psu)

— Jay Allen Sanford

Wanted: Drug Addict

"We'll have to find a guy on the heroin diet." Guitarist Jeff Simpson says he's kidding about finding a strung-out singer for his Stone Temple Pilots tribute band, but he wants someone who *looks* like Scott Weiland (who says he's

believe.

"The only other STP tribute band I know [Crackerman] is in Ontario [Canada]," says Simpson. "We'd like to be playing in L.A. and Vegas, and we'd get there quicker in a tribute band. You can't go back and see Metallica circa 1988, but you can see a great tribute band."

Dr. Chunk played heavy rap-core, Tool-like originals. But, in late 2003, the singer left the area and was replaced by Brian Mackey. After a year, Simpson and the other two members of Dr. Chunk decided Mackey was "a great singer, but he wasn't the right genre." Simpson said Mackey's vocals were a tad "lighter" than what they wanted. "When it came down to it, we decided he wasn't Dr. Chunk."

At press time, Simpson called to say they found their pseudo-STP front man — Barry Harwell — and they'll be playing the Del Mar Fair on June 10, 12, 21, 24, and 29. Simpson's search continues for a new Dr. Chunk singer.

— Ken Leighton

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"We got a nasty visual of our own."

Bart Mendoza and Kevin Donaker-Ring have been musical partners since 1980, when they paired up to form the mod-inspired Manual Scan. "You had to own a metal scooter to be mod," Mendoza says, referencing local scenesters who used to hang out at Vespa Super Shop and Gelato Vera in Mission Hills, checking out the Tell-Tale Hearts at the old downtown Soma or rallying to see *Quadrophenia* at the Ken Cinema. After a string of overseas hits (with little attention paid in the States), the duo reformed with a rotating roster of new players in the early '90s (including bassist Mark Z of the Crawdaddys and a succession of drummers rivaling Spinal Tap's) to launch the Shambles. They still maintain that '60s sound, albeit more powered-up à la Nick Lowe or Oasis.

Mendoza is currently cowriting a book covering "every record released from every San Diego performer" from the turn of the century through the '90s. He also collects local vinyl, with the most rare piece in his own collection being *The Scottsville Squirrel Barker* album with Chris Hillman (later of the Byrds), from 1962 I believe. Copies have sold in excess of \$200 in mint condition. I got mine at a thrift store, although that was 25 years ago." He still rides a metal scooter and has never owned or driven a car.

Doctor Kevin Ring, a scientist who battles a demonic race of vampire pirates in the comic book *Vampyrates*, is based on Donaker-Ring. "[The character] isn't a rocker — he's educated, refined. The last thing he wants to do is leave behind his true love Anne Marie [based on Donaker-Ring's real-world wife] and chase down horrific apparitions in the deep Atlantic. He only does it because he's broke and it's the only way to save the family estate from anxious creditors." Broke with anxious creditors sounds pretty rock and roll to me.

The Shambles play Lestat's in Normal Heights

on Wednesday, May 25.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER/IPOD?

Bart Mendoza "CDs only. An iPod is just self-programmed radio, a concept that should scare Clear Channel."

1. Buzzkill Romantics, *Cold Cold Cold* ("I like the aggression in this and the bassless twin-guitar attack.")

2. Silver Sunshine, self-titled ("I marvel at how right they got their psychedelic '60s sound down perfectly while still coming off completely original.")

3. Irradio, *Make Up for the Inaugurated* ("Great lyrics, manic delivery, and angular guitars.")

4. Beach Boys, *Holland* ("I just picked up a Beach Boys bio and was fascinated as to why they would move to Holland en masse. This great album explains it all.")

5. Stereotypes, 3 ("Driving, well-crafted, pure rock 'n' roll made to play loud from an incredibly prolific bunch.")

Kevin Donaker-Ring "What's a CD? Here's the most recently shuffle-played on my iPod."

1. Yes, "South Side of the Sky"

2. The Cars, "It's All I Can Do"

3. Kula Shaker, "Sleeping Jiva"

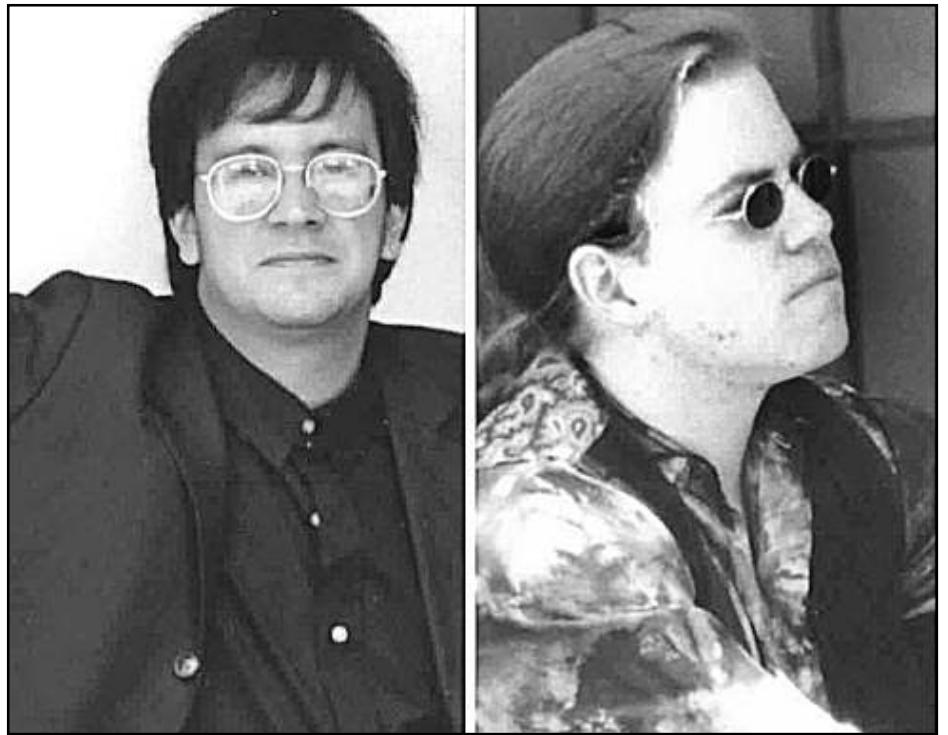
4. Queen, "You Take My Breath Away"

5. Pearl Jam, "Daughter"

WEIRDEST GIG STORY?

Mendoza "For a batch of shows in England circa '91 we used some of Wham!'s old gear. Kevin's guitar case was even stamped 'Andrew Ridgely.'"

Donaker-Ring "In Manual Scan we played a gig where our drummer-of-the-month was on a riser. He was wearing a pair of pants with a hole in the crotch and no underwear, and every time we turned around to give him a visual cue, we got a nasty visual of our own. In true drummer form he later picked up on some girl at the club and



Bart Mendoza, Kevin Donaker-Ring

had sex with her in the dumpster out back!"

FAVORITE TV SHOWS?

Mendoza

1. *The Dick Van Dyke Show* ("Had high wit as opposed to low humor, he dressed cool, and he was 'married' to the young Mary Tyler Moore.")

2. *Just Shoot Me* ("It's all down to Finch. No shame, no morals, and always hilarious. Favorite episode is 'You're a Mean One, Mr. Finch,' a Christmas episode where he becomes the Grinch.")

3. *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* ("The original, set in Las Vegas — good acting, a location with endless possibilities, and a great cast.")

Donaker-Ring

"About the only shows I make time to watch these days are *Star Trek: Enterprise*, *Survivor*, *The Amazing Race*, and reruns of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*"

FAVORITE COVER SONG TO PERFORM?

Mendoza "Los Brincos' 'Nadie te Quiere Ya' has shown up in its share of set lists."

Donaker-Ring "Besides the Manual Scan songs we do? Nothing really stands out."

BEST CELEBRITY ENCOUNTER?

Mendoza "I'm a Beatles fanatic, and hanging out backstage with Tony Sheridan [with whom the Beatles first recorded] and Pete Best [original Beatles drummer] just before they were about to go onstage and play a song together for the first time in 40 years [at a local BeatleFair] was amazing. Tony was a bundle of nervous energy, and Pete was looking world weary and very tired. A nice vantage point to a *Mojo*-rated moment."

Donaker-Ring "Standing in line behind George Lucas at a restaurant in Disney's California Adventure. And I have the photo to prove it!" ■

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Lenny Kravitz [529] and **Nikka Costa** [600]: Copley Symphony Hall,
Thursday, May 19, 1245 Seventh
Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

The Queens of the Stone Age:
House of Blues, Thursday, May 19,
1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.
619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

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.

SATURDAY

Lucy's Fur Coat: Brick by Brick,
Saturday, May 21, 1130 Buenos
Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483 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.

SUNDAY

Kaki King: Acoustic Music San
Diego, Sunday, May 22, 4650
Mansfield Street, Normal Heights.
619-303-8176.

TUESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

Maktub [572]: Belly Up Tavern,
Wednesday, May 25, 143 South
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
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EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

MAY

Brian McKnight: 4th & B, Thursday,
May 26, 345 B. Street, downtown.
619-231-4343 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 [815] & **the
Rugburns** [263]: The Casbah,
Friday, May 27, 8:30 p.m., 2501
Kettner Boulevard, midtown.
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Nikka Costa [600]: Belly Up Tavern,
Friday, May 27, 9 p.m., 143 South
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
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The Waybacks: Acoustic Music San
Diego, Saturday, May 28, 4650
Mansfield Street, Normal Heights.
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The Steve Miller Band [571]:
"Bayside Concerts with Viejas,"
Embarcadero Marina Park South,
Saturday, May 28, downtown San
Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or
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.

Dramarama: Brick by Brick,
Saturday, May 28, 8 p.m., 1130
Buenos Avenue, Bay Park.
619-275-5483 or 619-220-8497.

Link Wray: The Casbah, Saturday,
May 28, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner
Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

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
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JUNE

Rosie Flores: Acoustic Music San
Diego, Friday, June 3, 4650 Mansfield
Street, Normal Heights.
619-303-8176.

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.

I See Hawks in LA: Acoustic Music
San Diego, Saturday, June 4, 4650
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Steve Winwood [596]:
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,
Saturday, June 4, 7:30 p.m., 2241
Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.
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Rick Springfield [581]: Viejas
Casino Concerts in the Park,
Saturday, June 4, 8 p.m., 5005
Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400
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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
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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
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Bryan Adams [582]: Viejas Casino
Concerts in the Park, Monday, June 6,
8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine.
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Bad Religion [297]: House of Blues,
Tuesday, June 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
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George Benson [620]: Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June
9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island
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The Village People: Del Mar
Fairgrounds, Friday, June 10, 2260
Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar.
858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Keb' Mo' [968] and **Ledisi:**
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,
Friday, June 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241

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Chris Isaak: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 30,

7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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 [815] & 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 [782]: 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.

Brazilian Girls: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Indigo Girls [886]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Loggins & Messina: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Thursday, July 7, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Julio Iglesias [608]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 7, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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 [628]: 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.

Boz Scaggs: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Hootie & the Blowfish [580]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Alanis Morissette [228]: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, July 15, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Heart: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, July 15, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Clay Walker: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 15, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Alkaline Trio [345]: Soma, Saturday, July 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Ray Lamontagne: House of Blues, Saturday, July 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Heart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Lila Downs [627]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Finn Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Tears for Fears [576] 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 [626]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Thursday, July 21, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bruce Hornsby [574]: 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.

Mark Knopfler [625]: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, July 24, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Poco [573]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 24, 6 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Linda Eder [623]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 29, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lonely Boys and **Ozomatli:** "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Sunday, July 31, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 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



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AUGUST

Marc Cohn and **Suzanne Vega** [469]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 1, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive,

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The B-52's: Palomar Starlight Theater, Monday, August 1, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Hank Williams Jr.: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Tuesday, August 2, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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"B.B. King Blues Festival" featuring **B.B. King** [969], **Kenny Wayne Shepherd** [950], 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 [763]: 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 [617]: 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 Temptations [938]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 10, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

John Hiatt [883]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 11, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Styx [591]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 13, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Cecilio & Kapono [993]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Cowboy Junkies [567] 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** [830]: 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.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers [611] and the **Black Crowes** [564]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, August 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 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.

The Gipsy Kings [592]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

"Dave Koz & Friends" featuring **Jeffrey Osborne** and **Marc Antoine**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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** [558] 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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Donna Summer [614]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

America [533] 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 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 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.

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Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Huey Lewis & the News [593]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 9, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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BY DAVE GOOD

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The way Paulson tells it, at the turn of the century, silent films (no dialogue, just subtitles) were sometimes accompanied by

live theater organ, lending what must have been a skating-rink atmosphere to the entertainment. I don't know if the organist threw in sound effects, but Paulson is no slouch in this department. He travels with about one hundred musical instruments and noisemakers: drums, harps, shakers, goat's toes, seltzer water bottles, the jawbone of an ass with the teeth loosened so they rattle in the dry sockets.

Otherwise, Paulson is a classically trained oboist and plays a mean bassoon. A transplant from the Bangor Symphony in Maine, he holds down a day job at UCSD's music library. He performs in classical ensembles, but I think he's best known for reviving the toy piano. He owns dozens of them, has commissioned a multitude of toy piano scores, and organizes an annual toy piano festival.

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Etta James [951]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 30, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

OCTOBER

Green Day [268]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Caldwell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter

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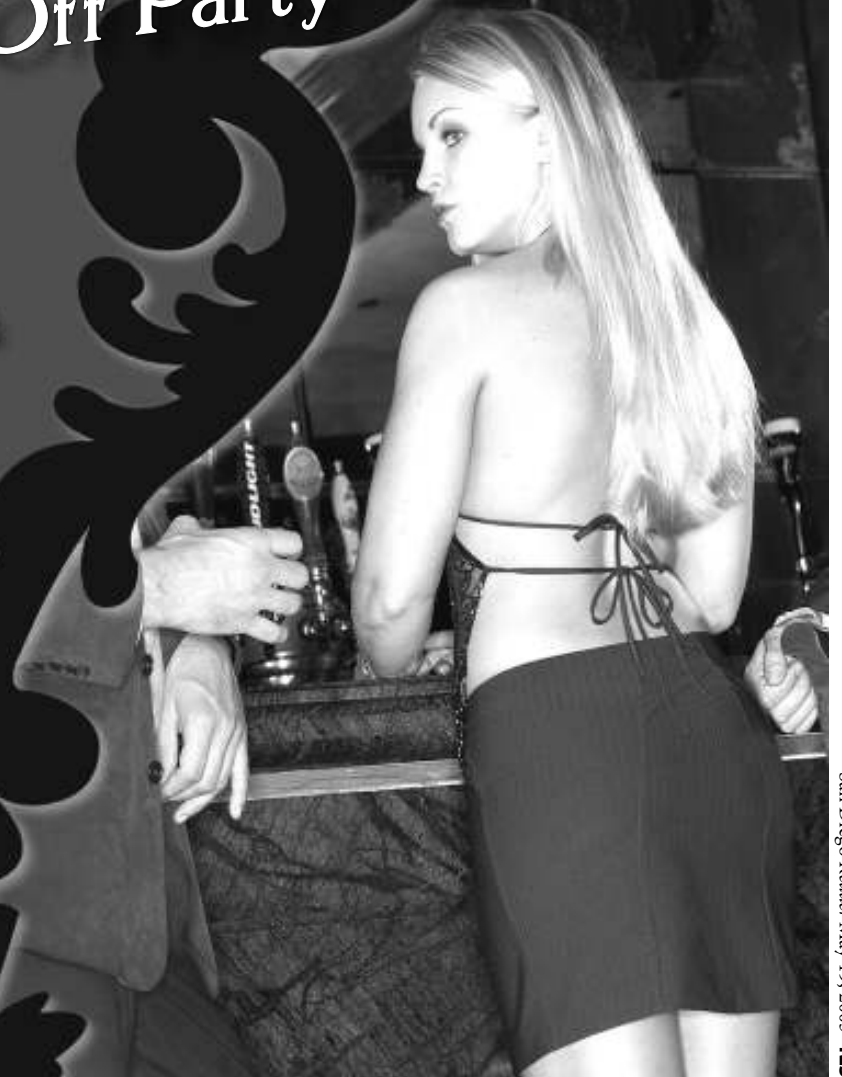
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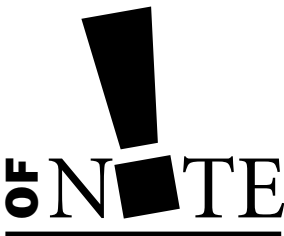
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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

A.D.H.D.: Blind Melons
Annalitas: Dreamstreet



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Kaki King's website has a hilarious video of her playing live on a TV show where the host clearly has no idea what he's in for. He stoops over to speak to the young, five-foot-tall girl whose sweet face is offset by a lip piercing and a hint of a snarl. He sees the round-backed Ovation acoustic guitar in her lap (it looks huge compared to her) and, in a patronizing, professional voice, asks her if she's going to play all by herself. She answers in the affirmative, and he asks her if she's going to sing. She answers in the negative. He steps offstage, and she begins to keep time by beating on the back of the guitar, creating melodies by slamming the

fingers of her left hand onto the fretboard, producing counterpoint by striking the fretboard with her right hand. She sounds like a one-woman, acoustic metal-math rock band. It's about the furthest thing possible from the soft, sensitive Lilith Fair fare that the host had apparently expected. The camera cuts away to a commercial quickly, probably because the host had fainted.

Since King entered the New York music scene a little more than three years ago, there have been many scenarios like this one. Her audiences are often made up of guitar-geek guys who sit slack-jawed, unable to believe their eyes.

Technique, of course, is not everything. King can be easier to appreciate than to listen to. Recently, she has been talking up her interest in 20th-century composers like



KAKI KING

Stravinsky, which means she could be heading even further in a direction where only bold listeners and guitar geeks will follow.

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Night Shift: Dick's Last Resort

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Northstar: Coyote Bar and Grill

Omar & the String Poppers: Tio Leo's Lounge

Pink Floyd: Blind Melons

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

Dennis Quaid & the Sharks: Belly Up Tavern

Radio Rage: Viejas Casino

Random Order: Fannie's Nightclub

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The Rock Trio: Tiki House

Ron's Garage: McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Dick's Last Resort

Rox [444]: Winstons

The Screamin' Yeehaws: Brick By Brick

Eve Selis [410]: The Calypso Cafe

Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Signal Path: Winstons

Silver Side: Fannie's Nightclub

Sockatuna: Winstons

Something Else: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Split Finger: Blind Melons

The Stampede Band: Etta's Place

Steal Dawn: Boars Cross'n

The Stilettos: Second Wind (Santee), McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Strawberry Girls: Dreamstreet

Synergy: Surf N'Saddle

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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

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John Cain /703/: Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
Bruce Cameron: Aurora Trattoria
Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze
Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
The David Patrone Quartet /647/: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Jerome Dawson: Humphrey's
Delta Nove: Winstons
The Ron Germain Big Band: Viejas Casino
The Grossmont College Jazz Ensemble: Dizzy's
Dora Hall: Aurora Trattoria
The High Society Jazz Band: The Inn Suites, Tio Leo's Lounge
Jazilla: Turquoise Cafe
The Chris Klich Jazz Quartet: Coyote Bar and Grill
Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn
The Shep Meyers Quartet /660/: Croce's Jazz Bar
Jose Molina Serrano: Humphrey's
The Larry Morgan Jazz Quintet: La Bocca Ristorante
Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines
Nova: Aurora Trattoria

Sue Palmer /641/: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
Palos: The Calypso Cafe
Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar and Grill
Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
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: Humphrey's
The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant
T.J. & Ray: Island Sports and Spirits
Tony Taravella /655/: Couleur Cafe
The Jaime Valle Quartet /704/: Tutto Mare
Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

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The Jordan Loder Band: Winstons
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Mojow & the Vibration Army: Winstons
NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)
Ozomatli: House of Blues
Psydecar /740/: Belly Up Tavern
The Stone Senses: Blind Melons

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club
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Coyote Moon: Mulvaney's
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EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

An Carraig: The Ould Sod
Ashley: Belly Up Tavern
Aurora: Blind Melons
David Beldock: Coyote Bar and Grill
Fred Benedetti: Dizzy's
Annie Bethencourt: Kung Food Express Cafe
Bitoto: Dizzy's
Aaron Bowen: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub
Amelia Browning: Turquoise Cafe
Greg Campbell: Crossroads Cafe and Coffeehouse
Danny Campbell: Dizzy's
The Celtic Ensemble: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Cheeky: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Chelsea & the Dreamcatchers: Blarney Stone Pub
Jamie Crawford: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Dave Curtis: Dizzy's
Kim DiVincenzo: Humphrey's, Lestat's Coffeehouse
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Ted Ehr: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Ember: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Evan: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Derek Evans: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
The Flounders: The Beach House, Robbie's Roadhouse
Steve Garger: Dizzy's
Allison Gill: Blarney Stone Pub
Harold & Chris: Blarney Stone Pub
The Taylor Harvey Band: Island Sports and Spirits, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Tiff Jimber: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Just John: Lestat's Coffeehouse
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Ashley Matte: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Jim Moore: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Jason Mraz /824/: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Nancy: The Casbah
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Tim Reynolds: Winstons
Ron & Andy: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Mike Ruggarillo: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Saba /822/: Lestat's Coffeehouse
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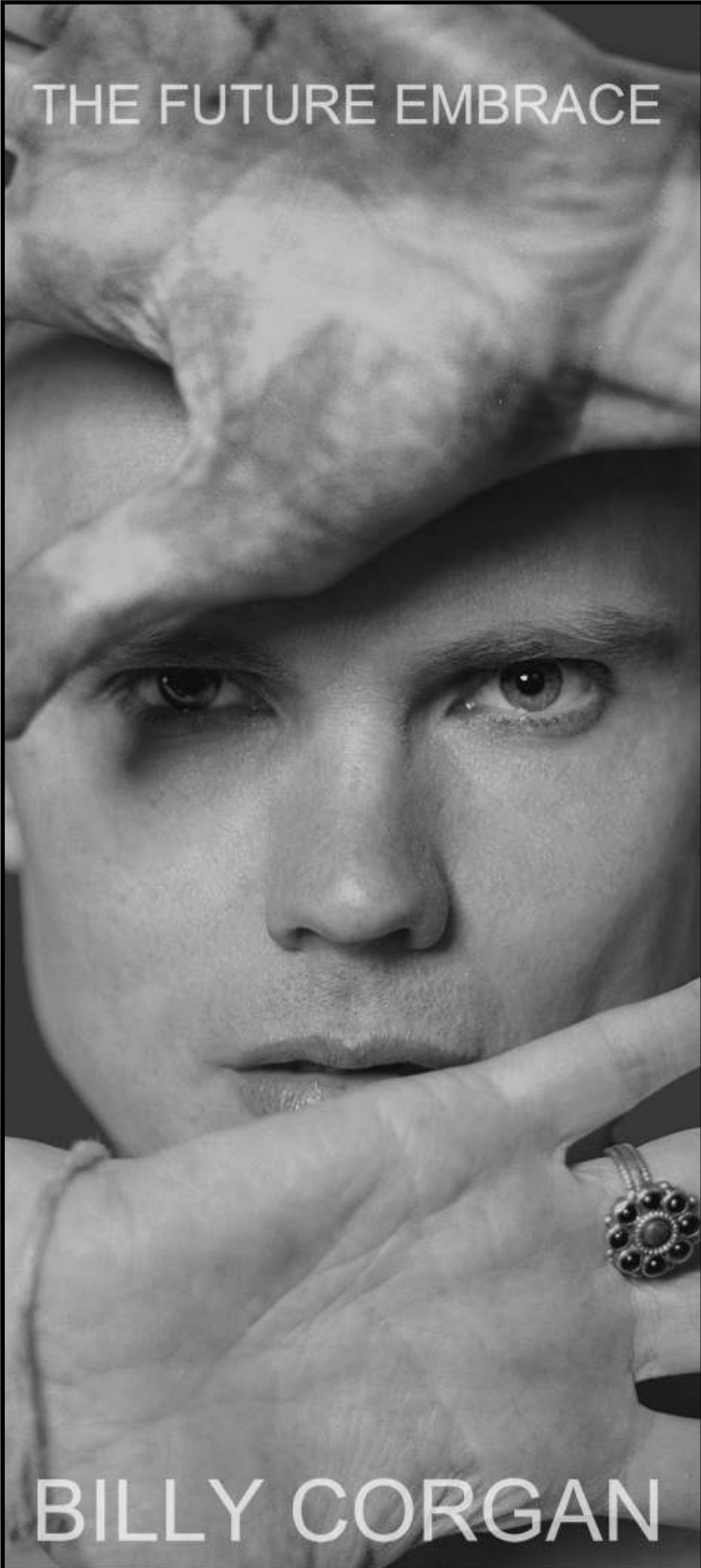
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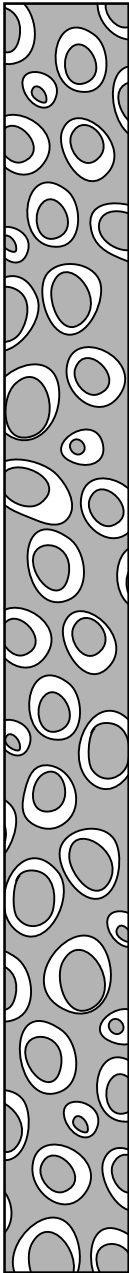
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The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II
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Blue Rockit [955]: Tio Leo's Lounge
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The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken
George Clinton: House of Blues
Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Chateau Orleans, Robbie's Roadhouse
Hugh Gaskins [944]: Crossroads Cafe and Coffeehouse
Gumboyaya: Coyote Bar and Grill
Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Turquoise Cafe
Robin Henkel [914]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Chris James & Blue Four: Patrick's II
Kalama Blue: Crossroads Cafe and Coffeehouse
Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: Humphrey's
Michele Lundeen [952]: Tio Leo's Lounge
The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II
Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe
Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken
Nite Life [934]: Pal Joey's
The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise
The Oozie Blues Show: Patrick's II
Runnin' Blue: The Calypso Cafe
J.J. Slyde: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe
Soul Diego: Patrick's II
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EXTENSION 4010

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Chang Ba: Belly Up Tavern
Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop
Ric Henry: Westin Horton Plaza Ballroom
Julio y Ramon: Tropicoso
Bradley Leighton [987]: Aurora Trattoria
Middle Earth: The Calypso Cafe
Kristi Murray: La Scala
Niyaz: The Kava Lounge
Ed Repaci: Red Fox Steakhouse
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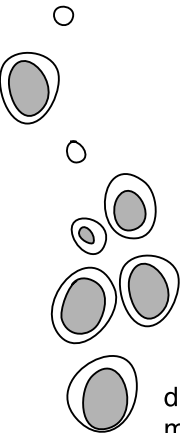
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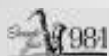
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Blitzkrieg Bop: Mondays, punk, indie, and rock 'n' roll with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Booty Basement: Fourth Saturday of the month, rap, booty bass, and '80s with DJs Rob, Ikah, and Dimitri. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

Club Ballyhoos: Wednesdays, electro, '80s, and indie with DJ Richard D and DJ B.; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Club Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. 619-521-4747.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Krave: Fridays, electro, '80s, and indie with DJ B.; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club Miami: Fridays, reggaeton and hip-hop. Saturdays, salsa, meringue, and bachata. Club Rio, 1299 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley. 619-843-7400.

Club Rio Nilo: Saturdays, DJs Mikee and Masterdoo spin reggaeton and hip-hop. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. 4385 Home Avenue, San Diego. Information, 619-264-8297.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, NF Velo, and Sailorgloom. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass and jungle music with DJs Walkrawler, Probable Cause, and IzM. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, Midway. 619-224-4835.

Deviantly Dark: Sundays, dark, driving progressive house and breakbeats with DJs Emmet Masterson and Joe P; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Faction-6: First Tuesday of the month, elektroclash, indie, and synthpop with DJs B-czar, Talbot, and NarcoLept. No cover; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Fresca: Thursdays, trip-hop, downtempo breaks, and acid jazz with DJs Red Sonya and Jersan; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue (below Tesoro Restaurant), downtown. 619-234-5670.

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Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163, Hillcrest. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Sanctuary Sundays: House, hip-hop, and Latin dance with DJs Xcite, Moreno, and Puga, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; no cover. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

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Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursdays, 9 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues. Friday, 9 p.m., *Citizen Cope*,

rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Common Sense*, reggae, and *the Wylde Bunch*. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Maria McKee*, country rock. Wednesday, 9:15 p.m., *Maktub* and *Scratch Track*, rock.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Thursday, 9 p.m., hip-hop/R&B. Friday, on the patio, 6 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues, 9 p.m., *the Shape Shifters*, A.W.O.L., *the Filthy Immigrants*, and *Seven Sixty*, rock. Sunday, 5 p.m., *Billy Watson*, 7 p.m., open mike. Monday, rock. Wednesday, country.

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The Book Works/Pannikín Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Blue Largo*, blues/jazz.

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Album name: *I Took a Second Too Long* (2004)

Artist: Low Cloud Cover

Label: Breathing Room Records

Songs: 1) Intro 2) Menace 3) Where Did You Go 4) The Last
Lemming 5) Battle Scars 6) Give Me Mine

Price/Where Available: www.lowcloudcover.com for \$8.75 including shipping and handling

Names of band members: Dario Izarraras (bass), Jay Richardson (vocals, drums), Greg Russell (vocals, guitar), Bekkah Walker (keyboard, sampler, melodica, vocals)

Extra Info: Regarding upcoming shows, the band's website reads, "Nothing right now. We can't entertain you all the time. Jeez." During their performing stints, Low Cloud Cover can be seen regularly at the Casbah, Scolari's Office, and UCSD's Ché Café.

Website: www.lowcloudcover.com

This six-song EP is marked by the sonic cohesion of Orgy fused with the irreverent arrangements of System of a Down. Each of Low Cloud Cover's raging, guitar-driven jams breaks away to lengthy instru-

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Loose Cannon* and *Jack the Original*, rock. Saturday, *Concord* and *Strive*, rock.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Powell*, blues/jazz.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

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 standard and contemporary. Friday and

raging rockers. "Where Did You Go" reflects on the pangs of regret over some admirable guitar work. Front man Greg Russell's semi-spoken confession ("I took a second too long to tell the truth") exudes earnest dejection as it is paired with a heavy bass riff from Dario Izzararas, making the cut the hidden gem of the lot.

Lyricism is sparse; often the titles of the tracks are more telling of each song than the few exclamatory fragments found within. "The Last Lemming" features the most cohesive lyricism on the disc: "I'm always the last to know about these things / and then I'm running away / I run into things / I could sleep all day." Perhaps the foursome's whack at existentialism here is a bit overdone, but it does maintain the bleak, despairing mood of sullen introspection.

The EP slows down for "Give Me Mine." Though it's a break from the initial blows

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. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Curbide and Carbine*. Friday, *Divided by Zero*. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *the Experiments*, 9 p.m., *Lights of Zion* and *Psydecar*, reggae. Sunday, 5 p.m. to

Low Cloud Cover

left by the opening rockers, the song continues with the same energy, set to a slower tempo. The track's only lyrics – "give me mine, give me mine right now" – in the foreground of a virtuoso electric lead-guitar solo showcases how the softer sides of the album are met with memorable hooks.

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Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Wednesday, live jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, *Foil* and *Honey Bucket*, alternative rock. Saturday, *Static Halo*,

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Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Pickford's Party*, classic 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*.

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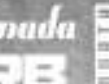
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Tropicoso, 1261 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-5100. Friday, Brazilian music. Saturday, salsa/cumbia/merengue/Latin.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Thursday, *Amelia Browning*. Friday,

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House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *the Queens of the Stone Age*. Friday, *David Lee Roth*, rock. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

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The Kensington Club, 4079
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2848. Music is heavy rock/alternative
Saturday, *Jezabel*, *Fascination with*
Heights, and *the Love Motor*.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Acoustic Underground*. Friday, *Jane Lui*. Saturday, *Allison Lonsdale, the Biddy Bums, and Anya Marina*.

Sunday, *Megan LaRoque*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Bart Mendoza*.

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, *Whiskey Tango, Story of Blue*, and *21 Grams*, rock. Saturday, *Wild Truth*, rock.

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.

Ramada Inn, 5550 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego. 619-516-4466. Aventuras Salsa Club: Friday, live salsa.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Ed Repac* piano.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday *Mike Ruggarillo*, acoustic/folk. Friday and Saturday, *Pale Black*, 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. Friday, 9 p.m., *Nektar* and *the Roots Covenant*, roots reggae.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Friday, 7 p.m. *Millecolin*, *Boys' Night Out*, *A Thorn for Every Heart*, and *Roses Are Red*. Saturday, *Muff*, *Breaking Ground*, *Frogsbreath*, *Plane without a Pilot*, *the Kadence*, and *the Winded*.

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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, *Josh Hall*, *Good Morning Milo*, and *Cindy & John*. Friday, *Carlos Olmeda*, *Anna Troy*, *Terra Naomi*, and *the Weepies*. Saturday, *Citrus*, *Victoria Vox*, *Rheanna Downey*, *Krister Alex*, and *Kyle Phelan*. Sunday, 4 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., *B-3 Four*, jazz.

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Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Saturday, *Melt Banana*, *Das Oath*, and *the Long & Short of It*. Sunday, *Caribou*, *the Junior Boys*, and *the Russian Futurists*. Monday, *Prefuse 73*, *Battles*, and *Beans*. Tuesday, *Ari Hest* and *Aslyn*. Wednesday, *Boom Bip*, *the Fog*, and *El Poeta*.

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 and Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*. Saturday, *Primo*, salsa/Latin jazz.

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Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Live Irish folk.

Fat City, 2137 Pacific Highway, San Diego. 619-232-9303. Friday, 10 p.m., *the Manny Cepeda Orchestra*, salsa.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, *VNV Nation*, *Soman*, and *Imperative Reaction*, alternative. Saturday, *Deep Dish*.

The Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street, downtown. 619-702-6010. Friday, 9 p.m., *Inner Limit*, rock.

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.

Lael's Restaurant (at the Manchester Grand Hyatt), One Marketplace, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Blue Aces*, harmonica blues.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, reggae/dancehall/hip-hop/R&B. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Lafayette & the Leasebreakers*, blues. Friday, *Alan Iglesia & Crossfire*. Saturday, *Johnny "V" & the Usual Suspects*. Sunday, *Red Lane*, rock. Monday, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*. Tuesday, *the Texas Twisters*. Wednesday, *Backwater Blues Band*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Thursday, *Orquesta Guarare*, salsa. Tuesday, *Ritmo Caliente*, salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., also Sunday and Tuesday, 8 p.m., rock and roll, sing-a-long, dueling piano bar.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Thursday, salsa. Friday, R&B. Saturday, funk.

Westin Horton Plaza, 910 Broadway Circle, downtown. 619-232-4355. Schroeders Club: Friday, 8 p.m., *Devlin*, cabaret. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Jeudi Cornejo Brealey*, cabaret.

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Voices of the Global Awakening*, world music.

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, *the Stage 4 Jazz Quintet*.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues.

Club Caribe, 5080 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-472-2400. Thursday, live reggae band. Friday, salsa/merengue/bachata/reggae.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m., *Gordon Kohl*, *Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz/blues/R&B/standards. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ray Briz*. Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West*. Prince of Wales: Thursday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Daniel Jackson*. Crown Room: Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., *John Cain*.



MUSIC ► rock, blues, acoustic, alternative, country-western, jazz

SPECIAL NIGHTS ► Wednesday is karaoke, Thursday–Sunday live bands (Sunday is usually jazz and blues)

CLIENTELE ► 21 and up after 10 p.m.; 90 percent Caucasian, 10 percent Latino; equal mix of men and women, some couples, and other large groups of friends

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McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *the Stiletto*s, rockabilly. Friday, *Undecided*, rock. Saturday, *Mystique*. Sunday, *Jackson & Sven*, acoustic. Monday, *Gary Rich*, folk. Tuesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

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served; 15 appetizers (average \$6.95), 10 soups and salads, 8 desserts; entrées average \$11.99; Monday they serve spaghetti (\$4.99), “Taco Tuesday” (\$2.25 each); lots of other restaurants in area

ACCESS ► a few miles east of the I-15; 20 parking spaces (plenty of parking on side streets) and bus stops nearby

DRESS ► casual; everyone in jeans and T-shirts (aside from a few women in miniskirts and dresses); a few cowboy hats, a few baseball caps, and shirt blurbs included “Late Show with Letterman,” “Ford,” “Padres,” and “Snow Bunny Shack”

DANCE FLOOR ► 20’ x 15’ (entire place has hardwood floors, so you can dance anywhere)

BATHROOMS ► men’s had two urinals and one stall (with wheelchair

Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Friday, 8 p.m., *Enanitos Verses*, *rock en español*.

EAST COUNTY

Cosmos Cafe, 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-698-4217. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Michael Tiernan*, acoustic/pop/folk.

Crossroads Cafe & Coffeehouse, 169 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-749-0623. Music is

acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Wood’N’Lips*. Friday, *the Bluescasters*, blues. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Tom Baird* and *Kev*, acoustic/folk. Sunday, blues jam. Monday, *Kalama Blue*, blues/rock. Tuesday open mike, acoustic.

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SPECIAL AREAS ► one room with two pool tables, foosball, and a big screen (can’t see the band from there), small covered patio for smokers

FURNISHINGS ► 23 TVs, big stage with six stage lights, neon beer signs, ATM, 10 seats at the bar, 8 booths, and 5 small round tables

DECIBEL LEVEL ► 107 when Steal Dawn did a cover of “Hurts So Good”

WEIRDEST BAND NAME ► Phat Daddy’s

Because this place is named Game Time, they have satellite TV, and they’ve got sports photos all over the walls, you think of it as a sports

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon.

bar. But this is the only place in Poway that has live music Thursday through Sunday.

It seemed like mostly locals here. I heard one guy tell the waitress, “I’m a lot better off than I was last night. Thanks for cutting me off.” On a ledge near him, a stack of business cards had a toll-free number you can call for a free ride home in your own vehicle. Can’t beat that. That same guy got toasted later in the night and was talking loudly to himself.

I like the variety of music here. Bradley Leighton, a well-known local jazz musician, was here one Sunday night. Some of the bands do original material, but most do covers. Another night, I heard songs from Lenny Kravitz, Bowling for Soup, Sublime, and the Eagles.

One couple argued all night.

The guy was complaining that the band started while the Padres game was still on. His wife said, “I thought you were going to be on your best behavior tonight.”

— Josh Board

619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Two-Lane Highway*, country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Shady Gray*, rock. Saturday, *Shakedown*, rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

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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. SWEDENBORGIAN CHURCH SOCIAL HALL, 1531 TYLER STREET, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, 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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Dane and Duane, the Only

Thing Missing Is U
The Fritz Theatre presents music and comedy, performed by Dane Stauffer and Duane Daniels (both starring in *Triple Espresso*). 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH JUNE 12; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-233-7505.

Death by Survival
Vantage Theatre, in association with Centro Cultural de la Raza, presents Elizabeth Ruiz's drama about the "dirty war" in Argentina and the "disappearing" of students. Dori Salois directed. CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2125 PARK BOULEVARD (AND INSPIRATION POINT WAY), BALBOA PARK, THROUGH JUNE 5; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-235-6135.

Get A Clue!
Black Rabbit Theatre Company presents the world premiere of Joseph Grienengerger's parody of "film noir, murder mysteries, mediocre theater, hideous show tunes, hellacious divas," etc. Grienengerger directed. BEN POLAK FINE ARTS CENTER/LAMP-LIGHTER'S THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, FRIDAY, MAY 20, THROUGH JUNE 5; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, MAY 29 AT 2:00 P.M. 619-281-BRTC.

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, THROUGH JUNE 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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Looking for Normal
Diversionary 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, 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.

Mack & Mabel
Korbett Kompany Productions presents Jerry Herman's musical



Metamorphoses

about the stormy relationship between Mack ("Keystone Kops") Sennett and his leading lady, Mabel Normand. Bob Korbett directed. ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE (AT IDAHO), NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH MAY 29; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

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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



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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!'"

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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, 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,



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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.

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

The Poor Players give their “no holds Bard” approach to Shakespeare's comedy of mistaken identity. Richard Baird directed. POOR PLAYERS, HEARTH THEATER, 3 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, SAN MARCOS, THROUGH JUNE 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE: NO PERFORMANCES BETWEEN MAY 13 AND JUNE 2.) 619-255-1401.

Misalliance

The Old Globe Theatre stages George Bernard Shaw's comic “debate in one sitting” about, among other topics, proper child-rearing. Stephen Wadsworth, winner of a Craig Noel Award for 2004, directed.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH JUNE 12; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic di-

rector Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Sympathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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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 “Camp-town 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 curtains 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;

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Return Engagements

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Italian Spring

Fade to May 1990. I was on assignment for the *WashPost* and had been put up at the Hotel del Coronado, the subject of my piece. Several times, while out and about, I passed the still-new Primavera (Italian for “springtime”) and gazed longingly at the posted menu. Alas, there’d be no springtime for me — the paper only sprang for minimal meal expenses, leaving me stuck with Denny’s and delis.

Cut to the present. You may have heard me talk about Paul and Janie, old friends currently sentenced to live in El Paso. Once a year they get time off to attend a conference in San Diego, and this visit they stayed at a hotel in Coronado (not the Del). Janie and Paul are passionate about good Italian food, and Primavera was near enough their lodging to add no pain or strain to the jet lag. Besides, restaurants often change as they age (same as the rest of us), and Primavera deserved a fresh look.

First impressions can be everything, and the restaurant’s ingress is impressive. You pass an enclosed bar (which separates drinkers from diners) and enter a handsome room with subdued lighting. There are two levels: the first resembles an orchestra pit; the second, up a few steps, a box-seat tier. Most of the white-clothed tables are large, fronting upholstered banquettes with leather seats. The facing upholstered chairs are armed and comfortable. Potted dwarf cypress and majestic urns preside on lofty shelves, and swingy jazz from the ’40s (Ella and Ellington) plays in the background. “Reeks of class,” Paul murmured.

All too soon, we realized that those oversize tables are so closely spaced that the servers must choreograph their moves. We were seated equidistant between two increasingly vocal parties of eight. “If it weren’t for the noise,” said Janie, “this place would be really romantic.” A few nights later, after our friends had taken off, my partner and I returned for an early-evening dinner. The room was quiet, the mood mellow, but the staff were putting together a table for 14 next to us. “Don’t worry,” said the maitre d’ as he saw us counting chairs. “You’ll be done before they get here.”

The menu runs more than 50 items, plus four or five nightly specials (recited by the waiter). The food is not distinctively regional but draws



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from America’s favorite Italian cuisines — Tuscany, Piemonte, Rome, Liguria, Naples, Sicily. We discovered that Primavera’s strengths are the opposite of most restaurants, which turn out amusing appetizers and less exciting entrées. Here, the appetizers are mere opening acts; the entrées are the stars.

Paul lusted for the Funghi Ripieni, mushrooms stuffed with minced veal and prosciutto and topped with melted fontina cheese. The filling was luscious, the herbed-wine sauce a little insubstantial. Calamari Luciana, Janie’s choice, suffered no such problem: The squid rings and tentacles were swathed in a garlicky fresh-tomato sauce. We mopped the plate clean with slices of a fine Bread and Cie sourdough baguette.

A house specialty called Bagna Caoda [*sic*] Primavera was pleasant but not what we expected of a dish of that name. Usually, *bagna cauda* (“hot bath”) implies vegetables cooked at the table in a fondue of anchovy-infused olive oil. The Primavera version is an already-

cooked antipasto platter with grilled eggplant, roasted red peppers, chewy oil-preserved sun-dried tomatoes, Montrachet goat cheese, and Grana Padano Parmesan, all bathed in a light, lemony sauce. An appetizer of marinated roast peppers with anchovies offered another odd rendition: The pre-roasted peppers are sautéed to order in copious quantities of cooking-quality olive oil (not extra-virgin) and served hot.

REVIEW NAOMI WISE

Primavera Ristorante ★★★½ (Very Good to Excellent)

932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454, www.primavera1st.com.

HOURS: Dinner nightly 5:00–11:00 p.m.

PRICES: Antipasti (appetizers), \$8.25–\$14; soups and salads, \$5.25–\$9; pastas and risotti, \$17–\$22; entrées, \$19–\$35; desserts, \$6–\$13.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Classic Italian dishes, creative nightly specials. Large, well-chosen international wine list, markups slightly above average, with some near-bargains among the high-end French reds. Modest but appropriate selections by the glass. Full bar.

PICK HITS: Stuffed mushrooms, Gnocchi alla Sarda, stuffed pastas, osso buco, White King Salmon (frequent special), tiramisu.

NEED TO KNOW: Street parking (can be difficult weekends and summers); three slots behind restaurant. Expert service. Romantic ambiance when quiet (e.g., first 90 minutes after opening and after 10 p.m.), but large, loud parties during prime dinner hours can make conversation difficult.

Ratings reflect the reviewer’s reaction to food, ambiance, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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At our second visit, my partner was in the mood for minestrone. In the spring-light broth, each vegetable retained its identity — I was glad we’d declined the offer of Parmesan on top. We enjoyed a salad of baby spinach in a gentle balsamic dressing, scattered with pancetta bits, sautéed white mushroom slices, and puffs of a creamy, powerful gorgonzola cheese. However, the “house specialty” Insalata Caesar is far from special. I have to keep reminding myself that Caesar is dead. (*Et tu, Primavera?*)

Our Cal-Tex foursome shared a pasta as a middle course, Italian-style. The Gnocchi alla Sarda displayed fine technique, with pillowy potato dumplings surrounded by a creamy fresh tomato sauce augmented with basil, shallots, minced prosciutto di Parma, and a subtle touch

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of anchovy (you'd have to know it's there to taste it). I soon realized Primavera's authentic Italian sauce-formula: A group of basic sauces are cooked in less than half an hour, then amended to order with the flavorings that each dish requires. There's no vat of Italian-American one-formula-fits-all red sauce hiding in this kitchen.

The highlight of the evening was our introduction to a fish that none of us had ever met before: Albino King Salmon, wild-caught in the seas off Seattle. Only one in a hundred of the species carries this genetic mutation. The aristocratic white flesh has a milder flavor than its common (pink-fleshed) kin. Our moist, grilled fillet was topped with sea scallops and set on a bed of young spinach in herbed cream sauce.

Every entrée comes with approximately the same seasonal vegetables (with minor variations from plate to plate). The vegetables change nightly, chef's choice. That evening's assortment included baby brussels sprouts, asparagus, and slim young carrots, plus cucumber rounds for the fish, and pan-roasted potatoes for the meat.

Veal chops with fresh

porcini mushroom sauce, prosciutto, and mozzarella was another of the evening's specials. The giant double-chop was grilled until done with a pink interior. A sheet of imported prosciutto under the melted cheese topping lent depth of flavor to the mild meat. But with a sauce like this one, you could make boiled shoes taste good. Porcini (a.k.a. *cèpes*) are European wild mushrooms most often dried and rehydrated. The fresh ones are costly but worth every dollar. I did wish for better meat; formula-fed veal may be popular, but the flesh smells faintly like Similac. (The menu includes a near-identical dish made with chicken, Pollo alla Valdostana; but unless it's a special, its porcini are likely to be dried.)

Stuck in arid West Texas, Janie suffers a constant craving for first-rate fresh seafood. "I only come to San Diego for the fish," she kidded. Her entrée pick was Scampi alla Diavolo, prawns flamed in cognac, served over linguine with a spicy marinara sauce — which was indeed "devilish" in its fire. "Oh, this is just what I've been needing," she said. Penne Regate Mediterraneo, on the other hand, sounded better than it tasted.

The chewy pasta was garnished with baby artichoke hearts, sun-dried tomatoes, and rock shrimp in a thin herbal sauce of olive oil and wine. We all felt that the accompaniments were overwhelmed by the earthy penne, which are better served by (and with) strong-flavored, clingy sauces — including those cook-all-day *mamma mia* productions.

At the next dinner (sans Texans), when the waiter announced that the soup du jour was lobster bisque and that one of the specials was lobster ravioli, I happily realized that the latter had to be house-made from the day's crustacean invasion. We'd be spared the thickly rolled, thinly filled pastas that lesser restaurants buy frozen from the S.D. Ravioli and Rubber Tire Company (or whatever it's called). Indeed, our large, round raviolis offered reasonably thin pasta, swollen with a forcemeat of lobster dotted with minced chile pepper. The rounds are bathed in a concentrated saffron-cream sauce, with crimson saffron threads visible in the cream. A garnish of seared sea scallop slices went beyond lagniappe. The flavor of this well-calculated palate cleanser

was as intense as the main elements of the dish. I'd venture to say that when these ravioli aren't available, the filled pastas from the regular menu would also be house-made, hence worth ordering.

One reason for our second visit was that I wanted to taste the Osso Buco Milanese, a specialty of the house. "That's awful heavy for this time of year," said my partner, but I overrode him and was glad of it. Yes, it's a huge chunk of veal attached to a Flintstone-size marrowbone, but the meat is dressed with a vernal ragout of chopped carrots, celery, chard greens, and fresh tomatoes. A well-made risotto soaks in the juices. (Pasta is also an option.) We were especially lucky, because that evening's veggies included the bittersweet combination of Belgian endive leaves and Florence fennel (anise) stems. Either would go well with the meat, but together they're ideal.

The espresso, even the decaf, is mellow and rich. The house-made desserts consist of crème brûlée, tiramisu, and gelati, including a refreshing white spumoni with chunks of pistachios, dark chocolate bits,

and maraschino cherries. The ethereal tiramisu shows proper restraint and includes the correct ingredients, with ladyfinger layers soaked in brewed coffee and dark cocoa powder. The crème brûlée is honest, too, made with real vanilla and more cream than egg, its texture hinting of an aerating whip before the mixture was baked. The heavy pastries, however, are outsourced and not worth their calories.

"What do you think of this place?" Janie asked as we concluded our dinner. I started spouting about it being well above average for San Diego. "Well, for us," said Paul, "This is *at least* 100 times better than any Italian restaurant in El Paso."

ABOUT THE CHEF

Very little has changed at Primavera in the 16-odd years since owners Jeanette and Chris Stavros opened the restaurant. The decor has been freshened from time to time, but the same chef — Jose ("Pepe") de la Vega — has long presided over the kitchen, with a menu that's nearly set in stone. "We have a lot of regular customers who want to keep the menu the way

it is," a waiter told us. "Probably 80 percent of the menu is the same as it was when we opened. Our customers want their favorites to always be there for them. So we have specials every night, for people who want a little change."

Chef Vega was born in Mexico. He loved hanging around the family kitchen, where his mother taught him to cook. "I loved to make different ideas for food, special things." He came to the US as a teenager 25 years ago and found work in restaurant kitchens. "I learned at an Italian restaurant on La Jolla Boulevard — it's not there anymore — with a friend who'd studied cooking in Italy," he says. "So when I came here [to Primavera], I already knew how to cook this cuisine."

Among the pleasures of working at Primavera, he said, is that he's free to buy fine ingredients, including fresh (never frozen) seafood, genuine prosciutto di Parma (not the domestic version), and seasonal vegetables. "I call the seafood company every day to see what I can do for a special. And I like to make different vegetables every day. Everything here is always fresh." ■

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Chicken Star

"Take the chop suey," says the waitress. "Filling. It has vegetables as well as meat."

Wow. First it's the gold, then it's the silver. You come through a so-so exterior from a fairly blah shopping center, and...*ka-boom*. You're surrounded by gold. I mean classy, not brassy. This little piece of Shanghai looks like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. Real gold-and-painted dragon columns, a gold dragon arch that leads you into the dining room of burnished gold walls, lanterns, and chairs with scarlet cushions.

The silver? A majestic fish swims alone in a tank. It has the most incredible silver scales. It's, like, impossibly beautiful, satinized, with dark been-there, done-that eyes.

The girl at reception says it's an *arowana* fish. They can grow to four feet in length. This one's about two feet. It follows me with its eye, I swear.

The girl — never do catch her name — leads me to a gold-studded red leatherette booth. I sit down, and my eyes travel upward. The ceiling is studded with red, black, and gold foot-square panels. Each is carved with golden phoenixes circling dragons. Distant speakers pump out soupy soft rock. Donny and Marie kinda stuff — except it's in Chinese. In the background, I hear the *chuck-chunk* scoopings of a stir-frying chef at his wok.

The girl brings me a specials menu. Every-

thing's a five- or six-dollar bargain. I'm wondering what Shanghai cooking is, what makes it different.

Carla and I have always yakked about going over to Shanghai. Another pipe dream, but that city today has to be the way New York was in the 1890s. Bursting with energy. In 1995, more than half the world's high-rise cranes were at work in Shanghai. Can you imagine?

The family here are all from Shanghai. Guests seem to be too. At least, that's what the waitress says. For sure, I'm not hearing a lot of English. An extra list of specials is written on a wall poster in vertical Chinese characters — no English. If the immigrant community supports this place, I figure it must be authentic.

A young Chinese couple comes in and plonks into the next booth. They have endless discussions with the waitress in Chinese. Ten minutes later, she brings them a whole fish on a platter, surrounded by colorful strips of vegetables in gravy. "Steamed rockfish," she says. Magnificent. "On special, but only some days." It's \$14.95. More than enough for the two of them. In the booth on the other side, a family picks from a clay hot pot filled with eel and chestnuts (\$10.95).

Course the main menu is one of those four-page, 150-item jobs filled with cold-plate dishes like "Shanghai simmered duck," "roast aro-

matic beef slices," and "jelly fish" (\$4.75 each), hot soups (more expensive, between \$5.00 and \$11.00), and seafood, the biggest category. No surprise there. Shanghai is this mega-port at the mouth of the Yangtze River. Apparently, "Shanghai" means "On the Sea." Beef, lamb, pork, vegetable dishes, sizzling plates, and clay hot pots all look exotic, but no. I'm here for lunch.

The luncheon specials menu has two simple categories, \$4.95 and \$5.95. The first item looks the most interesting. "Shanghai chicken," sliced chicken stir-fried with onions and garlic in "our chef's special sauce."

"Is that a brown sauce?" I ask.

The girl nods.

Brown sauce seems to be a Shanghai thing. I check the alternatives. Kung Pao chicken, garlic chicken, chicken chop suey (the Chinese-American gold-rush dish), Szechuan pork (shredded, with vegetables in a chili-pepper sauce), and sweet-and-sour are all \$4.95. Shrimp, Shanghai chow mein, and noodle soup are a dollar more.

"Take the chop suey," says the waitress, seeing me hesitate. "Filling. It has vegetables as well as meat."

In the end, though, I go for the Shanghai chicken, mainly to see what's "Shanghai" about it.

The gal brings a big pot of Chinese tea with a little Chinese bowl for drinking it. Then comes a dish of crispy noodles with a saucer of red sweet sauce. Then a soup, hot and sour, filled with solids like black Chinese mushroom slices and cubes of bean curd. Then she brings a plate loaded on one side with steamed rice, on the other with a sea of chopped chicken in a brown sauce, with, yes, bits of chopped green onion shining through. A deep-fried spring roll sits in the middle.

It's the chicken that stars, with its soy-flavored, tangy brown sauce. You need the rice to counter the richness, and that cabbage-filled spring roll's a nice contrast too. Heck, I dip it into the sweet appetizer sauce.

Bottom line is I can't finish the plate. And I was hungry.

There's a nice final touch. Along with the bill (it's \$5.33), they bring three slices of an orange for you to suck on to refresh your mouth. I mean, it's civilized, it's filling, it's a heck of a nice deal.

"You're in love with a fish?" says Carla, later. We're sitting up in bed, polishing off the rest of the Shanghai chicken.

"Arowana, arowana," I mumble. "If I could have just touched those scales... I mean, women are okay, but there's nothing like the real thing."

"Well, dear, that's between you and your ichthyologist. Pass the rice?" ■

The Place: Shanghai City Restaurant, 3860 Convoy Street #105, in the Sunrise Towne Center, 858-278-5883

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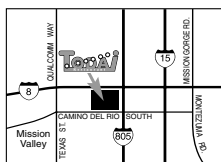
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Curious Traveler

"They threw me in the kitchen as a dishwasher. Pretty soon, I was doing chef's work."

When Wing Tam bought Kip's Café from his Uncle Kip in 1980, the place was a Chinese restaurant on Main Street. By the early '90s, the venue had shifted to a shopping center on North Second Street in El Cajon, while the menu had followed the tastes of the dining public and added a Japanese element. The expansion was not a huge stretch for Tam, who has been working in restaurants since coming to America 38 years ago. "My brother owned China Land restaurant on Midway," he says, "one of the really famous places. I was 13; they threw me in the kitchen as a dishwasher. When I finished my dishes, the chef gave me work to do. Pretty soon, I was doing chef's work but getting paid as a dishwasher. My brother couldn't give me more money, but I enjoyed the work." And though the sign in the restaurant window identifies the cuisine as Chinese-Japanese, Tam recently returned from a four-day cooking intensive in Thailand. He goes where his interests take him.

Next year, Kip's Café will celebrate its 50th anniversary in El Cajon. Tam plans to celebrate the event, in part, with a slew of promotional items. "Some small knives and things from China" — he has a brother-in-law in Hong Kong who helps him dig things up. One of his

finds: waiter-style corkscrews with heavy-duty worms and curved, inlaid-wood handles, reminiscent of the high-end models produced by Laguiole. But while Laguiole corkscrews usually start around \$50, the Kip's version, engraved with the restaurant's logo, is \$9.99 with a \$25 restaurant tab.

Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

It may seem an atypical bit of schwa from a bustling Chinese-Japanese restaurant in an East County strip mall, but it fits with Tam's interests. My recent lunch with him made for an afternoon of firsts; for one, my first Bordeaux (an '89 Gruaud Larose) with sea bass. "A lot of people say to me that you have to have certain foods with certain wines. I don't agree with that. When I went to France, I heard that the king got the wine list first, and then the food. Sometimes he was drinking all Mouton-Rothschild. Sometimes my friends and I bring all Cabernet Sauvignon to a Chinese restaurant where they serve a lot of seafood. If you don't think the wine marries with the food, you just drink your wine separately. Drink some water, then eat your seafood. I'm a little bit different. I like the wine, I like the food."

Tam discovered the '89 Larose during a vertical tasting of the '89, '90, and '91 vintages. "People didn't like the '89 because it's hard to

drink right after you open the bottle. They left half the bottle for me, and the more I drank it, the more I liked it. I bought a case. I've learned to drink older wines. My friends don't like it; they like fruity, new wines."

Five years ago, Tam was drinking new wine as well — young Bordeaux, in fact. "I was drinking a little bit of wine. I heard Bordeaux was good, so I bought them and drank them. I sort of liked them and sort of didn't. I didn't know anything about Bordeaux; I didn't know that you don't drink them young. I didn't have time to learn about wine."

His wife convinced him to close the restaurant on Mondays and signed him up for one of local guru Dick Colangelo's wine classes. "Dick asked everybody, 'What do you like about wine?' I said, 'I don't know anything about wine; I'm learning.'" Tam became Colangelo's devoted pupil and his friend, taking every class he could and plunging headlong into wine. Construction is nearing completion on Tam's underground home cellar, and his Blossom Valley vineyard has just been finished. "I took Dick up there, and he advised me. This area is good for Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, and Nebbiolo" — so that's what Tam planted.

His fellow Colangelo devotees started gathering at Kip's before heading over to class at the El Cajon Community Center. "I'd cook them private dinners, and we'd eat and drink. They started feeling like once a week was not enough." So was born the Wednesday Night Winos. "Everybody looks forward to it. You bring a \$10-\$20 bottle to share. We have live music — accordion and violin. I've gotten to know a lot of friends; we share the same interests. It's what I like to do; my friends come over, we start drinking wine and having fun. That's priceless."

Besides its more social blessings, wine has



Wing Tam

also provided an excuse to go globetrotting. "All my life I've been working. I never went anywhere." Once the owner of four restaurants, he has sold all but this one to allow himself more time for travel. "I get to go and check out the vineyards at Mouton in France; I can check out the wineries in Barbaresco and Barolo. I've been to China five times in the past year. Chinese Cabernet can be very good; just like in America, you get what you pay for. They've brought in French winemakers to help with production."

And besides friendship and travel, there is the simple pleasure of the wine itself. Empty bottles crowd a shelf running along the restaurant's wall; they gather on unused surfaces. Tam



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points out an '86 Whitehall Lane Cabernet brought in by a friend. "He's with a distributor, and every time he comes in he brings a couple of older wines. I go all out, buying everything just to taste it. Last year, on my 50th birthday, I wished to taste the world's best wine before my time. Certain things I like to buy; I don't care how much it costs. If you don't try, you'll never know." A friend in San Luis Obispo introduced Tam to Red Burgundy via La Tache and Romanee-Conti, and he began investing. The cellar at Kip's boasts the '00 vintage of Margaux, Lafite, Mouton, Haut-Brion, and Latour, along with a '99 Petrus — not that you'll find them on the wine list, which is built around the idea of a worldwide selection under \$20 a bottle. "People complained when we stopped serving wine by the liter," remarks Tam; but again, he was following his interests, hoping customers would come along for the ride. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to new-fangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Ar-riverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey-burger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts

and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "*Es ist Wunderbar!*" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W. (10/01)

The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommy-burgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local

butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer, a definitive trout amandine, and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Children's and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Live music (mainly jazz) most Thursdays through Saturdays after dinner hours in Back Room Lounge. Moderate prix fixe dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — N.W. (10/03)

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tarts, a French deli plate, crêpe, salads, and sandwiches, all made with local-grown produce. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too! Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/04)

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant
9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate—even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access, sturdy high-chairs, low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *appams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, fritтата-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/03)

Meiki Japanese Restaurant And Sushi Bar 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Ruth's Chris Steak House, Del Mar 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For

more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W. (6/00)*

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

LA JOLLA

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day — it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is

excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex rest room. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Mondays. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and dinner (same menu) daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla,

858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a' l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

India Palace 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Vons), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133. Also, 694 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 691-294-8886. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea bass (and a rich, slightly sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — *N.W. (6/01)*

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians,

grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pan-niches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This brick, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork

dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

Rosie and Joe's Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports bar-patio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the "Beerubin" sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese), the Sweet Sicilian sandwich (grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers, provolone), and the California Chili Burger (with roasted chilis, onions, Gouda cheese). Also good: the

Pescado Vera Cruz (pan-grilled fish with caramelized onions). Yes, it's out in the industrial wilds of Kearny Mesa, but it has a *Cheers* feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; dinners moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

THE BEACHES

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crab cakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand),

Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (Seacoast Square), Pacific Beach,

858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful,

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bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it.

The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit down at varnished in-laid wooden tables, lots of diagonal

timbering, and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. The menu promises big with items like "Horseradish Crusted Salmon" and "Avocado and Pistachio Crusted Mako." Problem is, the taste of the mako is pleasant but underwhelming despite help from a mango-butter sauce, and the two 3-square-inch pieces of fish were only just enough. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n' turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. And the view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B. (1/04)*

CENTRAL
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Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "vegie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the

spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet



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M.N. (1/99)

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branches. Vietnamese beers including
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can bring your own. Also bring a pad
and write down the numbers of your
orders to give the waiter, as staffers
speak little English. Open daily. Inex-
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Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas),
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welcomed neighborhood restaurant in
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based on seafood from the same fish-
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"party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato"
and "honeymooners") may not be
original, but they're delicious fun. Free
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Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his in-

ventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk cafe. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Tyler's Taste Of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is

reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-3311. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting

fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (2/04)*

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The chef has cooked for the Siamese royal family, but more importantly, she hasn't made too many compromises in the cuisine on this side of the Pacific. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and very carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the "Chef's Specialty" items on the menu to find the best and rarest dishes. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee* duck or the Queen of

Thailand's favorite, Pineapple Fried Rice. — *N.W. (5/02)*

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowing red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-

owner Karen Krasne's incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations are open seven days, three meals, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/05)*

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles,

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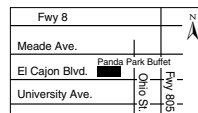
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Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with week-day specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that’s what “*ichi-ban*” means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott’s culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered “jerk” chicken or the signature “Skirts On Fire,” a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

La Posta de Acapulco’s Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the

outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can’t beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Mission Hills Cafe 808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Belgian waffles are your natural intro here. Why? Because François, the owner, is Belgian. The man knows waffles. But the thing is how cheap this is for a sophisticated eatery, with its linen tablecloths, waiters in long aprons, and bread baskets. (The bread’s incredible. It’ll fill you before you spend a dime.) Dishes like Thai chicken or shrimp salad over shredded jicama, cucumber, and carrots are usually rich folks’ territory. Ditto the “Pear Cambozola” salad, with strawberries, pecans, and a Camembert/Gorgonzola-style cheese, or “François’s Famous Vegetarian Lasagna.” And check out François’s art on the wall — he always cooks one part in his oven, like the baked bread horses stuck on his piece called “Sea Biscuits.” Daily, three meals. Inexpensive by day; more expensive at night, but reasonable. — E.B. (9/03)

The Mission North Park and City Bakery 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also at Mission Beach and East Village). “Urban assault food for a revolutionary people,” says the waitstaff’s black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their “conscientious cuisine” is generous, good looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. Delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs come on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice,

with veggies). Roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the “Chino-Latino” dishes (lunch only) like the mild but delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce. Comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. Interior has arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. — E.B. (2/05)

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a “pick hits list” of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The “Bandar Special” entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef, or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you’re hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely “have it your way” — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled

onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/01)

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you’ll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter’s recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening’s best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available.



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Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

George's On Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbited and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks (and roast beef on weekends), some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly

McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. And it *is* kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

The Latin Room 560 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-237-7800. This austere, concrete-floored space is mainly a tequila bar, offering at least 120 brands to sample and tasty Mexican cocktails made from scratch. But you can also get a reasonably interesting Mexican meal from a menu that's considerably more ambitious than the neighborhood's regular border-Mex yawns. It offers excellent tortilla soup, decent ceviche, and filet mignon strewn with *cuitlacoche* (a.k.a. "corn mushrooms," a mild and juicy black fungal delicacy), with recipes imported here by a chef who used to cook at Tijuana's revered Cien Años restaurant. A couple can easily make a meal of a few shared appetizers. At 10 p.m. weekends, the place goes disco, with cover charge (IDs checked). Open nightly for dinner, appetizer menu until 2 a.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef from Idaho. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called "Certified Agnus." Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass.

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Morton's Of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louché. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad — the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip

takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — *A.M. (6/03)*

Ruth's Chris Steak House 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — *E.W.*

Shortstop's Grille at Tivoli Bar 505 Sixth Avenue (at Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-6754. Ever heard of the Stinger, downtown's old red light district? The 1885 Tivoli is one of its last survivors, the oldest bar in the Gaslamp, and Wyatt Earp was its most famous customer. The only thing new is Shortstop's Grille, but "Shortstop" Paulie is an old hand at feeding roaring appetites. He's an ex-Alaska fishing boat cook. Best deal: the Tivoli Special, a 1/3-pound burger with a domestic beer included. Other good fillers: the "Shortstop" sandwich (bacon, egg, tomato, cheese, on grilled sourdough), the tuna salad sandwich with fries, and grilled breast of chicken sandwich with fries. Remember to toast Wyatt and his wife Josie. They're on the wall. Lunch and dinner, Monday to Saturday. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three

eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Crown City Grille 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burgery is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it's that they've got the burger basics right. The bun's crisp, the meat's lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattie's always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is excellent, the Chicago-style hot dog with "sport peppers" is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gi-



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gantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — E.B. (9/03)

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego,

619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily, standard pub hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Primavera 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This stand-out in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams borde-

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Cafe la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to

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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; VISTA VILLAGE)

Dominion: Prequel to the Exorcist — Paul Schrader's dusted-off horror film, shelved in favor of Renny Harlin's version, both of them starring Stellan Skarsgard. (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION



Crash

VALLEY 20; RANCHO DEL REY 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 5/20)

Eating Out — Gay romantic comedy with Scott Lunsford and Jim Verravos, written and directed by Q. Allan Brocka. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/20)

Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room — Alex Gibney's documentary on the fall of a financial empire. (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

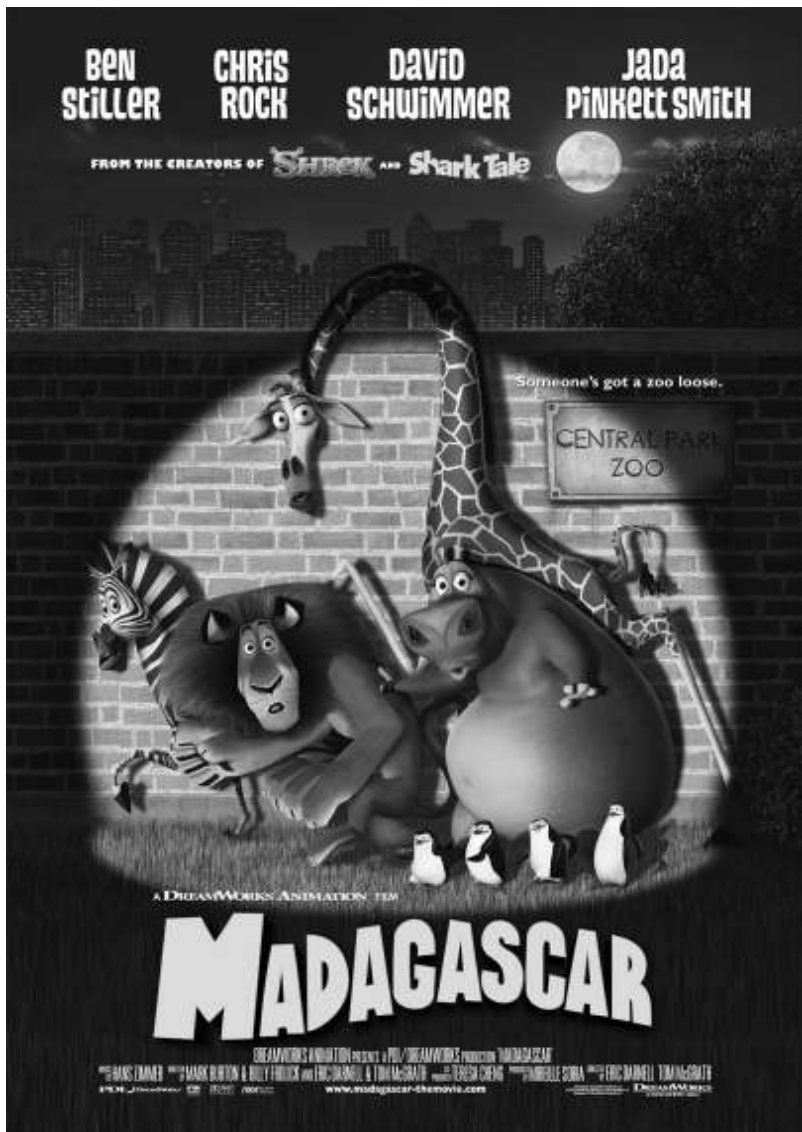
Fever Pitch — A men-are-from-Mars-women-are-from-Venus romantic comedy, a substantial subject and amply amusing. It tells you a lot about the film, though, that the gist of it may be summed up in the title

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 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: beamed 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.

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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



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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.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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, youthy, culty Douglas Adams book, now a quarter of a century old, demonstrates itself to be less than timeless. With Martin Freeman, Zoëy Deschanel, Sam Rockwell, Mos Def, and the voice of Alan Rickman as a clinically depressed robot; directed by Garth Jennings. 2005.

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House of Wax — Horror remake with Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray, Brian Van Holt, and Paris Hilton, directed by Jaume Collet-Serra.

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The Interpreter — Sydney Pollack’s name on a topical thriller offers no guarantee, but it offers at least a promise. A promise, to be more specific, of tweedy dullness and liberal softness: *Havana*, *The Firm*, *Absence of Malice*, *Three Days of the Condor*. And was *Random Hearts* a thriller as well? Hard to tell. The pre-credits sequence in Africa, the furthest thing from a James Bond pre-credits sequence, tells us precisely how to adjust our sights: a bit of that indigenous choral chant that proclaims the catholicity of the filmmaker’s soul, a gruesome spectacle of slaughtered bodies in the bowels of a tumbledown soccer stadium, and the addition of a couple of new bodies to the pile. We will not be startled to find that the unfolding events take us into the areas of ethnic cleansing, land mines, terrorist bombs, political assassination, and a renewal of faith in the postwar ideals of the United Nations. Though the tweedy dullness and liberal softness are delivered in bulk, the episode of the bomb-on-a-bus (reminiscent of Hitchcock’s *Sabotage*) generates some genuine suspense, with three separate suspects and their Secret Service shadows converging on the same conveyance. (“What’s goin’ on?” “I don’t know, but it don’t feel good.”) Pollack gets good mileage elsewhere, too, out of the cross-cutting technique employed there. Even if he doesn’t get much tension or pace out of it, he at any rate gets complexity. But the best reason to see the film is unquestionably for the cinematography of the Iranian-born Darius Khondji (*Delicatessen*, *Seven*, *The Ninth Gate*, et al.), the smooth, sleek, polished surface of the image, the clean, fresh air within (remarkably so for New York City), the warm, moist, and radiant flesh tones. The best reason to see it, in

other words, is simply to *see* it. You can’t ask for less. Nicole Kidman, Sean Penn, Catherine Keener. 2005.

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Kicking and Screaming — Comedy starring Robert Duvall and Will Ferrell as rival father-and-son soccer coaches, directed by Jesse Dylan.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA

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Kingdom of Heaven — Or, One More Reason Why the Middle East Hates the West. Back, back, back to the 12th Century, back to before the Third Crusade (“To kill an infidel is not murder, it is the path to heaven”), equipped with cultural relativism, vats of blood, miles of slow-motion, and wave after wave of lung-filling atmosphere, until you’re apt to require artificial respiration. Orlando Bloom, as the village blacksmith converted overnight into a knight-errant, and eventually into a proto-humanist, lacks a little something in heroic stature. So we’re sorry, early on, to lose the battle-tested Liam Neeson (“I once fought two days with an arrow in my testicle”), and

a little later, the metal-masked leper king. The climactic battle for Jerusalem, a three-rounder, is big, long, and inglorious. With Eva Green, Jeremy Irons, David Thewlis, Brendan Gleeson, Marton Csokas; directed by Ridley Scott. 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13;

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by slicing off his leg in full stride with a thrown tomahawk), but will soon run afoul of a handful of kung-fu geniuses living in peaceful obscurity in a Shanghai slum called Pig Sty Alley. The Lion's Roar, secret weapon of a henpecking cigarette-puffing

landlady in hair curlers, will trump a bunch of axe wielders. But the Toad Style of the Kwan Lun School, the province of an unprepossessing old man locked up in Hannibal Lecter isolation, will trump that. And then the Buddha's Palm, a celestial gift to the Chosen One, will trump that. For those who haven't found martial-arts movies to be silly enough already, this assemblage of vaudeville characters, slapstick sight gags, and Looney Tunes violations of the laws of nature will further

test their limits (if any). To be sure, the brutalization of bodies for the fun of it should not bother anyone who can see no 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Ladies in Lavender — Thirties period piece about two British sisters (Judi Dench, Maggie Smith) who befriend a German-speaking stranger; directed by Charles Dance. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Layer Cake — British crime thriller with Daniel Craig, Tom Hardy, Jamie Foreman, and Sally Hawkins, directed by Matthew Vaughn. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/20)

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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY, FROM 5/20; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

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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 Liverpudlian 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 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

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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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Mindhunters — FBI profilers in search of a serial killer, with Val Kilmer, LL Cool J, and Christian Slater, directed by Renny Harlin.

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Mondovino — Jonathan Nossiter's documentary on the impact of globalization in the winemaking industry. (KEN, FROM 5/20)

Monster-in-Law — Robert Luketic directs Jane Fonda, in her return to the screen, as the prospective mother-in-law of Jennifer Lopez.

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Nina's Tragedies — Coming-of-age drama from Israel, directed by Savi Gavison.

(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/20)

Primer — A pair of yuppie experimenters devise a kind of time machine in the garage. Microbudgeted science fiction with an oblique approach and no outward appeal. Written, directed, produced, and edited by Shane Carruth, who also stars. 2004.

● (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 5/23, 6:30 P.M.)

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.

● (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 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.

● (ENCINITAS 8, FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; VOGUE, FROM 5/20)

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

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I found *National Treasure* to be very exciting when I saw it in the theater, and it's one movie I looked forward to seeing again on DVD. There were a few slow parts in the beginning, but I was soon caught up in the action. While some of the White House scenes were somewhat implausible, Nicolas Cage did a good job of keeping up the intrigue. Rated PG, this is a good DVD for the family with lots of special features about treasure hunts and decoding.

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I always like to be reminded of the '60s, so I watch *Hair* at least once a year. *Hair* is packed with great songs full of revolution and poignant innocence.

Donnie Darko: The Director's Cut is one of the most powerful films ever; it concerns time travel, love, and high school. Concisely revised by first-time director Richard Kelly for brief theatrical and then DVD release.

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Akira Kurosawa's *Dersu Uzala* for the sense of being human in the natural world, set in Russian forests at the turn of the century; shot in 70 mm.

Francesco Rosi's *The Truce* for the performance of John Turturro as Primo Levi traveling home after the liberation of Auschwitz (and the next year he's a bowling pervert in *The Big Lebowski!*).

Carl Dreyer's *Vampyr* for an ambiguous reality; the eerie light and shadow of dark dreams.

While none is a silent film, each conveys much without words, so there's a contemplative quality in observations of moments. And there's time to take in the beauty of images.

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Kino
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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.
★ (MISSION VALLEY 20)

Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith — George Lucas concludes his trilogy of prequels, with Ewan McGregor, Hayden Christensen, Natalie Portman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/19)

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The Amityville Horror (R) Fri. (9:45, 12:05, 2:50, 5:30) 7:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (9:45, 12:05, 2:50) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (9:45, 12:05, 2:50, 5:30) 7:45, 10:15; **Crash** (R) Fri. (10:15, 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 12:50, 3:20) 6:15, 7:50, 9:10, 10:20, 11:40; Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 12:10, 2:45, 12:50, 3:20) 5:15, 6:15, 7:50, 9:10, 10:20, 11:40; Mon.-Thu. (10:15, 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 12:50, 3:20) 6:15, 7:50, 9:10, 10:20, 11:40; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (9:20, 3:15) 9:40; **House of Wax** (R) Fri. (10:50, 1:35, 4:45) 7:40, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 1:35) 4:45, 7:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (10:50, 1:35, 4:45) 7:40, 10:25; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri. (9:50, 1:05, 4:15) 7:15, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (9:50, 1:05) 4:15, 7:15, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (9:50, 1:05, 4:15) 7:15, 10:10; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri. (9:15, 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 4:55) 6:50, 7:20, 9:35, 9:50; Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 2:30) 4:10, 4:55, 6:50, 7:20, 9:35, 9:50; Sun. (9:15, 11:00, 1:30, 12:00, 2:30) 4:10, 4:55, 6:50, 7:20, 9:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (9:15, 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 4:55) 6:50, 7:20, 9:35, 9:50; **Mindhunters** (R) Fri. (10:10, 12:40, 4:25) 7:25, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 12:40) 4:25, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (10:10, 12:40, 4:25) 7:25, 10:05; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20) 6:30; **The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants** (PG) Sat. (10:00); **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00, 12:15, 3:30, 12:45, 4:00) 6:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45; Sat.-Sun. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00, 12:15, 3:30, 12:45) 4:05, 4:30, 5:00, 6:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45; Mon.-Thu. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00, 12:15, 3:30, 12:45, 4:00) 6:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith; Dominion: Prequel to the Exorcist; Kicking and Screaming; Monster-in-Law; Unleashed; Kingdom of Heaven; Crash; The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy; The Interpreter; Kung Fu Hustle
La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room (Not Rated) Fri. (2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; **Ladies in Lavender** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; **Nina’s Tragedies** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:40, 4:35) 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:40, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:35) 7:10, 9:40; **The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill** (G) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25; Mon.-Tue. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:25; Wed. (1:50, 4:25) 9:25; Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:25

3-Iron — Romantic drama from South Korea, written and directed by Ki-duk Kim. (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Unleashed — Action film with Jet Li, Morgan Freeman, and Bob Hoskins, directed by Louis Leterrier. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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)

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

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)
Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith; Dominion: Prequel to the Exorcist; Kicking and Screaming; Mindhunters; Monster-in-Law; Unleashed; Kingdom of Heaven; House of Wax; Crash; The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy; XXX: State of the Union; The Interpreter; Kung Fu Hustle; The Amityville Horror; Sahara; Sin City

Mann Hazard 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)
Crash (R) Fri. (9:10, 11:40, 2:10, 5:00) 7:50, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (9:10, 11:40, 2:10, 5:00) 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 5:00) 7:50, 10:10; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (9:00, 11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:30; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:00) 6:50, 10:00; **Intimate Strangers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 9:40; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:40) 7:20, 10:20; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:20, 11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 9:50; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (8:40, 12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith; Dominion: Prequel to the Exorcist; Kicking and Screaming; Mindhunters; Monster-in-Law; Unleashed; Kingdom of Heaven; House of Wax; Crash; The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy; XXX: State of the Union; The Interpreter; Kung Fu Hustle; The Amityville Horror; Sahara; Sin City

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
House of Wax (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:50) 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:15, 9:40; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:05) 7:00, 9:50; Sun. (12:00, 3:05) 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:55) 7:10, 10:00; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:30) 5:00, 7:25, 9:40; Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 5:15, 7:25, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:25, 5:35) 8:00, 10:10; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:55) 7:15, 10:20; Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:05) 7:00, 9:50; **Unleashed** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:30) 7:45, 10:05; **XXX: State of the Union** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:30, 8:05, 10:10; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:30, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:15, 5:25) 7:40, 9:45

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Mondovino (PG-13) Fri. (5:30) 8:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:30) 5:30, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (5:30) 8:30

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 circus 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.
★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 5/20)

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
3-Iron (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:50) 9:50; **Eating Out** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:10) 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:00; **Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Wed. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 9:45; **Layer Cake** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; **Millions** (PG) Fri. (2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:00) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; **Walk on Water** (R) Fri. (2:20) 7:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 7:20

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)
Alaska: Spirit of the Wild (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **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; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00 **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, 7:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00; **Volcanoes of the Deep Sea** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 5:00; **Whales** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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; **Dominion: A Prequel to the Exorcist** (R) Fri. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 2:00) 4:55, 7:50, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:05, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:05, 9:45; **House of Wax** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:50) 7:45; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri. (11:05, 11:40, 1:45, 2:20, 4:25, 5:00) 7:05, 7:40, 9:45, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 11:40, 1:45, 2:20) 9:25, 5:00, 7:05, 7:40, 9:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 11:40, 1:45, 2:20, 4:25, 5:00) 7:05, 7:40, 9:45, 10:20; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:40) 6:00, 9:20; **Mindhunters** (R) 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; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 11:45, 1:50, 2:20, 4:25, 4:55) 7:00, 7:30, 9:35, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 11:45, 1:50, 2:20) 4:25, 4:55, 7:00, 7:30, 9:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 11:45, 1:50, 2:20, 4:25, 4:55) 7:00, 7:30, 9:35, 10:05; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 4:50) 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 4:50, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 4:50) 10:45; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri. (9:00, 9:30,

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Crash (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 5:15, 7:55, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:15) 7:55, 10:25; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:15) 6:45, 9:45; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:35, 7:30, 10:00; Mon. (11:00, 2:00, 4:35) 7:30, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:30, 10:00; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:25, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:15) 7:25, 10:45; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 5:00, 7:40, 10:35; Mon.-Wed. (1:30, 5:00) 7:40, 10:35; Thu. (12:50, 3:15) 10:35; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 11:40, 1:20, 2:15, 3:00) 4:40, 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:50, 11:15; Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 11:40, 1:20, 2:15, 3:00) 4:40, 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 11:40, 1:20, 2:15, 3:00, 4:40, 5:30) 6:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:50; **Unleashed** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:50) 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 7:00, 9:30

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
House of Wax (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:50) 7:50, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (12:50, 3:50) 7:50; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35) 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sat. (11:30, 2:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sun. (11:00, 2:20) 4:20, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:20) 7:20; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri. (1:20, 3:45) 6:30, 9:30; Sat. (10:45, 1:20, 3:45) 6:30, 9:30; Sun. (10:45, 1:20, 3:45) 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:45) 6:30; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri. (1:05) 4:00, 7:00, 10:05; Sat. (12:00) 4:00, 7:10, 10:05; Sun. (12:00) 4:00, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 7:10; **Mindhunters** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:35; Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:05; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45) 4:00, 6:45, 9:15; Sat. (11:35, 1:45) 4:00, 6:45, 9:15; Sun. (11:35, 1:45) 4:00, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:00) 6:45; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15) 4:05, 7:15, 9:45; Sat. (12:30) 4:05, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. (12:30) 4:05, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 4:05) 7:15; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (12:15, 3:30) 7:00

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
Crash (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:05) 6:50, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:05, 6:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:05) 6:50, 10:10; **Dominion: A Prequel**

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)



Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room

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)

to the Exorcist (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:55) 7:20, 10:20; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri. (1:10, 4:20) 7:35, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 7:35, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:35, 10:10; **House of Wax** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:55) 7:05; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:20) 7:45; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 1:05, 3:00, 3:45, 5:30) 7:10, 7:55, 9:40, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 1:05, 3:00, 3:45) 5:30, 7:10, 7:55, 9:40, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 1:05, 3:00, 3:45, 5:30) 7:10, 7:55, 9:40, 10:40; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:50) 7:15, 10:50; **Mind-hunters** (R) Fri. (11:45, 5:15) 10:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 5:15, 10:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 5:15) 10:55; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 1:00, 2:45, 3:40, 5:20) 6:45, 7:50, 9:30, 10:25; Sat.-Thu. (12:10, 1:00, 2:45, 3:40) 5:20, 6:45, 7:50, 9:30, 10:25; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 3:30, 4:30, 5:00, 12:45, 4:00) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45; Sat.-Sun. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 3:30, 12:45, 4:00) 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45; Mon.-Thu. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 3:30, 4:30, 5:00, 12:45, 4:00) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45; **Unleashed** (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:50, 5:25) 7:55, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:25, 7:55, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:25) 7:55, 10:30; **XXX: State of the Union** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:55) 10:05

SANTEE

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10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith; **Kicking and Screaming**; **Sahara**

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Crash (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 6:00, 10:45; **Dominion: A Prequel to the Exorcist** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (3:15) 8:15; **House of Wax** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (3:30) 8:15; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30) 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; **Unleashed** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **XXX: State of the Union** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 5:45, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennergy Road (858-558-2262)
Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith; **Dominion: Prequel to the Exorcist**; **Kicking and Screaming**; **Mindhunters**; **Monster-in-Law**; **Unleashed**; **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**; **Sahara**; **Guess Who**; **The Pacifier**; **Robots**

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
Crash (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:25)

7:10, 9:45; **Dominion: A Prequel to the Exorcist** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:20) 7:15, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:15, 10:05; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri. (10:25, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (10:25, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:10; **House of Wax** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:55) 7:55, 10:50; Sat.-Sun. (2:10) 4:55, 7:55, 10:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:55, 10:50; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri. (10:25, 1:10, 4:20) 7:30, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 1:10) 4:20, 7:30, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (10:05, 1:10, 4:20) 7:30, 10:40; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri. (10:10, 1:40, 4:15, 12:40, 3:40) 7:15, 7:45, 9:55, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 1:40, 12:40, 3:40) 4:15, 7:15, 7:45, 9:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (10:10, 1:40, 4:15, 12:40, 3:40) 7:15, 7:45, 9:55, 10:20; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri. (12:45, 4:05) 7:25, 10:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 4:05, 7:25, 10:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 4:05) 7:25, 10:50; **Mindhunters** (R) Fri. (4:45) 10:45; Sat.-Sun. 4:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (4:45) 10:45; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri. (9:55, 1:15, 4:35, 12:35, 3:50) 7:00, 7:35, 9:40, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (9:55, 1:15, 12:35, 3:50) 4:35, 7:00, 7:35, 9:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (9:55, 1:15, 4:35, 12:35, 3:50) 7:00, 7:35, 9:40, 10:25; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05) 7:50; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 3:30, 4:30, 5:00, 12:45, 4:00) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45; Sat.-Sun. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 3:30, 12:45, 4:00) 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45; Mon.-Thu. (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 3:30, 4:30, 5:00, 12:45, 4:00) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45; **Unleashed** (R) Fri. (1:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 5:10, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:30

Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
The Interpreter (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 7:40; **Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 5:30; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:00, 10:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Dominion: A Prequel to the Exorcist (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 12:35; **House of Wax** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:40; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 11:55; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 11:15

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Crash (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:40) 4:50, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45; **Dominion: A Prequel to the Exorcist** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 5:00, 7:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:30, 3:55) 6:35, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:00) 6:50, 9:40; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 12:30, 1:55, 2:55, 4:20, 5:20, 6:45, 7:45, 9:10, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 7:15, 9:00, 9:30; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:25, 7:35, 10:40;

Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 6:55, 10:00; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 12:00, 12:45, 2:05, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:25, 7:25, 8:25, 9:35, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15; **Unleashed** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:30, 3:55) 6:35, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05

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Escondido 16
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Galaxy 6
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Crash (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:30 (3:00) 8:15, 10:45; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 5:30; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:30; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Crash (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **House of Wax** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (3:30); **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30) 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00

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11:00, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 12:15, 3:30, 12:45, 4:00) 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45; **Unleashed** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 5:10) 7:40, 10:20; **XXX: State of the Union** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:25) 10:35

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El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Dominion: A Prequel to the Exorcist (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 5:30, 7:45, 10:45; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30) 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Crash (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Wed. 10:00 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Mil-lions** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:40; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:55, 4:50, 7:40, 10:35; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 4:00, 7:15, 10:25; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:20; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:15, 7:05, 10:05; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13)

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471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
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LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
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OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
Crash (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:30, 12:00, 2:30, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **Dominion: A Prequel to the Ex-orcist** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:45, 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:40, 4:15, 9:55; **House of Wax** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:05, 11:35, 1:50, 2:20, 4:35, 5:05, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; **The Inter-preter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 6:50; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 9:35, 11:15, 11:55, 1:45, 2:20, 4:15, 4:45, 6:45, 7:15, 9:30, 10:00; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:50, 11:20, 2:25, 2:55, 6:30, 7:05, 9:50, 10:20; **Mon-ster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:05, 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:30, 11:30, 12:45, 3:00, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30, 10:30, 10:45; **Unleashed** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:45, 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15

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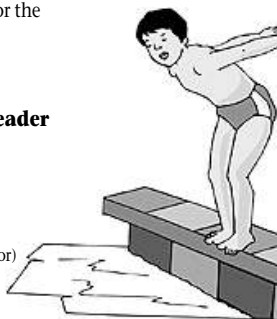
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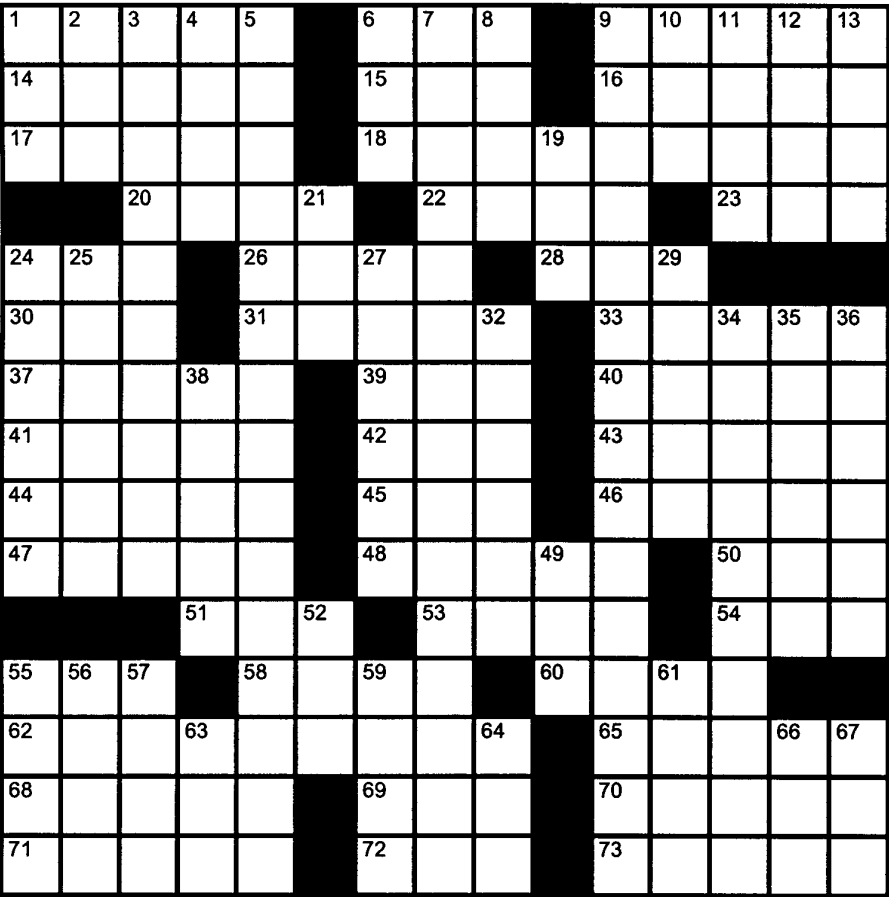
- Across**
- 1. Put one's foot down?
 - 6. ThinkPad maker
 - 9. "_____ the Beat" (1982 Go-Gos hit)
 - 14. Pacific nation since 1968
 - 15. Cuba libre ingredient
 - 16. Above ground?
 - 17. Row of pawns, e.g.
 - 18. Big enemy
 - 20. Blue Moon of baseball
 - 22. _____ gin fizz
 - 23. Wing
 - 24. Sitcom alien who lived with the Tanners
 - 26. Apartment
 - 28. When said three times, a dance move
 - 30. Henri or Pierre, e.g.
 - 31. Done for, in slang
 - 33. "Friend _____?"
 - 37. Admission of defeat
 - 39. _____ long way
 - 40. Words before "about" and "at 'em"
 - 41. River in Spain
 - 42. Massage
 - 43. They're shelved next to the Glamours and Allures
 - 44. Gobbled
 - 45. WWII area: Abbr.
 - 46. "Dallas" matriarch
 - 47. Eric Clapton woman who's "got me on my knees"
 - 48. Commerical prefix with Lodge
 - 50. Down with the flu, say
 - 51. Nincompoop
 - 53. Queue after Q
 - 54. Super _____ (video game console)
 - 55. Not yet scheduled: Abbr.
 - 58. In apple-pie order
 - 60. Guys-only
 - 62. "The Souls of Black Folk" author
 - 65. Motor City footballers
 - 68. Stella who founded an acting conservatory
 - 69. Opp. of SSE
 - 70. Elicit
 - 71. Boss' request
 - 72. What candles sometimes represent
 - 73. Grand _____ National Park

- Down**
- 1. _____Cat
 - 2. Center X or O
 - 3. Broke
 - 4. TV neigh-sayer?
 - 5. Retire
 - 6. Savings plan, for short

- 7. Becomes more than misty-eyed
- 8. 2150, to Brutus
- 9. Bargain hunter's mecca
- 10. Inventor Whitney
- 11. PBS urging
- 12. Roundish
- 13. Spill the beans
- 19. Ad _____ committee
- 21. 6 on a phone
- 24. Brute
- 25. Publishing sensation of 1958
- 27. "Same here"
- 29. Adrien of cosmetics
- 32. The Ten Commandments, mostly
- 34. Disagreement (or this puzzle's theme)
- 35. In a card catalog
- 36. Ford classics
- 38. NFL coach with 347 career victories
- 49. Some Windows systems
- 52. Bro or sis
- 55. Christmas poem opener
- 56. George Eliot's "Adam _____"
- 57. Competent
- 59. Lady of La Mancha
- 61. Right-hand person
- 63. Clinton or Kerry: Abbr.
- 64. Balt. Sea land
- 66. Lt. saluter
- 67. Clinton or Kerry: Abbr.

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 5/12/05.

Of the 145 entrants, 138 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Julie Osburn, *San Diego*
- 2. Nancy Pastori, *San Diego*
- 3. Mox Manitz, *Pacific Beach*
- 4. Norma Benfante, *Encinitas*
- 5. Edward J. Swain, *San Diego*

STRIKING, INTELLIGENT, caucasian, 38. Looking for true gentleman of maturity, 50-70 to pamper me. The arts, opera, symphony, fine dining. You won't be disappointed. (5/25) ☎34803

CAVIAR TO PEANUT BUTTER. Jeans to ball gowns, vivacious, sophisticated, intelligent, adventurous, successful, small blonde, 50-something going on 7 seeks man for all seasons, 55+. (5/25) ☎34795

GREAT LOOKING, 64, FIT, educated, worldly artistic, musical. Seeking upscale, unsettled, outdoorsy, talented, handsome guy, RV, boating, gardening, tango, culture, nature enrichment, Baja, global experiences. (5/25) ☎34805

ME: BIG BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, playful, sensuous, physical, loving, honest. I know how to please a man. No hidden

agenda, no mind reading necessary. SDReader. Honestlyseeking. (6/1) ☎34827

LOOK NO MORE. Petite, affectionate senior lady of color, from the islands, like your black coffee with a dash of cream. You will like me. (6/1) ☎34810

REAL ESTATE AGENT, SLIM, attractive, petite, 59, traveler, outdoor and art lover seeks a reasonably fit companion for a glass of wine and interesting conversation. (5/25) ☎34786

ASIAN, EXTRAORDINARY, petite, loyal, passionate. Seeking 58-70s, sincere, caring, generous, educated, happy, successful, witty gent with business savvy open to Asian lifestyle, quality character. (5/25) ☎34791

EXCUSE ME. Old fashion girl, 60, smoker, no bars, like lunches, TV, homebody, coffee, conversation, great attitude. Jolly man, laid back, country, friends first, 60+. (6/1) ☎34824

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoy outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 50-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (6/1) ☎34816

LONELY, KIND-HEARTED, sincere, 52-year-old lady enjoy dining out, movies, walks, home life, romance. Interested in down to earth, kind, gentleman. Serious only. (6/1) ☎34811

YOU ONLY GET ONE CHANCE at each day and then it's gone forever. Looking for someone to share these memories with widowed, 54. (5/25) ☎34807

HISPANIC, 47, ENJOY JAZZ, arts, theatre, great sense of humor, playful, sincere, honest, adventurous. (6/1) ☎34817

SLENDER, PRETTY, 5'3" lady, who's humorous, adventurous, and outgoing. Seeking fit, slender man, 48-58, likes adventure, travel, plays, concerts, beach, mountains, hiking, museums. Non-smoker. (5/25) ☎34800

ATTRACTIVE, OUTGOING, fun, white, 52, 5'3", 112lbs., North County, enjoy outdoors, art, music, dining, travel. You: handsome, healthy, stable, adventurous, fun, 40s-50s. Friends first. (5/25) ☎34787

PRETTY, ACTIVE AMPUTEE desires to meet handsome gentleman with same experience! 48-62. Seeking someone sin-

cere, fun, outgoing, loyal, with a great sense of humor! (6/1) ☎34821

VERY ATTRACTIVE SAGITTARIUS, shapely brunette. I'm positive, optimistic and upbeat. Seeking a mellow, easygoing, patient, understanding, honest, and caring, sense of humor gentleman, 50-60. (5/25) ☎34797

MATCHES
MEN SEEKING WOMEN

61, WHITE MALE looking for adventurous, romantic, fun-loving lady; indoor and

outdoor fun, boating, walks, talks, mountains. Call me, let's talk. (5/25) ☎48219

SOUTH BAY PROFESSIONAL. I am Hispanic, fit, neat and live in Chula Vista. I am a gentleman, like to have fun. Live alone with pets. (6/1) ☎48252

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP wanted. Please be honest, caring and like kids, outdoors, family. I'm 36 and have brown hair and green eyes. Seeking 23-45, East County. (6/1) ☎48230

SEEKING HIPPIE MUSIC lover, traveler, 30-40, Hot Springs, fun, hiking, comedy, friends. I'm 6', have a motorhome, fun, easy to get along with. (5/25) ☎48218

FINANCIALLY SECURE divorced father, good sense of humor, 47, enjoys dining out, concerts, movies, beach, traveling. Interested in a lady, 32-42, for a serious relationship. (6/1) ☎48236

DIVORCED, SINGLE FATHER, 30, finally putting the pieces back together. Met 6'3", 255lbs., positive, looking for 18-40, female, who would like a new quality friend. (5/25) ☎48209

67-YEAR-OLD divorced, 1977, Score Class-7 mini-truck, off-road racing champion, amputated right arm. Seeking charming, compassionate female to hold, talk while sipping wine. (6/1) ☎48244

LOVE'S A MANY SPLENDOR thing. Yes, I'll try again. Divorced, white, 60+, healthy nonsmoker, caring, financially secure. Seeking attractive, loving, fit, divorced white female, 53-65. (5/25) ☎34215

SEEKING ASIAN SWEETHEART, adventurous, athletic, attractive, funny, romantic, successful man, very young 44. Seeking Asian lady, 28-40, to explore all that life has to offer. (6/1) ☎48255

ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL, nature lover, fit, spiritual, handsome. Enjoys the outdoors and practices meditation and yoga. Seeking slender woman with similar interests for friendship, love, relationship. (5/25) ☎48224

AFRICAN-AMERICAN, 52, chef, 5'8", college degree. Seeking woman for great conversation and the desire to make lasting, quality friendship, built on trust and loyalty. (5/25) ☎48222

EASYGOING, ENJOY HOME, nature, happy hour, conversation, laughing, loving, TLC, travel, events around town, reserved disposition, 47, 5'10", slender, modest, respectful. Any age, race OK. (5/25) ☎48197

DIVORCED CAUCASIAN professional, homeowner, attractive, financially and emotionally secure, 66, to meet attractive, curvaceous Caucasian lady, fine dining, movies, ballet, arts, romance, excitement, adventure. (5/25) ☎48221

59-YEAR-OLD MAN seeking North County woman, nonsmoker, with good sense of humor, who likes herself and her life and wants very good man. (5/25) ☎48189

SPOILING YOU GENEROUS, Del Mar, very handsome, fun, tall, white, slim, wealthy, athletic, sophisticated bachelor. Seeking devoted future with very cute, childless, wholesome young lady. (6/1) ☎48240

WIFE WANTED! Stop dreaming over your elusive Mr. Right-I'm close enough: 39, 5'10", 172lbs., attractive, lovable, exciting. Your future could be secure with me. (6/1) ☎48248

HANDSOME BLACK MALE, confident, 6'2", 195lbs., 46, with sense of humor. Seeking attractive humorous lady, 30-40s, sincere, romantic, friendly, white Mexican-Asian for relationship. (5/25) ☎48201

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, FIT, 51, white, kind, financially OK, intelligent, spiritual, romantic, good communicator, funny, who enjoys indoor and outdoor activities, seeks a relationship. (5/25) ☎48202

STILL KID AT HEART, 45, 5'8", 165lbs. Outdoors, biking, hiking, new adventures, ice cream, simple pleasures of life. You: somewhat attractive, one-to-one relationship. (5/25) ☎48192

SOCIALBE SENIOR, South Bay gentleman seeks retired senior lady for friendship, companionship, dinners, shows, concerts, trips, cruises. Let's enjoy these activities together while we can. (6/1) ☎48232

LA JOLLA BUSINESSMAN, 61, 6', 170lbs. Seeking white Christian lady who is attractive, slim, feminine, with great personality for marriage. (6/1) ☎48250

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, walking, fun at home, more. La Mesa area. (5/25) ☎48212

43, ACTIVE, FUN, FIT, into movies, jazz, beach activities, travel, the gym. Seeking attractive, balanced, energetic, caring, outdoorsy female for healthy, happy, giving relationship. (6/1) ☎48229

PROFESSOR, CONSULTANT, athletic, white male, 68, 5'10", 160lbs., homeowner, well traveled, seeks 58-68, well proportioned, fit woman, conversationalist, outdoorsy, independent, college degree, travel, interests. (5/25) ☎48214

SEEKING SPIRITUAL FRIEND, soul mate. Yoga alternative philosophy. Open minded, just have minimal baggage or less. I'm 49, articulate, assertive, wicked sense of humor/adventure. (5/25) ☎48211

SWEET WHITE FEMALE, 50s-60s, 5'2"-5'5", to 130lbs., desired by healthy, non-smoking, sincere, lovable white male. (6/1) ☎48231

EARLY RETIREE IN ROSARITO Beach seeks attractive, intelligent companion for dating, maybe marriage. I'm 5'10", fit, good looking, financially stable, romantic and a good dancer. (6/1) ☎48234

GENT, 68, HEALTHY in mind and in body. Love cruises, outdoor, movies, retired, no baggage, stable financial, East County. Seeking nice lady. (6/1) ☎48258

EXCITEMENT, ADVENTURE and lots of humor! I'm 38, fit, attractive, educated and easygoing. Let's see how much fun we can have. Age, race unimportant. (5/25) ☎48190

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BLACK MALE, 52, WARM hearted, fun loving, hard working, nonsmoker with sense of humor. Seeking white female who has patience, understanding and loves life. (6/1) ☎48245

ASIAN FEMALE DESIRED. Attractive white male, 48, professional, well built, athletic seeks very attractive Asian female, 40-45, professional, fit for dining, travel, relationship. North County. (6/1) ☎48256

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET a nice Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, pool, poker and dreaming. (5/25) ☎48204

EASYGOING, 52, TALL, slender, fit, degreed, humorous, bright, father, mannered. Seeking 42-52, pleasant, trim, bright, nonsmoker. North County preferred for conversations, laughs, friendship, outdoors, activities. (6/1) ☎48241

DEEP THINKING, OPEN minded, pleasant to the eye, talented, playful, engaging communicator and listener with varied tastes and interests... And loving spirit and heart. Wow. (5/25) ☎48225

LIGHTNING SEEKS THUNDER. Native San Diegan, 58, good hair, 175lbs., into exercise, anti-Bush, MA degree. You: 40-60, good shape/legs, college degree, drinks, nonsmoker, beach. (6/1) ☎48233

GOOD MAN, EASYGOING, attractive, educated, sensual, tall, trim, youthful, 60s. Seeking young-looking, thin, down to earth, good woman for lasting relationship, with humor. (6/1) ☎48237

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OCEANSIDE, STABLE, white male, 59, sincerely seeks long-term relationship with petite lady, 45-60. Dance, travel, party, play. Loves the sun, Honest, caring, kids OK. (5/25) ☎48213

INTELLIGENT CAUCASIAN, 69. Active golfer, affectionate, easygoing, good listener, like dancing, travel, cruising, walking. Fun to be with. No baggage/kids. Mission Bay, Clairemont area. (6/1) ☎48251

50s, TATTOOED GUY. Seeking attractive, 30-50s gal, caucasian/hispanic, non-smoker. I'm honest, sincere, caring, like jazz, rock, metal, football, animals. Friendship first, then open. (5/25) ☎48207

TRAVEL, ROMANCE! Sean Connery look alike, communicative, monogamous, 61, in Pacific Beach. Seeking athletic, earthy woman for sharing, laughing, intelligent

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NATURE LOVER. Creative, 52, 5'10", slim. Enjoys: guitars, dogs, motorcycles, classic rock, country, blues, quiet times, cooking, barbecues, etc. Seeking the right woman. (5/25) ☎48216

SINGLE BLACK GENTLEMAN would like to meet sweet, intelligent, educated, attractive woman, 5'6"+, athletically inclined a plus. (6/1) ☎48254

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DOCTOR, CHIROPRACTOR, attractive, 55 (looks 45), retired, available for loads of adventures, excitement, sensitivity, loving relationship. Beach walks, biking, dining, hiking, stimulating conversation, laughter. 45-55. (6/1) ☎48260

LIVING FOSSIL, 56. 6', 150lbs., fit, bald, spiritual interests with wild side. (Com)passionate Pisces, introverted, intuitive, thinking type, into meditation, as-

trology. Seeking sensual/emotional arousal. (5/25) ☎48187

38-YEAR-OLD BLACK MALE 6', 199lbs., gentleman. Seeking Asian female for relationship, 30-45. Must be attractive, friendly. No children. Be for real! (5/25) ☎48193

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 47. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 33-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (5/25) ☎48194

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CAUCASIAN, 26, 6', 190lbs., builder contractor, extroverted, world traveler, aware, huggable, personable, listener, compassionate, intuitive, open, commu-

nitive, loves life. You're under 30, no cats. (5/25) ☎48195

HISPANIC KING looking for his queen to spoil and love and if you're looking for your king, give me a call. Let's talk, my queen. (6/1) ☎48249

NEST SECURE, ROMANTIC, Caucasian, 60, North County, nonsmoker, very reliable, intelligent. Seeking nonsmoker, attractive lady; objective: long-term relationship, enjoys sports, cars, warm physical relationship. (6/1) ☎48253

CARING, FUN, FIT, romantic, stable white male, 6', 54, 175lbs., seeks special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel. Bye for now. (5/25) ☎48208

WHITE MALE, 42, look 30, attractive, slim. Seeking 18-45, height/weight proportionate, lady with whom to enjoy sun and beach the natural way. (6/1) ☎48239

43, WHITE MALE, 5'10", 175lbs., blue, Clairemont area, honest, commitment minded, good hearted, body surfing, walking, biking. Seeking outdoor, loving, decent, pretty, dining lady. (6/1) ☎48257

GOOD EVENING LADIES. Are you hungry? This single-white male, mid-40s, 6'4", professional chef seeks female. All race welcome. Beach, romantic evening. Call. (6/1) ☎48246

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57, CAUCASIAN, 5'8", medium built, brown hair, blue eyes, mature, young attitude, spiritual, eclectic, upbeat. Enjoy music, film, metaphysics, dining out; teacher, author, student, joyful. (6/1) ☎48238

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NATURAL WOMAN WANTED. White, 40, handsome, seeks natural lady who threw the razor away, wants to be appreciated. I am your man. Race open. (5/25) ☎48210

ITALIAN DESCENT, 51, likes to bike, hike, foreign films, art, real estate investing, karaoke, wine. Seeking Filipina or Asian female, very attractive, athletic, slim, 35-53. (6/1) ☎48243

TALL, ATHLETIC, ARTISTIC gentleman, 41, financially and culturally secure. Seeking young, athletic, artistic lady, 21-35, for adventurous world travel. Work/play 2005-beyond. (5/25) ☎48217

LUTHERAN, BLONDE, white-female musician wanted, 21-40, for dating, that is a church musician like me. Handsome black male, 35, religious, have puppet show. (5/25) ☎48191

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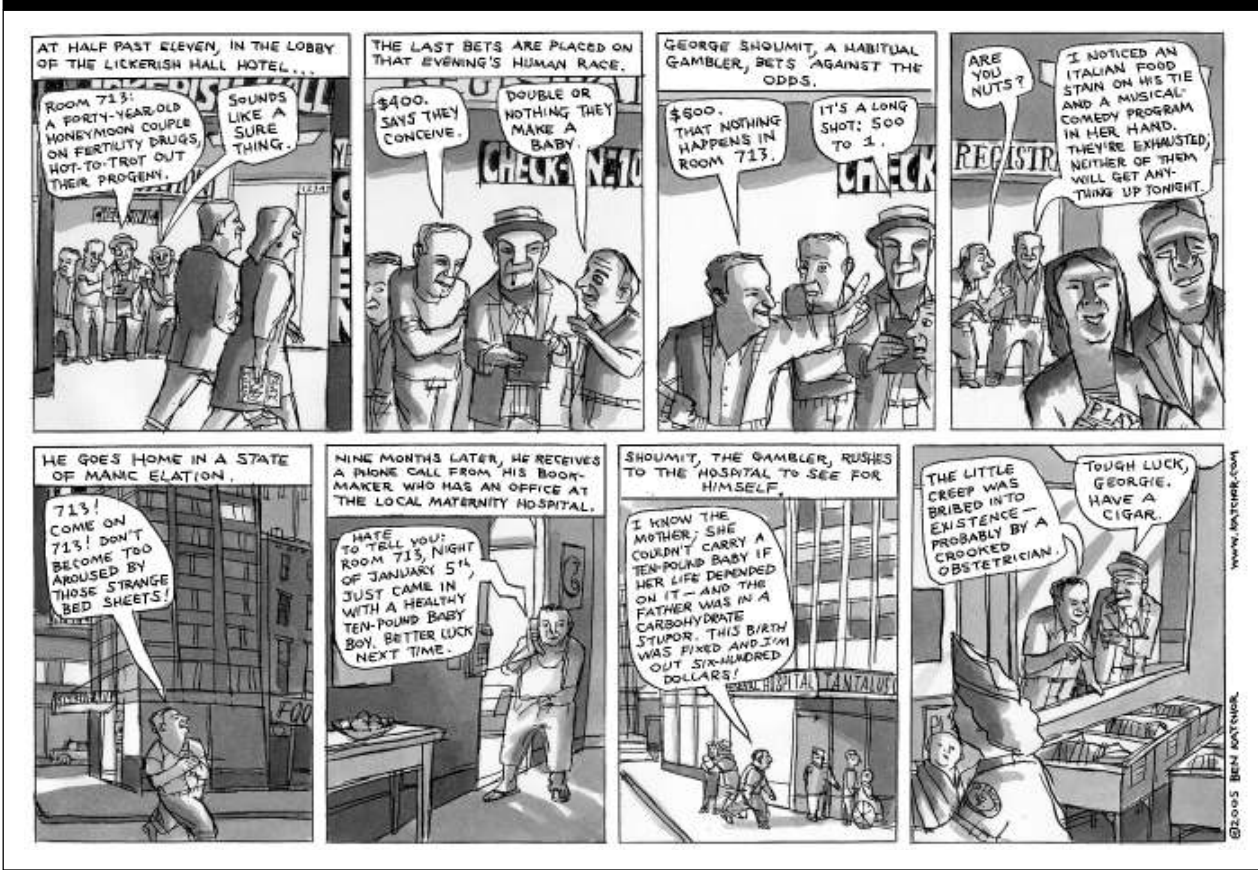
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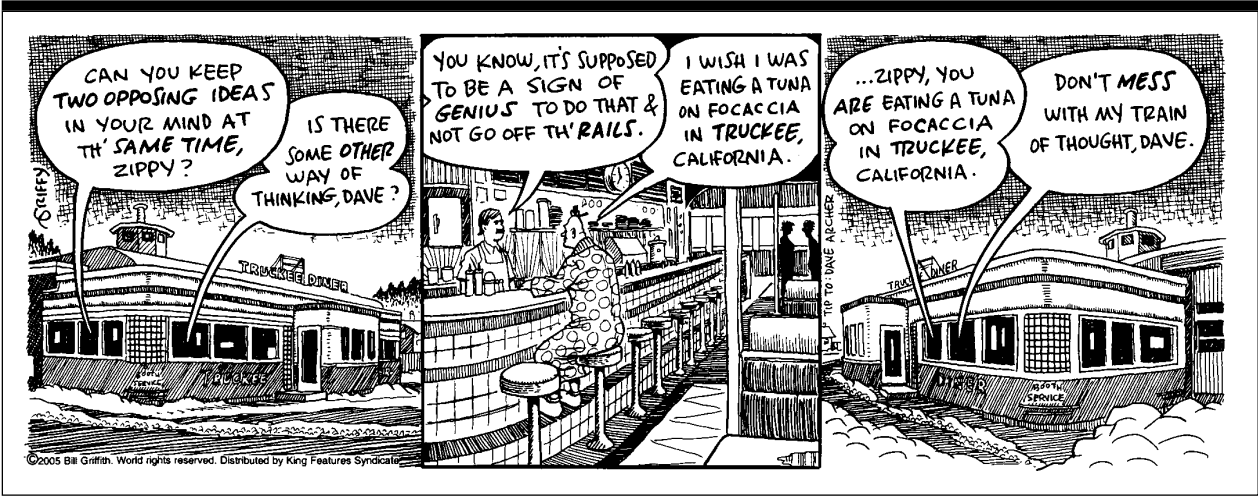
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FINALLY, THE MITTS INSTRUCTED HER TO COOK HER HEAD AT 400° FOR TEN HOURS.



WHAT THE HECK. SHE BOUGHT A PAIR.



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Yes. Divorce could be a part of the progression in the evolution of society. Maybe humans aren't supposed to be married for life. In the past, marriage was based on family ties and economics and has become something that's romanticized. If I personally were to get married, I wouldn't get divorced. I probably won't get married. I just don't think that marriage should be as institutionalized as it is.



Lana Kroll
Cal-Works Assistant
Grossmont

No, absolutely not. I think it's easy enough already. You file your papers, you wait six months, and it's over and done with. Problems arise when issues of property come into the equation; that's the hard part. The divorce rate is higher for my generation in comparison to my parents' generation, and that might have to do with that generation living a lie; divorce also wasn't accepted back then. Women had to deal with whatever baloney the man did. Women have gotten to the point where they can say, "Take this marriage and shove it" if they find themselves to be trapped in an unhealthy relationship. It would be more beneficial for those people divorcing if there were an intermediary negotiation facility that could replace lawyers.



Douglas Kroll
History Professor
Grossmont

No. The children of broken families have a much tougher time and many more problems. Generally speaking, for the sake of the children, parents shouldn't be that eager...or at least give serious thought when breaking up a marriage. No matter what age the child is — whether they're toddlers or in their 20s — the children take it personally and believe it's something that they did; they carry that guilt with them for the rest of their life. My generation was brought up spoiled; we were raised to think that happiness is the most important thing. People think that if they aren't happy, they should get out of their marriage and jump right into another one; it's very self-centered to think and act this way. The previous generation tended to put their children first with more self-sacrifice for the sake of the family. The cultural revolution of the late '60s was an abandonment of all moral absolutes; that's part of the selfishness of the whole baby-boomer generation.



Dustin Ramsey
Computer Technician
Pacific Beach

Yeah, I foresee a couple marriages in my future. You gotta find the right girl. I might want a blonde, then a redhead, maybe a brunette; you gotta find out what you want first. It's like Baskin-Robbins, you need to try all the flavors. I know what I like and what I don't like. I've sworn off Latina girls with big booties and tall blondes that can get knocked over in a strong wind. Midget chicks have never really done anything for me, but I'd push around a girl in a wheelchair if she were hot enough; if we married, we could ride into the sunset on a golf cart. As long as you keep your best friends close, you can make it through any relationship.



Eduardo Martinez
Dog Breeder
Clairemont

Sure. You shouldn't be punished because you're dumb enough to get married thinking that it'll work. You might say, "Look at people married after years and years of being together," but marriage isn't working in the situation of a couple that have been together for 30-plus years; old married couples stay together because they're afraid of dying alone. Unless you're in some crazy cult, everyone dies alone and it only makes sense to get out there and have your fun before no one wants you. People like to point out the fact that married men live longer than single men, but I don't want to live longer if it means that I'm changing my wife's adult diapers and trying to make her remember that she used to love me before she got Alzheimer's and started forgetting everything she ever knew about me. You can keep those years.



George Tonnie
Finance
Clairemont

Yes. It seems that lawyers end up with most of the money out of the whole divorce process. I have friends who have been married three and four times, and there's a trend to someone who remarries. With the whole "50 percent of marriages end in divorce," [divorce] might not be that hard.... A statistic that's even scarier is that of those people who divorce and remarry; there's something like a 70 percent divorce rate for them. Once someone goes through the process, they know how and it's not that hard for them to do it again and again.

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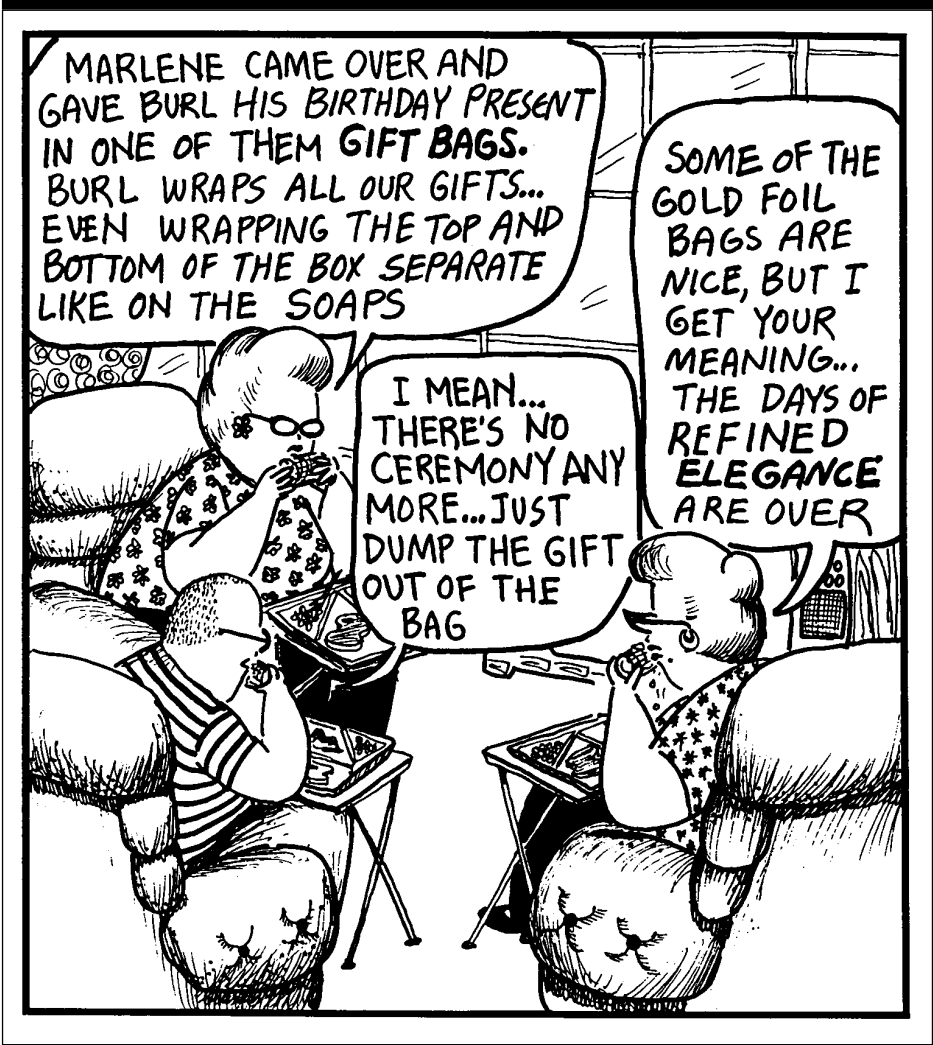
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FASHION VALLEY. \$2400. Huge, remodeled 3 bedroom, 3 bath, two-car garage, washer/dryer, pool, Jacuzzi, tennis, view. Great location, close to everything. Steve, 858-922-0790.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Appliances, coin laundry. Garage. Convenient location. Cat OK with deposit. Available now. 5720 Lauretta. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

FASHION VALLEY. \$975, 2 bedroom apartments. \$875, 1 bedroom apartment. Patio. Parking, security, laundry. No pets. Available now. 5720 Gaines Street. 619-299-3477.

FASHION VALLEY. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage plus carport parking. Patio. Balcony. Washer/dryer. Pets negotiable. Close to USD. Available 6/1/05. \$2350. 858-292-1773.

FLETCHER HILLS. \$795. Furnished studio in private home. Private entry and bath. Utilities paid. Pool. Access to washer/dryer. Parking. View. No smoking/pet. 619-297-1483 x110 or 619-851-7986. www.rasnyder.com.

GASLAMP QUARTER. The Trellis. New 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 1 parking space. 4th floor. Balcony. Air conditioning. Washer/dryer, refrigerator. Gym. No smoking. \$1400. 858-621-5262.

GOLDEN HILL. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 3 units. \$775/\$825/\$850. New kitchen/bathroom. Hardwood floors. Great neighborhood, laundry on site. Available now. No dogs. 2412 E Street. 619-857-3706.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1,000. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. Garden courtyard setting. 1-car garage. Washer/dryer on-site. Close to Downtown. Moran Realty Inc. 619-231-1818.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$945. 1 bedroom, wood floors, built-in cabinetry, sunroom, lots of charm. Quiet neighborhood. 1627 29th Street #2. 619-280-2658.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$875. Large 1 bedroom, recently remodeled apartment. New appliances, pool, on-site laundry, quiet neighborhood. Available immediately. Pet OK. 619-962-1887.

GOLDEN HILL, WEST. \$1100. Close to Petco and Balboa Park. Big and bright 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Approximately 900 square feet, second floor, some view, all appliances, very private in small, quiet x unit property. 619-238-3836.

GOLDEN HILL. \$675, includes utilities. Studio. Hardwood floors, skylight, tiled kitchen, oak cabinets. No pets/smoking. 943 20th Street. Available immediately. Deposit \$600. Ron, 619-865-1556.

GOLDEN HILL. \$695/Studio. \$725/1 bedroom. Quiet, gated, near Downtown, close to bus. Small pets OK. 2528 C Street. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

GOLDEN HILL. \$900. Private 1 bedroom duplex, near golf course. Great kitchen, dishwasher, plant window, private garage, new washer/dryer. 2629 A Street. 858-454-1924.

GOLDEN HILL. Why would anyone pay over \$895 for a studio apartment? Its size (36-1/2'x19"). Maybe it's the view. Don't know, but six do. 2331 E Street.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$1200. Enjoy the canyon setting on 2 outside porches. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, lower duplex. Large modern kitchen, off-street parking. 619-298-2367.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large. Hardwood. Light and bright. Washer/dryer on premises. Easy freeway access. Cat OK. Available 6/5. 619-227-3964.

GOLDEN HILL. Studio and 1 bedroom. Clean units, hardwood floors, on-site laundry, nonsmoking, no pets, quiet building. \$675-\$750, includes utilities. Available now. 619-602-7699; 619-549-2599.

GOLDEN HILL. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Pet friendly, garden setting, recently remodeled. Beautiful sunsets and downtown lights. On-site laundry. Gated entry. \$995. 619-282-5954.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs condo-style unit with Berber carpet. Breakfast bar. Huge balcony. Garage. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$715. 1 bedroom cottage-style duplex with lots of windows. Newly tiled kitchen and bath. Dining area. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Studios, \$750. 1 bedrooms starting at \$850. Near park. Close to Downtown, Interstate 5. On-site laundry. Pager: 619-903-4000. Call 619-234-0236.

GOLDEN HILL. \$875. Large 1 bedroom. Refrigerator, stove window treatments. Marble floor/bath. Tile floor/kitchen. Quiet 8-plex. Washer/dryer on site. Parking. Close to golf course/Downtown. Security deposit of \$875. 2646 A Street. 619-850-4848.

GOLDEN HILL. \$795. Huge 1 bedroom with hardwood floors. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Lots of windows. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$695. Craftsman-style studio in gated 6-unit. Hardwood floors. Breakfast bar. Tiled kitchen and bath. Shared yard. Laundry. No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$925. 1 bedroom apartment with remodeled bath and kitchen-dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer. Hardwood floors. Cat friendly. 619-234-5355.

GOLDEN HILL. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in small garden complex near

28th and A. Remodeled kitchen, bath. Hardwood floors. Cat OK. 619-234-5355.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedrooms, \$795-\$825. Large upgraded with off-street parking, laundry facilities. Great convenient location. Ask about our move in special. Call today! 619-501-6585.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs. 1 parking space, laundry. 2658 E Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit. Remodeled, on-site laundry. Sorry, no pets! 942 24th Street. 858-560-1178.

GOLDEN HILL. \$670. Studio available. 2858 "A" Street. Agent, 619-296-6343.

GOLDEN HILL. \$710. Great studio in 1920s building on the hill, west of 25th Street. Hardwood floors, big windows. Tiled kitchen counter, maple cabinets. Tiled bathroom with clawfoot tub. Free hi-speed wireless Internet. Clean, quiet building with laundry. Close to downtown. 2035 Broadway. 619-239-2278. www.goldenhillrentals.com.

GOLDEN HILL. \$675-\$700. Furnished studios. Lovely apartments with city view. Beautiful older building, controlled access entry. Wilshire Apartments. 2004 C Street. 619-232-0903. www.rasnyder.com.

GOLDEN HILL/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Walk to Petco Park/revitalization area. Come see, available now. New carpet and paint. Secured parking. \$1,100. Water and basic cable included. Section 8 ok. Agent: Michael, 619-226-4728.

GOLDEN HILL. \$799. Historic large 1 bedroom with yard. High ceilings, deck. Laundry. Wood floors. Parking. 2449 G Street, #4. 619-236-1186.

GOLDEN HILL. \$945/\$965. Spanish charm. Bright downstairs/upstairs 2 bedroom apartments. High-coved ceilings. Oak floors/Berber. Gas appliances. Security gates. Laundry. Shore Management, 619-920-6089.

HILLCREST. 1 Bedroom, \$675. Super clean building, underground parking, storage. Ages 55+, Section 8 approved. 3974 Alabama. Pet ok. Call 760-443-3260/Liz.Louis@cox.net.

HILLCREST. Spacious 2 bedrooms starting at \$1225. Berber carpet, fireplace, spa, gym, intercom, elevator. Sorry, no pets. 4134 4th Avenue. See photos at www.WexfordLiving.com. 619-299-0047.

HILLCREST. \$865/\$890. 1st and 2nd story private, sunny 1 bedroom apartments in small well maintained residential property with laundry facilities. Ceiling fans, Gas stoves. Garage available for rent. 3702/3708 Indiana Street. Call 619-298-1961.

HILLCREST. Great move-in specials! 1 bedroom, \$985/up. Elegant apartments! Elevator, clubhouse, gym, pool, sauna, air conditioning, dishwasher. Ceramic tile. Laundry. Microwave. Floor-to-ceiling windows. Covered parking. Locked bicycle storage. No pets. Park East Apartments, 111 West Pennsylvania. ParkEastApts@att.net. www.sdreader.com/rent/1006. 619-298-3225.

HILLCREST. Ask about Manager's Special for \$795. Studios, 1 bedrooms in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated! Controlled access. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated management. Don't miss out on Hillcrest living at its best! Near bus, shopping, freeways. Nightingale Apartments. EHO. 619-295-4351. www.sdreader.com/rent/2014.

HILLCREST. Spacious 1 and 2 bedrooms \$865 up. Gas/water included. Small courtyard complex. Laundry. Parking. Cat OK. Open Sunday 1pm-3pm. 4009 Georgia Street. 619-255-5614.

HILLCREST. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pets OK on approval. Available 6/4. Parking, laundry, close to everything. 3969 Normal Street. www.geocities.com/normalapartments/. Brian, 858-442-7873.

HILLCREST. \$795-\$895. Studio apartments facing the park. Quiet, charming building. No dogs. Laundry. Gated. Large closets. Newer carpet/paint. 536 Maple. www.palomarapts.com; Mark, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. \$1995. 1 bedroom penthouse. Spectacular park views. Private deck. Vaulted ceiling. Quiet, charming. Laundry room. Gated. New carpet. 536 Maple. www.palomarapts.com; Jennifer/Mark, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. Studios, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$800 and up. Pool, view, laundry. In heart of Hillcrest, near all. Sleepy Hollow Apartments. 4201 6th Avenue. Harry, 619-298-1059.

HILLCREST. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Great apartment in quiet area, new stove/refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry, near all. 4094 Georgia Street #6. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

HILLCREST. \$1995/month. 2 bedroom. Step back in time with this classic beauty. Don't miss this opportunity to live in one of Hillcrest's most desirable apartments. From the moment you walk through the front door and climb the beautifully restored mohogany staircase, you'll be transferred back in time. With over 1400 square feet of living space you won't be disappointed. The unit features a full-size kitchen with refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave and antique gas range. Formal dining room and living room. 1.5 bath-rooms, laundry room, and we even provide the washer and dryer! Bedrooms have ceiling fans and there's lots of closet space. Did I forget to mention the unit has beautifully restored original hardwood floors? You also get a 1-car garage included in the rent! Hurry, this one won't last long! Available early June. Indoor cat OK. 3752 Fourth Avenue. Call Jim at 619-723-6709 or Scott at 619-846-6615.

HILLCREST. \$510, utilities included. Studio, in secure building, near Uptown shopping. Hardwood floors. Stove, refrigerator included. Washer/dryer available. Shared restroom. 1033 University. 619-299-9117. 619-952-7056.

HILLCREST. \$1300 lease. Immaculate 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs near Balboa Park. Tile throughout. New carpet. Laundry facilities. No pets. Available now. Leave message, 619-867-8999.

HILLCREST. 62+ senior living at its best! Nice 1 bedroom apartment in the Park View Robinson building. New paint, carpet, vinyl. Walk-in closet, air conditioning, activity room and laundry onsite. Gated with intercom. \$800/month, \$400 security deposit. 1/2 off first month's rent with lease. Section 8 and indoor cat OK. 1220 Robinson Avenue. Manager, 619-291-7284.

HILLCREST. Deluxe studio in Park Towers Apartments. \$950/month. Completely remodeled. Brand new kitchen cabinets, ceramic tile countertops, flooring and bath. Crown mouldings, designer colors. Pool, off-street parking. Laundry room. Gated access. 3562 Sixth Avenue. Gary, 619-542-0377.

HILLCREST. \$1425/up. 2 bedroom apartments. 3511 6th Avenue. Near park. Spacious. Secured building. No pets. 619-220-2360.

HILLCREST. \$895, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$995 with balcony and view. Renovated. Laundry. Assigned parking. Pool. Small pet negotiable with deposit. 4053 8th Avenue. 619-297-0269.

HILLCREST. Like charm, convenience? San Francisco-style apartments: 1 bedrooms, \$900, studios \$700. Hardwood floors, high ceilings, controlled access, laundry/community room. Near all. Also, a fantastic 2200 square feet \$2300. The historic Casa Grande at 1751 University Avenue. Cat accepted. Call 619-299-7727. See website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1015.

HILLCREST. Heart of Uptown, studios \$750 and \$675, bright, garden like setting, controlled access, cat accepted. 3970 5th Avenue. Call 619-299-7727.

HILLCREST. Live like to Royalty in this 2200 square feet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath penthouse apartment. Wood floors, views, dishwasher, parking \$2300. Available 7/1. Call for appointment, 619-298-7727.

HILLCREST. \$925. 1 bedroom. Quiet canyon area. North of Washington. Balcony, huge arched windows, loft-like unit. Private entrance. Parking, laundry. 515 Arbor/5th. 619-294-8737.

HILLCREST. Beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Available now. Underground parking. Dishwasher. Balcony. Laundry on site. Near Downtown, Fashion Valley, Uptown. Nonsmoking. No pets. \$945. 619-299-5330.

HILLCREST. 1/2 off first month's rent! 3650 Florida Street. 1 bedrooms, \$895. All new carpet, paint, appliances, countertops, cabinets and more. Call 858-270-5500 x48. www.msbrowar.com.

HILLCREST. \$850. Charming, spacious studio and 1 bedroom apartment homes with dining area, rounded ceilings, and arched doorways that has been restored to the style of the early 1900s. 3953-3967 Cent Street. 858-270-5500 x44. www.msbrowar.com.

HILLCREST. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated community. Call resident manager at 619-295-1210. 1033 Robinson. kandri-properties.com.

HILLCREST. \$875. 1 bedroom, downstairs unit. Completely remodeled. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, coin laundry. Cat OK with deposit. Available now. 3730 First Avenue. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. \$875/\$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath and 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs. Newer carpet and appliances. Tiled floors in kitchen and bath. Situated in gated

complex. Laundry on site. Available now. 3634 Park Boulevard #3642-1/2, 3644-1/2, and 3646. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

HILLCREST. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Vaulted ceilings, walk to Balboa Park and shopping, off street parking, laundry, carpet and linoleum. Available now. 3820 8th Avenue #7. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

HILLCREST. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit. Nice floor plan, extra closet space. Laundry on site. Available now! 3714 Park Boulevard #1. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

HILLCREST. Hospital area. Bright extra large 1 bedroom, \$975, 800 square feet. Huge private balcony, security building, laundry, parking, quiet. 4063 Albatross. 619-683-9380.

HILLCREST. Hospital area. Bright 2 bedroom, 2 bath \$1250. Extra-large unit. Huge private balcony, security building, Laundry. Parking. Quiet. 4063 Albatross. 619-683-9380.

HILLCREST. \$400 off first month! \$950. 1 bedroom. Upstairs. Dishwasher, microwave. Ceiling fan. Garage available. Intercom entry. Laundry room. No pets. 3914 Centre Street. 619-294-7044.

HILLCREST. \$1075. 1 bedroom, 1 bath corner unit. On-site laundry and suburban parking. Close to medical center, shops and restaurants! Open house: Saturday/Sunday, 5/21-5/22, 11am-2pm. Arbor Place Apartments. 619-291-8060.

HILLCREST. Seniors 62+. \$795/up. Beautiful 1 bedroom. Air conditioning. Gated parking. Intercom entry. Elevator. Patio. Near Balboa Park/shopping/medical. Cat OK. Villa Pacifica, 3630 Sixth Avenue. Manager special! 619-294-3234.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1285. 2 master bedroom, 2 bath. Newly remodeled kitchen/baths. Balcony. Parking. Laundry. No pets/smoking. Available 6/1. 4510 Maryland Street. 619-985-5332.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$1250-\$1275. Very large (1000 square feet) 2 bedroom, 2 bath with balcony. New ceramic tile and carpet. Elevator. Quiet area. Walk to shops and restaurants. Locked building with intercom. Laundry room on site. Parking. 3836 Front Street, between University and Robinson. By appointment. Broker, 619-548-4599.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, \$1,250. Quiet, secure, balcony, laundry, parking, near hospitals. No pets. 4129 First Avenue. 619-295-5146.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. \$1495. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. 3rd floor. Corner unit. Patio. Pool. Garage parking. 1270 Cleveland Avenue #311. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. 2 bedrooms available, \$900-\$1095. New paint, carpet, verticals, stove, refrigerator, off street parking, laundry on site, central location. 858-775-4246.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. Starting at \$1195. Sunny, large upper 2 bedroom, 2 bath, laundry. Dishwasher, garbage disposal, parking, balcony, cat OK. 3782 First Avenue. 858-273-6429.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$945. Sunny, upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath, washer/dryer, dishwasher. Parking, balcony, cat OK. Great location. 3782 First Avenue. 858-273-6429.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$850. 1 bedroom cottage/duplex in quiet Spanish courtyard. Hardwood floors, prime, convenient location, antique charm. 1728-1/2 Meade Street. 619-293-7426.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1250. Very large 2 bedroom, 2 bath with balcony. Unit laundry. Single garage plus space. No dogs. Available soon. 4545 Georgia Street, near Park/Adams. 619-255-7860.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$750. Upper 1 bedroom. New paint. Newer carpeting. Appliances. Clean, quiet. Available now! 4575 North. 858-483-2119; 858-270-9086.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 2 bedroom, \$1295. Great move-in specials! Great location. Elevator. Pool. Laundry. Lovely courtyard. Gym. Sauna. Barbecue. Off-street parking. No pets. Hillcrest Towers. 1030 Robinson Avenue. www.sreader.com/rent/2066. Call 619-295-9673.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$750 rent. \$500 deposit. Upper studio. Off-street parking spot. No pets. At 4030 Front Street #13. Agent, 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Walk-in closet! Corner end unit. Laundry and parking onsite. 3620 Georgia. Manager, 619-807-0183.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. Rent \$895. Deposit \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Small pet OK. 4062 First Avenue #A. 619-804-8711.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 2 bedroom townhouses available. Steps to beach! Ocean and mountain views, heated pool. \$1295-\$1395. Agent Bill, 619-575-1674.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1350. Excellent 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Over 1400 square feet. 2 balconies with ocean and pier views. All appliances. Fireplace. Washer/dryer hook-ups. 2 cars parking garage. Storage room. Secure building, 2 blocks to beach. No pets/smoking. 247 Date Avenue. 858-453-3004, 858-349-3215.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1275. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse, 3 minutes to beach. Private, fenced patio, deck, garage, off-street parking, dishwasher. Laundry facilities. Pet considered. 858-637-9021.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath townhouse. Bay view. Call resident manager at 619-253-9872.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1175. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious downstairs duplex with garage. Newly remodeled cabinets, floors, windows and new appliances. Washer/dryer hookups, front/back yard. 228 Elm Avenue. Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Move in with less than \$1000. 1 bedroom, \$675. Move-in special: \$200 off first month's rent, \$500 security deposit. New carpet, new paint, upstairs, laundry room, parking. Available now. Small complex. 1440 Hemlock Avenue. 619-575-0344.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$625. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Stove, refrigerator, water paid, off-street parking. 1216-1/2 Eleventh Street. MTM, 619-464-6444. www.mtmrentals.biz.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1495. Beautiful 2 bedroom duplex plus garage, 100 feet to beach, with breathtaking views of city lights. Fireplace, open-beam ceilings, laundry room, dishwasher. Drive by 1484 Seacoast Drive, then call 619-447-6556.

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KEARNY MESA/SPECTRUM CENTER. Amazing, brand new, fully upgraded townhome. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage, 2 balconies, 17' ceilings, washer/dryer, stainless steel appliances, \$1750. Goli, 619-316-3357.

KEARNY MESA. 1 bedrooms from \$825. 2 bedrooms from \$1025. Centrally located at 805 and 163. Pool, spa, laundry, microwave, parking. Vista Capri North Apartments. 3277 Berger Avenue. 858-560-6067, www.rasnyder.com.

KEARNY MESA. New, exclusive, pool-side tri-level condo, Spectrum Center. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car garage, 2 balconies. All appliances/amenities. Close to all freeways. \$1700/month. 858-583-0462.

KENSINGTON. \$1200. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, upstairs, bright, corner suite. All amenities. Security building. Parking. Laundry. Garage available. No pets. Best value! 858-456-2098.

KENSINGTON/TALMADGE. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Cathedral ceilings, skylights, fireplace, central air, inside laundry, direct garage. \$1500/month with lease. 858-272-5869.

KENSINGTON. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors. Very nice! Move-in special \$400 first month's rent OAC. Available 6/3/05. 4118 Adams Avenue #2. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

KENSINGTON. \$950. Nice, large 1 bedroom, 1 bath in the heart of the village. Garage. A must see! Available 6/1/05. 4101 Park Place #8. www.cethon.com; 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON. \$1395. Tudor House. Available 6/15. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Fireplace, dining room, ceiling fan, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, refrigerator, French door, fenced yard. Truly charming. 4690 Biona Drive. 858-569-9390.

KENSINGTON. \$950/month. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 4-unit gated building. Large fenced yard, laundry and parking. 4117 Meade Avenue. 619-889-7568.

KENSINGTON/NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$950 rent. \$800 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper unit with balcony, stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Section 8 OK. 4670 36th Street #2. 619-804-3325.

LA COSTA. \$1625. Large, 2 master bedroom, 2 bath. Family/dining room, fireplace, garage, refrigerator, washer/dryer, pools, tennis, lagoon and ocean views. 760-436-3146; 760-685-1704.

LA COSTA. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Clean and spacious, fresh paint, fixtures, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, quiet garden complex. Must see. 760-845-9415.

LA COSTA. Great location. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer in unit. \$1250 per month. No pets please. 760-944-6201. www.utopiamanagement.com.

LA COSTA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Washer/dryer. 2-car garage. \$1400 per month. No pets please! 760-944-6201. www.utopiamanagement.com.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. Up to 1 month free! \$1150, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs unit, vaulted ceilings, new carpet. Cats OK with deposit, no dogs. Assigned parking. Quiet community. Available. Gunney, 760-943-7590.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Prestigious La Costa community with views of golf course. Amenities include washer/dryer. Fireplace and central air conditioning. 2385 Caringa Way. Office open 7 days. 760-431-7575.

LA JOLLA. \$1295. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Brand new, Villa Toscana, 3151 Via Alicante, #122. Jacuzzi, Washer/dryer. Pool. Parking. adventure-mark@sbcglobal.net. No pets. 858-459-1065.

LA JOLLA. Cambridge townhouse. 2 bedroom 2-1/2 bath. Attached 2-car garage, washer/dryer, refrigerator, UCSD close, pool, spa, quiet, immaculate. No smoking. \$2150. 858-759-3401.

LA JOLLA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Walk to beach. Large backyard, storage, downstairs, 2 parking, laundry. \$1450, security deposit \$800. 618-A Nautilus Street. Call evenings, 858-456-0542.

LA JOLLA. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 3 blocks from ocean, 1 parking space, coin laundry, balcony, newly renovated. No pets. Off La Jolla Boulevard. 858-459-3753.

LA JOLLA. Studio. Amazing location 1 block to ocean in heart of Village on Prospect! Kitchen with appliances. Walk-in closet, laundry. \$1095-\$1375, includes utilities. 619-645-8082.

LA JOLLA. 1 bedroom, \$1150. Controlled access. Pool. Security parking. Laundry. No pets. Steps to beach. Available May 15. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-775-0387, 858-395-9942.

LA JOLLA. Villa La Jolla garden Studio. \$975. Murphy bed. Walk to UCSD/shopping/entertainment. Parking included easy access to freeways. Pool view. Patio. Great complex, pool/spa and exercise/weight machines. Rental application fee \$25. Sorry, no pets. Andy. 858-736-4701.

LA JOLLA. \$1995. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 2 car garage. Fireplace. Landscaped patio. Call for storage. 8641-F Via Mallorca. www.SunAndFunRealEstate.com Agent, 858-405-5270.

LA JOLLA. \$3600. Townhome. Single level, 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Over 2000 square feet. Super luxury, upgraded. Private jacuzzi. Community facilities. No pets/smoke. 858-454-0764.

LA JOLLA. \$1050. Super spacious studio. Apartment can be used as one bedroom. Has dishwasher, new carpet, paint and more! A must see! Only one block to the beautiful Windansea Beaches! Newly re-

PICTURE STORY



Employees of Hage Ice Cream Company receive holiday turkeys, c. 1945. The Foremost dairy company bought out Hage in the '50s. The plant,

Photograph from the San Diego Historical Society

which used to sit near Petco Park's "Park at the Park," burned down in 1985.

— by Robert Mizrachi

modeled community with laundry and more. 1/2 off first month's rent! 363 Playa Del Sur. 858-270-5500 x57. www.msbrrowar.com.

LA JOLLA. \$825. Large downstairs studio. Street parking only. Close to Windansea Beach. 7441 La Jolla Boulevard. kandrproperties.com. 858-490-1600.

LA JOLLA. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. 6051 La Jolla Hermosa. kandrproperties.com. 858-490-1600.

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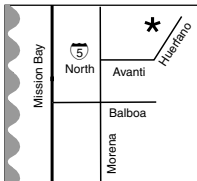


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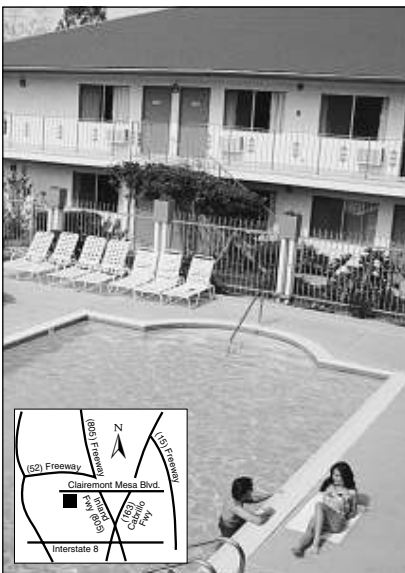
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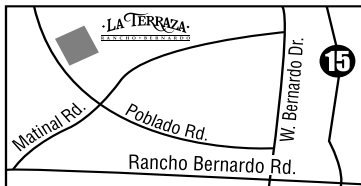
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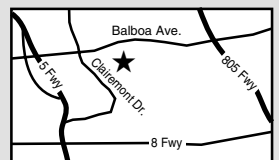
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Government in Action
— Tattoo/piercing parlor owner Paul Collurafici lost a contentious race in April for mayor of the Chicago suburb of River Grove, Ill., the victim not so much of his opponent, Marilyn May, but of her ardent supporter, local official Raymond Bernero, who ranted publicly about Collurafici’s work. Bernero disclosed that Collurafici’s website previously displayed photos of genital and nipple piercings, among other examples of his craft. Said Bernero, “I’m a big fan of vaginas, but this is really gross...with stuff stuck through there.” Bernero later apologized for his candor and requested that people stop asking him if there was an actual “fan club” they could join.
— Are We Safe? (1) Congress’ Government Accountability Office reported in March that, mainly because of gun owners’ privacy rights, the FBI or state officials were unable to stop 47 of the 58 gun purchases by people who were on the FBI’s terrorist “watch list” (during a nine-month period last year). (2) A February report of the Department of Homeland Security’s inspector general accused the agency of intentionally disbursing seaport-security grant money across the country instead of increasing inspections at the ten ports through which nearly 80 percent of trade moves (a practice that resulted in maritime grants for Oklahoma, Kentucky, New Hampshire, and Tennessee).
— South Florida’s *Sun-Sentinel* reported in April that last year’s hurricane season caused 123 storm-related deaths in Florida, yet 315 families

convinced the Federal Emergency Management Agency to pay for their relatives’ funerals on the grounds that they were storm-related.
— In April, the scheduled elections for town offices in Monticello, Wis., never took place because, as town clerk Walt Weber told Milwaukee’s *Journal Sentinel*, “We forgot.” According to Weber, none of the incumbents, including himself, would have been challenged, anyway.

Great Art!
— To conceal an enormous open-cast mining operation about ten miles from Newcastle, England, and to reduce the cost of carting away millions of tons of debris, the mining company hired artist Charles Jencks to incorporate the waste into a reclining female sculpture, a half-mile long, adjacent to the A1 highway. The “Goddess of the North,” whose breasts form peaks 100 feet off the ground, is expected to take three years to finish, will have footpaths over and around it, and be slightly larger than the “Angel of the North” metal sculpture 15 miles to the south.
— German artist Winfried Witt has invited about 30 people to his latest installation, which will be to observe the late-May birth of his and wife Ramune Gele’s first child, in Berlin’s DNA-Galerie. Though more than 100 million babies are born every year on Earth, Witt promised that his viewers will participate in “an exceptional experience” in that “man, because he is unique, is an existential object of art.” Witt wants to “show living people, perceived at the same time as object and subject, through a kind of magnifying glass and to expose man in the situations of his personal life.”

Cutting-Edge Cow Research
— Animal welfare professors at Britain’s Bristol University, preparing for a June conference on “Compassion in World Farming,” said they will present research to show that cows experience pain, fear, and happiness; can form friendships in a herd; are good problem-solvers (with encephalograph-measured brain waves that become active when they search for a path to food);

and can hold grudges against other cows for months or years.

Least Competent Criminals
— Travis Williams, 25, and his passenger, Brandon Calmese, 27, were arrested in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, when sheriff’s deputies pulled them over after seeing them driving at 55 mph with the hood up and both men craning their necks out the window to see where they were going. A week before that, in Hemet, Calif., a 21-year-old man was hospitalized (with DUI charges pending) after hitting two parked cars, a tree, a fence, and a bus, driving a car with the hood sticking up and deployed airbags flapping in the wind.
— Joseph R. Holland, 23, who escaped in February from prison in Schuylkill County, Pa. (near Allentown), but who was captured the following day, wrote to a judge in March disputing the escape charge against him: (1) The warden never told him he couldn’t escape, he said (in his syntax-challenged petition). “[I] was never provided with any orientation, a handbook or ever signed any contract.... I was never informed to follow any rules, cause I knew no rules!” (2) “I wasn’t gone over 24 hours, and all my personal belongings were ever here. I had every intention of coming back, who’s to say any different?” (3) And besides, he said, the guards opened the gate for him (even though it was for another inmate coming in; Holland managed to sneak out at the same time).

Update
— A “News of the Weird” icon, New York public-transit devotee Darius McCollum, 39, was sentenced in April to three years in prison for his latest commandeering of a train and subsequent joyride. Court records showed this was his 20th incident involving trains or buses, an obsession that has so far caused him to spend about a third of his life behind bars. “I just love trains,” he told arresting officers. ... A week later, police in Melbourne, Australia, charged a 15-year-old boy with two incidents of commandeering municipal trams and impersonating a transit driver;

he’d pick up and discharge passengers on the routes. He told police he hopes to be a tram driver when he grows up.

Recurring Themes
— “News of the Weird” has reported several times on the celebratory but bloody Easter-week crucifixions practiced in the Philippines, especially in San Pedro Cutud, which has become an international tourist destination for the exhibitions. This year, Pampanga province police officials folded department discipline into the ceremonies by offering 20 wayward officers who had earlier been absent without leave to do penance by carrying wooden crosses in the festival. Officers with more than 120 absent days could volunteer to be crucified, after which they would be reinstated.

Well-Put
— (1) Manuel Fraga, a local official from Galicia in northern Spain, speaking in January in support of the Vatican’s tough position on contraception: “I have spent my life telling the truth without condoms, and I plan to die without ever having worn one.” (2) Science executive Douglas Carpenter (of the high-tech defense contractor Quantumsphere), on the difficulty of convincing the Pentagon to graduate to weapons made of “nanometals,” which pack much more explosive power than current weapons: “Getting the government to change the way they kill people is difficult.”

More Things to Worry About
— In mid April, the Arab-Israeli town of Shfaram (near Haifa), to promote peace and brotherhood, was scheduled to play host to the world’s first international festival of mimes. ... The following week, the city of Grand Rapids, Mich., hosted about 300 practitioners in this year’s Clowns of America International convention.

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EAST SAN DIEGO (near Lemon Grove). Yard sale. 8am-10am, Saturday, 5/21. Records, hundreds of LPs, \$1 each, 10 for \$6. Excellent condition. 1285 Koe Street.

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HILLCREST. Giant patio sale. Saturday, 5/21, 9am-3pm. White elephant miscellaneous/collectibles, jewelry, cookbooks, household items, plus bake sale, free coffee. Grace Tower, 3955 Park Boulevard.

KENSINGTON. Garage sale. Saturday, 5/21, 8am-noon. High-quality household items, clothing, children's goods. Proceeds go to the San Diego County Breast Feeding Coalition. 4268 Adams Avenue (92116).

LEMON GROVE. Yard sale. 5/21. Bikes, bike rack, surfboard rack, shoes, clothes

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LEMON GROVE. Saturday-Sunday, 5/21-5/22, 8am-4pm. Antiques/collectibles. Contractors items; carpentry, plumbing, electrical, store shelving. 3482 Main Street, in Trolley Stop Store, across from Trolley Station.

LINDA VISTA/USD. Multifamily garage sale. 7am-3pm, Saturday, Sunday, 5/21-5/22. Art teacher's/costume maker's supplies, exercise equipment, massage table, refrigerator, collectibles and much more. Look for signs on Linda Vista Road at Alcalá Knolls, 1617 Borana.

MISSION HILLS, garage sale. Saturday, 5/21, 8am-noon. Gas barbecue. Fireplace screen, wood log holder. Black

leather recliner. Dishes, glassware. Computer software. Designer clothes, shoes, belts, neckties. Comforter, sheets. Wood cabinet. More! 3801 Goldfinch Street.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Giant rummage sale. Friday/Saturday, 5/20-5/21, 8am-5pm. Big selection, great bargains. St. Didacus Catholic Church hall, 4772 Felton Street.

NORTH PARK. Garage sale. 5/21, 9am-2pm. Furniture, clothing, miscellaneous, etc. 3634 31st Street.

PACIFIC BEACH. Huge yard sale. 5/21-5/22, 8am-3pm. Designer clothes, Armani, couches, dresser, TV, end tables, dog kennel, etc. 957 Tourmaline.

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ures, TV, golf clubs, 1986 Toyota van, tools. 3872 Lamont Street.

POINT LOMA. Yard sale. Saturday, 5/21, 9am. Furniture, clothing, tools, sporting goods, electronics, VCR, computer, books, records, antiques, collectibles, ceramics, jewelry. 3021 Quimby Street (off Rosecrans).

POINT LOMA. Garage sale. Saturday, 5/21, 8am-3pm. Sports Memorabilia, collectibles, furniture, glassware, household, posters, toys, clothing, drapery rods, fabric. 1234 Savoy Street.

POINT LOMA. Moving sale. Saturday/Sunday, 8am-5pm. Exclusive designer vintage and antique furniture from Mexico, Thailand, and Indonesia. 3322 Martinez Street (92106). 619-221-8146.

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sometimes there's a groove, and sometimes there just isn't. I have this theory that at any given time, there's a place that is the *right place* for you to be. it's not usually where you'd expect it, either, but if you happen to get there, you've found the groove, and chances are you can ride it for at least a little while before it disappears into the ether. this can happen anytime, but it's more evident, I think, on weekend nights out, when you're not going anywhere in particular. last saturday, after a day wasted on household necessities like laundry, dishes, world of war craft, and vacuuming, I decided I'd try to salvage my evening by getting my sorry ass up and going to see the *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* movie. that was apparently the right thing to do.

which movie, by the way, I loved — but for me the Douglas Adams novels upon which it was based were... formative. I mean, towering literary works that defined my personality and my sense of humor as a fourth grader and beyond. and I thought the movie did the books justice the way the *Lord of the Rings* movies did Tolkien, so of course I liked it. that being said, I can see why people who hadn't read the books walked out in the middle. what sad lives they must lead!

anyway. I'd found my groove, and the rest of the night, everything just clicked. I decided to go for a beer, and ended up, through a series of random coincidences and for no explainable reason, at a bar I rarely visit on my own — One-Eyed Jack's in the french quarter — and the show going on happened to be a mambo band from colorado, called Cabaret Diosa, who I'd seen years before and loved, but had never been able to catch again. and i didn't even know they were in town till I walked into the show. ran into all kinds of people I knew, had a great time, the music was amazing, and I left just bursting with the kind of irrational exuberance you get from life's ephemeral joys — good live music, pretty girls, and cheap drinks among them. sometimes you just find the groove.

sometimes, there's no groove. this week i found out that melinda, my best friend in new orleans, is leaving town in august, headed for library school in indiana. and I found out

that my sister — who i've only in the last few years gotten to really be friends with — got into medical school in florida. both of those things are wonderful in their own right, and I'm happy for them both, but come august, I'll be pretty much on my own again.

on a related note, i got set up on a date thursday, with a really attractive, really interesting girl, and we obviously had a lot in common — except for the fact that she's about to move to across the damn globe to Eritrea, and i'm not. apparently even the desolate plains of western africa offer more exciting job prospects than new orleans, which is actually great, because now I can add Eritrea to the list of reasons why I'm not dating anyone at the moment, and hey — not many people can say that.

despite all the wonderful, beautiful things about new orleans, there is a serious downside in that everyone, it seems, leaves — locals and-transplants alike. in moments of clarity, people remember their ambitions, their sharper former or potential selves, and they break free of the lethargic spell this city weaves, catapult themselves out of orbit, and leave. seductive gravity. quicksand. new orleans is a succubus, and I love it as much as it's killing me to stay.

speaking of the dark side of new orleans, I have to say i kind of like the new nine inch

nails album. i got it last week when it came out, out of that nostalgic sense of devotion I have to certain bands, something between curiosity and caring about how an artist I once really felt attuned to has evolved, and where I am in my life in relation to that. I know it's cool to bash NIN at the moment, and it's not groundbreaking, but it's not a bad album. I can't relate to



trent reznor's angst and rage the way I used to when I was in high school, but the more sanguine emotions, the longing and hoplessness and loss of love, well, I've got a better understanding of those now by far than I did in 1990. It's odd how important music is to me, considering I can't play a damn note of it. At first I thought it was something I'd grow out of, but it doesn't seem like that's going to happen anytime soon — there are too many good songs out there waiting to be found. I

think maybe I'm on the quest for the perfect pop song, because every now and then I find a song — or less frequently a whole album — that just makes me feel completely content for the few minutes it's playing — just the right combination of words and music that can make me forget all the tedium and stress and everyday bullshit. i can't really quantify

what it is, but the common thread between these songs is that they already seem familiar the first time I hear them — not retro or old, but familiar, lived-in, comfortable. when I find one, i play it over and over until I use up all the magic and have to go looking for the next good

song. sometimes it takes a few months before i find a good song, but this has been a particularly good few weeks for new releases, and for finding good songs like that. Of Montreal's new album is just full of them, and Brendan Benson's new album starts off with two tracks that I'm having a hard time getting out of my head. oh, and i'm still listening to it, but the new Spoon album seems like it has some winners too.

anyway... till next week.

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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

Location: 400 G Avenue, Coronado
Time/Date: 10:50 p.m. on 4/25/05

Résumé of Incident: A telephone call from a resident report[ed] hearing a loud bang and seeing the illumination from a flashlight moving around inside his neighbor's home. The reporting party advised police the home was being remodeled and no one should be inside.

Officers Jim Dunphey and Mike Britton responded to the area and observed a Hispanic male adult standing alongside the residence. The subject, later identified as José L. of Tijuana, was found to be in possession of burglary tools and property belonging to the resident. Lopez was taken into custody without incident and charged with burglary and possession of burglary tools.

BRANDISHING A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: [1000] Olive Avenue, Vista
Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. on 4/26/05

Investigation: Sheriff's Communication Center dispatched a report of a man [later identified as 30-year-old James H.] making threatening gestures with a gun in the vicinity of Camino Patricia in Vista.

A suspect vehicle was described as a black Jeep Cherokee. The caller said the weapon may be a shotgun and described the suspect as a white male with numerous tattoos. Sheriff's Deputies saw a vehicle driving west-bound on Olive Avenue near Melrose Drive. The vehicle pulled into a driveway at Olive Avenue. Deputies surrounded the house, with two deputies taking a position on the north side of the residence.

A man matching the suspect description exited the house running and jumped over a fence on the north side. He was carrying a shiny cylindrical object believed to be a firearm when deputies confronted him. Each

deputy fired one shot at the subject without striking him. The man continued to flee, jumping back over the fence where a third deputy took him into custody.

In an effort to confirm there were no other armed suspects or injured parties in the home at Olive Avenue, deputies briefly detained approximately 12 adults who were removed from the residence so that it could be checked. No additional suspects were located.

The original reporting party was brought to the scene where they positively identified the subject as the suspect in the original "brandishing a deadly weapon" incident. It is apparent the other occupants of the home were uninvolved.

A search of the Jeep Cherokee revealed an AK-47 assault rifle in the driver's seat.

HOME INVASION

Location: [2500] Sweetwater Road, Spring Valley
Time/Date: 8:15 a.m. on 5/4/05



Report: Five black males, armed with a machine gun and several handguns, forced their way into a residence in an apparent attempt to locate a male subject. The suspects fired an unknown number of shots while in the house.

The eight victims were uninjured during the incident and the suspects left the scene. The suspects were thought to be gang members from the Los Angeles area. They were last seen driving away in a full-size tan car, possibly a Cadillac or Impala, with

tinted windows.

The victims of the crime left the house and drove to Lemon Grove to report the incident to the Sheriff's Department. The San Diego Police attempted to contact the intended victim in the city of San Diego, but were unable to locate him at an address indicated by one of the victims.

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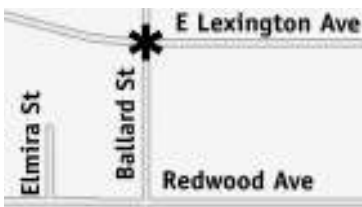
Location: 5041 Solola Avenue, Lincoln Park
Time/Date: 10:20 p.m. on 4/11/05



Report: A male and female were standing [outside] when a small red vehicle drove by. The vehicle made a U-turn, words were exchanged, and numerous shots were fired. One 17-year-old male was shot in the leg. An SUV driving down the street saw the shooting and tried to get out of the way. The suspect fired into that SUV and struck a 12-year-old girl in the midsection.

STRONG ARM ROBBERY

Location: Corner of Lexington and Ballard, El Cajon
Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. on 5/9/05



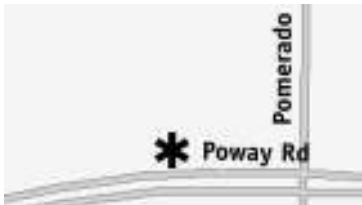
Summary: El Cajon Police received telephone calls to report a purse snatch/strong arm robbery from a

pedestrian at the 1300 block of Bosworth. A few minutes later, there was a report of another robbery on 200 South Second. The victims suffered minor injury but did not require medical treatment.

In both cases, one suspect would contact the victim and ask a question, then the other suspect would approach and grab the purse and punch the victim. The suspects would then flee in the car. The suspects and vehicle descriptions were the same in the two cases. Officers responding spotted the suspect vehicle with the two suspects [sisters Shannel G., 21, and Shontell W., 19, both of Poway] and did a felony stop near Lexington and Ballard. Both the suspects were positively identified and [the stolen] property was recovered. The suspects were booked into Los Colinas Women's County Jail.

FAKE BOMB SCARE

Location: 12358 Poway Road, Poway
Time/Date: 8:50 a.m. on 5/10/05



Incident: Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious device in a retail shopping center. The device, resembling a pipe bomb in construction, had been placed inside a water vending machine in front of the Sav-on Drug Store, and had been observed by a passing citizen. Deputies temporarily evacuated nearby businesses and summoned the Sheriff's Bomb/Arson unit. The device was detonated by the Bomb/Arson unit and determined to be a facsimile device. The area was reopened at about 11:15 a.m.

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Gene Riehl's Entertainment

Gene Riehl drives a Toyota Camry equipped with a satellite radio. He tells me, "I bought the Camry in 1994, soon after I retired from the FBI so I could spend my time writing novels. I had a Mercedes diesel with about 200,000 miles on it. When it gave up the ghost and I had no car and no money for a down payment, I went down to CNS Leasing on Morena Boulevard and told them I could only spend \$300 a month. They set me up with this Camry. I have to say, the Camry runs circles around a Mercedes diesel.

"Now that my second novel has come out — it's called *Sleeper* — I'm in the market for a Jaguar."

I ask, "Will you put the satellite radio in the Jaguar?"

"I'll put it in every car I ever get. For me, it's the absolute answer to

entertainment in the car. I'm a nut for old 1930s and 1940s radio. Today I was listening to Ellery Queen. Before that Sam Spade, Philip Marlowe, Fibber McGee and Molly, Phil Harris and Alice Faye, Dragnet.

"I usually listen to the contemporary jazz station or old-time radio. But there are 65 music channels specializing in any kind of music you can imagine, commercial free. And there's CNN, the news outlets, and talk shows. Sirius, which my radio is, just signed on with Howard Stern, not that I want to listen to him. You can get every NFL game on Sundays. You've got every NCAA college basketball tournament game. I'm not sure whether they have a deal with baseball.

"If you get satellite radio in your car, you'll never listen to the car radio again. I drove up to L.A. the other day and I listened to the same station all the way. You can drive from here to anywhere on earth and you're going to get the same station you listen to

in San Diego."

"And how much does it cost?" I ask.

"Only \$12.95 a month, and about \$80 to buy the unit and the antenna, which goes on the outside like a cell phone antenna. You tuck the wires in under the weather stripping that goes around the back window of your car. You run it down into your trunk and from there into the backseat and under the carpeting up to the front. You plug the power supply into the cigarette lighter.

"Now, some new cars are coming out factory equipped with satellite radio. But the aftermarket add-on is a cinch to set up. And the sound is CD quality. There's no such thing as static. If it comes in, it's perfect. With the Sirius unit, you tune the receiver to an unused FM frequency on your car radio. It's a wireless connection that uses your car stereo speakers."

Yesterday, I recall, I turned on NPR and heard rap. I switched to a classical station and got opera. I tried



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I ask Gene, "If I had the satellite radio, would it tune in *Car Talk* on Saturdays?"

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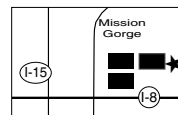
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Traffic was the spirit crusher. Wedged into my truck, my truck wedged into an asphalt rectangle made by the other vehicles that boxed me in, and in turn, I acted as a wedge for every other car.

What am I doing? What am I really doing? I thought.

I inched along the freeway that slashed and sprawled through the landscape of fields and over hills. *Would we be better off without all of this? Did the Indians have it right when they conveniently forgot to invent the wheel?* I imagined that without the wheel we wouldn't have the cotton gin, trains, automobiles, phones, televisions, and industry.

But I was born nearly blind. I wore glasses until I was 25 when I paid a doctor a thousand dollars to operate a computer that shot a laser into my eyes and made me see. I had an appen-dectomy when I was 6 — they scalpeled a poisoned organ out of my body. I wouldn't have survived past childhood if the wheel had never been invented. Is that the trade-off? Smog pouring from tailpipes, pesticides and hormones in the food, ultrasonic waves radiating through us to broadcast the nightly news in exchange for life? Or had these toxic things *made* me half-blind and *given* me a sick organ? Would I have survived and lain out in that field after the hunting and gathering had been done? I'm not very good at hunting or gathering. Could I have been, though?

Honk! The car behind me snapped me out of my reveries, and I saw that I impeded progress toward our common goal. I was caught staring at the grass and weeds where my primitive self had relaxed. I hadn't noticed the rectangle of blacktop in front of me that was big enough for my truck. The driver behind urged me to fill the space and act as the wedge, the gear, and the wheel that kept everything moving and provided the impetus for others to move along.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 19

KING OF THE HILL

XETV, 5:30 P.M.

The online personals ask which celebrity I resemble most. I thought about it for weeks and couldn't come up with an answer. Jack Black? Close, but he's a little higher strung than me. Brando? No, he was already nuts when he was my age. Then it came to me. In tempera-ment, personality, and looks, I am a grown-up, real-life version of Bobby Hill. I "most resem-ble" a cartoon. What does that say about me?

FRIDAY, MAY 20

THE ANNA NICOLE SHOW

E! CHANNEL, 5:00 P.M.

What have we become? Where is God?

SATURDAY, MAY 21

CASINO (1995)

BRAVO, 8:00 P.M.

I was in the VIP room of a high-dollar nudie bar with two Brazilian strippers who were giv-ing me a lap dance. "What do you do?" one of the brown beauties whispered into my ear. I told them, and they squealed, "We've been on TV!" I leaned back and said, "Of course, you have."

CON

COMEDY, 12:30 A.M.

I was high on ecstasy and needed some air, so I opened the safety window of our hotel room — you know, that 18" wide window that lets air in but keeps people from jumping off the

19th-floor balcony. I squeezed out the opening and stood on the ledge and felt the rushing breeze. "Dishonesty!" I yelled out in a drug-righteous rage to down-town Las Vegas. "It's choking us! I may be a drunkard! An addict! And a LOSER! But damnit, I'm honest about it!"

SUNDAY, MAY 22

VEGAS: ALL THE ANSWERS

TRAVEL, 7:00 P.M.

I was rolling dice with an octoge-narian named Hank. He was classic Vegas in a tattered suit, comb-over hair, and glasses that looked like two ashtrays held together by a black plastic frame. Hank asked me where I was from, and I told him California. "Oh, yeah," he said and lit a giant cigar. "What prison in California?"

SCIENCE OF STAR WARS

DISCOVERY, 11:00 P.M.

My new favorite thing is to stand on my bal-cony in a Darth Vader helmet. When peo-ple pass on the street below me, I click a but-ton on the attached chest piece that roars, "You do not know the power of the dark side!" and I wave a red plastic light saber at them.

MONDAY, MAY 23

I LOVE LUCY

TV LAND, 10:30 A.M.

When my dad has had a few beers and the topic is TV, he has a standard rant about *I Love Lucy* that goes like this: "*I Love Lucy* sucked when I was a kid. *I Love Lucy* sucks now. *I Love Lucy* will always suck. Everyone kisses her ass. Why? I don't know why. She sucks. She was never funny. It wasn't funny back then, and it isn't funny now. It just sucks!" What he's missing in vocabulary he makes up for with zeal.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

CELEBRITY DEATHMATCH

MTV, 12:00 A.M.

Kip and I watched a good Godzilla movie last Sun-



The Anna Nicole Show

day morning. Godzilla battled two other mon-sters with the help of a giant robot named Jet Jaguar. We were both hungover, and the nonsensical violence, rubber costumes, and simple plot line were comforting to our throbbing brains.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

TWO MULES FOR SISTER SARA (1970)

AMC, 5:45 P.M.

I was watching *Any Which Way You Can* the other day and thought, *What if that orangutan reached up and yanked Clint Eastwood's head off back in 1978 before he made any "important" movies or won his Oscars?* The headline would have to read, "B-Movie Actor Clint Eastwood Killed by Ape Costar."

THURSDAY, MAY 26

A WORLD OF ART: WORKS IN PROGRESS

ITV, 9:30 P.M.

David Bowie plays Andy Warhol in the movie *Basquiat*. The scenes with Bowie in a silver wig and swishing around as my favorite artist have so affected me that I've taken to doing imper-sonations of Bowie as Warhol in my day-to-day life. When I'm hungry, I stand in front of my refrigerator with my knees close together and my forearms out at right angles from my sides, and in the stereotypical, effeminate gay voice I say, "Gee, I don't know. Do I want a roast beef sandwich for lunch? Bruno, do you have any cash? I just don't know what looks good anymore" to no one in particular or to a pass-ing roommate.

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"If Eve had just eaten the banana, we wouldn't have any of the troubles we have today."

By John Brizzolara

Begin with a humorous anecdote, I thought. And as soon as I thought it, I couldn't get the image of Woody Allen in *Bananas* out of my mind. Here was Woody in army fatigues and a fake beard like Castro in front an audience of potential investors some conservative group (why am I thinking the D.A.R.? He says something like, "Have you heard the one about the travelling salesman and the five incestuous farmer's daughters?" Of course I start laughing to myself, but the other members of Loquacious Nooners Toastmasters are waiting for me to speak — impromptu — on the automobile or is it the Vatican? Major Robert F. Ridout (who actually is wearing camo-fatigue pants) and is a founding member of Loquacious Nooners, comes to my rescue. He asks me to address a particular aspect of automobiles. Will I get a different car if gasoline goes up to three dollars a gallon?

"Well, ahem... uh, ah..." Cathy Worthington, another member and a novelist clicks a little device three times. She keeps track of the number of "crutch words." the ums and ahs and you-knows. Worthington is the "Ah Counter."

Nooners (Toastmasters #3121) meet every Friday at noon at the Wells Fargo Plaza building at 401 East B St., third floor, room 350. I meet Laugh Master Gene Monce, Grammian Andrea Beise, Toastmaster Andy McCuen, multi-task master Don Harrington.

Harrington tells me the "Nooners are one of a dozen or so toastmasters groups that meet during the week in the downtown area alone."

First Speaker David Minton arrives last. Minton is eating his lunch and working through his notes for a talk on the Vatican. He saves his dessert, a banana, to use

as a visual aid to his spiel.

I ask Harrington about the purpose of the group, that is, "Do most people come here for business reasons, to conduct presentations, that sort of thing?"

"I think primarily people come to improve their ability to speak. After coming a while, their motivation might change but they still show up. It is kind of a fun, no-risk hour with very interesting people. It's very, very eclectic; David's an attorney, Andrea's public relations, Cathy's a writer, and past president Mr. Robert Ridout [retired air-force pilot] is in insurance. Andy is a CPA, so... It's not necessarily a social group, though we do have social functions now and then."

McCuen tells me that this club group has been in existence for 25 years and Toastmasters in general goes back to the 1920s. At one point I use the phrase public speaking and I am good-naturedly corrected. I am told by either Harrington or Monce that Public Speaking — in capital letters — is the most predominant phobia existent, that death ranks second. I am given the word "communication" in its stead.

I introduced myself along with everyone else and Ridout asks me how to spell Boozolara. His favorite car is the Astin Martin. Andrea Beise is from Volksburg, Germany, so she announces her favorite car is the Audi. Worthington briefly recounts an experience where she bought a Volkswagen in Volksburg. McCuen speaks about his first car, a 1953 Chevy, a stick. He had never driven a stick, so it took him an hour on his first test drive to circle his own block, the car leaping like a dolphin and stopping cold.

Worthington is thinking quickly on her feet and combines the two topics economically, commenting on "The Popemobile" and its tasteless design, saying, "It's just ridiculous, I wouldn't be caught dead in that car."

Laugh Master Monce reads from his notes about the word "Up: Why do we wake UP? Why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP? Why are officers UP for election? Why do secretaries have to write UP a report?" A hard question worth asking, I think.

Minton had already prepared his talk on the Vatican and so he approaches the lectern with his banana.

"When I think of the Vatican, I think of the banana. It came to me this morning in a moment of divine inspiration. I realized how good this food is for almost every purpose. For instance, I eat it for breakfast in cereal or on the go in the car. For lunch I can put it in a sandwich with peanut butter or in a power shake. After dinner, I can put it in a sundae as a banana split..."

I'm beginning to feel a little better about my lame extemporaneity concerning gas prices.

"...If Eve had just eaten the banana, we wouldn't have any of the troubles we have today. In fact, some biblical scholars believe the Bible is full of references to the banana. For example when God says, 'Be fruitful and multiply,' many believe he was talking about growing more bananas. The word for banana in Arabic; *banan* means finger. Now, Michelangelo was a noted bananophile and sustained himself through his long work on the Sistine Chapel with bananas. And you'll note that in the famous paint-



Woody Allen as Fidel Castro in *Bananas*

ing of God pointing his finger at Adam on the chapel ceiling, the finger is shaped very much like a banana.

"It's the number-one American fruit, more than apples, more than plums more than strawberries. Bananas are available all year round, not like those wimpy fruits. The average American consumes 28 pounds of bananas yearly. It has four times the protein of an apple and twice the carbohydrates. It has lots minerals, like potassium, that apples don't have..."

Minton goes on for just under seven minutes on the divinity of the banana. His talk is applauded and a discussion ensues as to whether or not Minton is really a representative of some Central American country — possibly trying to raise funds for his homeland among the Nooners.

The hour goes quickly and my lead balloon of a humorous anecdote has been forgotten:

"... You see, it was the gas shortage of 1972, and I drew the line at 50 cents a gallon. I thought that was robbery! I left the Corvair right there and walked home! Actually quite humorous when you think about it. Gas is, you know, ah, much more expensive now and, uh..."

I did leave with a consolatory white ribbon for Table Topic (Harrington gave me his) a renewed respect for the banana, and a sense of having spent an amusing hour with some clever and pleasant souls.

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