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CLARIFICATION

In a May 12 "Blurt" ("Coachella Slasher at Large"), an FM-94/9 employee said tires on their vans were slashed at the Coachella Music and Arts Festival. The item also noted that L.A.'s KROQ prohibited other stations from being present inside the festival venue. There's no correlation between the two circumstances, and FM-94/9 employees say they are certain KROQ employees were not responsible for the damage to their vans.

Never False

Your article on *fotonovelas* brought back memories of my own cultural upbringing ("Not Good for the Minds of Proper Girls," May 19). Though my father was in the Air Force and I was born in the Naval Hospital, my maternal grandparents who raised me and my brother were Mexican, and we spoke Spanish at home. I distinctly remember learning to read Spanish via *El Libro Semanal,* basically a *novela* in sepia drawings with captions and dialogue. We made one or two trips a week to Tijuana, in those days a more or less open border, and my biggest delight was my grandparents' parking their car by a bookstore where we would stock up on our favorite reading, and while my grandparents shopped and did their other chores, we could eat all we wanted at the street carts (my grandfather would settle up with them on his return) and read our treasures in the car, unmolested: What a difference from today.

My family had three favorites, *Memín Pinguín,* a comic book about a black child and his mother living in a poor barrio who with his friends had all sorts of adventures; *Lágrimas, risas, y amor,* basically a series of dramatic soap operas in sepia-toned drawings, with captions and dialogue; and *Hermelinda Linda,* a sort of saucy Mexican-style *Tales of the Crypt,* extremely funny in its shocking grotesqueness. One other particular favorite of my grandmother's was the tabloid news rag *Alarma!* which featured photographs of grisly murders on its covers and buxom ladies on the inside pages. Like American comic books, which I also adored, *Memín* and *Lágrimas* were serialized with cliff-hangers at the end of each chapter, so you had to keep good track of the number of the issue in order to keep up with the current story; it was a terrible disappointment if for some reason we couldn't find an issue at that corner bookstore, often resulting in a search through other newsstands throughout downtown Tijuana for the missing *capítulo.*

Fotonovelas came out during my teen years, and since there was often more than one issue available, I would buy as many different ones as came out weekly, along with the old standby, *El Libro Semanal.* My grandfather occasionally read a *vaquero,* or one of the other themes, but the *Libro* was our family's standard favorite. This reading, and the Mexican soap operas and the music we listened to, were the entertainment and the shared experience of our lives with those of our close friends, family, and neighbors; nothing enlivened the discussions in the kitchens like talking about the current soap opera favorites, and often *Libros* were left as a little gift to the hostess of the house, after of course being read by the original purchaser on the way across the border, and old issues traded or given, all the while the radio playing Mexican music in the background.

Though I have some recollection of the vivid characters of the soaps and of the *Lágrimas,* of *Memín* and his *payasadas,* it is hard to recall any of the story lines. What I better appreciate now is the quality of the work; the stories never had a false quality, flat characters, or sensationalized themes, such as you would read in a bad novel by Stephen King or Sandra Brown, for example. *Lágrimas* in particular had lovely drawings and tight exposition, and cheap as the *fotonovelas* were, each photograph captured the

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Mileposts It was a distinguished turnout at the recent wake for Republican **Jack Walsh**, a well-loved San Diego city councilman turned county supervisor turned real estate maven who died last month at age 71. With **Father Joe Carroll** presiding, there was the onetime top aide to ex–GOP governor **Pete Wilson** and current advisor to **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, **Bob White**, who told a reporter he'd been Walsh's first city hall intern way back in 1965, three years before he began working for Wilson. A key Walsh backer, Wilson insider and former UC regent **John Davies**, sat in the second row. Retired Del Mar developer **Harvey Furgatch**, a longtime friend, gave an emotional eulogy. Walsh's sons credited him with planting downtown's fragrant jacaranda trees and for being the only candidate with seven children ever to be endorsed by Zero Population Growth. Ex–city councilmen **Floyd Morrow** and **Jess Haro** held forth near the bar with indicted Democratic political consultant **Larry Remer**. Former San Diego mayor **Maureen O'Connor** and her sister **Colleen** stood quietly in the back of the hall.

One no-show: recently resigned mayoral chief of staff **John Kern**, who 30 years ago during his early days as a city hall reporter for the *Evening Tribune* made his reputation with a series of front-page exposés about Walsh's financial wheeling and dealing with Jack in the Box founder **R.O. Peterson**, who later married O'Connor and bankrolled her run for mayor. Now Kern, who quit last month, is under the gun himself for his alleged role in the city's most recent financial scandals.

Loopholes Speaking of **John Kern**, according to an e-mail he wrote to city ethics commission staffer **Stacey Fulhorst** on April 9, the ex-Murphy aide is on the prowl for a new gig. "This is to confirm our conversation regarding my potential employment by an engineering firm which wishes to do business with the County Water Authority and wishes to hire me to assist in that effort," Kern's e-mail says. "You further advised that the 'revolving door' prohibition against lobbying only exists in relation to the City of San Diego itself." Fulhorst replied: "The post-employment restrictions in the Ethics Ordinance pertain to your ability to lobby the City on behalf of a private client (for compensation) for a period of one year after you leave the city. Note that 'City' is defined as 'the City of San Diego' or any of its organizational subdivisions, offices, or boards.' As we discussed the CWA is not a City agency; therefore, the post-employment restrictions in the Ethics Ordinance do not apply to your ability to lobby this agency." … Though rumors abound that Sheriff **Bill Kolender**, who sometimes seems confused in public appearances, won't run for reelection next year, his campaign fund-raising effort has kicked into high gear. Earlier this month the just-turning-70-year-old threw a $250 per head birthday bash for himself and more than a few well-heeled friends at downtown's Westgate Hotel. Chairing the event were all of the usual suspects: hotelier **Douglas Manchester**; Padres owner **John Moores** and his downtown real estate partner **Malin Burnham**; Chargers chief **Dean Spanos**; airport boardmember **Bill Lynch**; and Mission Valley hotel mogul **Terry Brown**, among others.

John Kern

Alan's intrigue Exiting San Diego Unified schools superintendent **Alan Bersin** enthusiastically introduced a potential successor to a crowd gathered at the dedication of the new Hawthorne Elementary School library last week. **Ramon Cortines** was the chancellor of New York City schools from 1993 to 1995. In New York, he worked with **Tony Alvarado**, Bersin's ill-fated chancellor of instruction. Cortines is now a consultant living in Pasadena, as well as a trustee of the J. Paul Getty Trust.

Alan Bersin

Meanwhile the *Boston Globe* editorialized last Friday against too much secrecy in that city's search for a new superintendent to replace **Thomas Payzant**, a former San Diego schools chief, who is set to retire next year. "More than a dozen major districts, including Providence, Denver, Detroit, New Orleans, and San Diego, are vying for new superintendents. Cities are relying increasingly on professional headhunters, who often prefer to work in secret, citing the confidentiality concerns of candidates and the need to stave off competing school districts. Some districts, including Cincinnati, Baton Rouge, and Lexington, Ky., have taken great pains to avoid publicity and paper trails, such as reimbursing candidates' expenses in cash and shielding interviewees from the press. There is no room in Boston for such cloakroom tactics."

Exiles With indictments flying, it's no wonder that ex–San Diego city manager **Michael Uberuaga**, who resigned in March of last year, has gotten out of Dodge. His new domicile: the town of Meridian in his home state of Idaho. … Meanwhile, ex–city councilman and later state assemblyman **Mike Gotch**, fingered by City Attorney **Michael Aguirre** as having lobbied hard for bigger pension payouts to former councilmembers, now owns a large house with a pool in the modest desert resort town of Borrego Springs. … Assemblywoman **Lori Saldaña** says that Oceanside city councilwoman **Esther Sanchez** is still in the running to become coastal commissioner, despite reports to the contrary from Sacramento insiders.

Michael Uberuaga

— Matt Potter

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Pension Debt Infinitely Worse

By Don Bauder

Now that criminal charges have been filed against former and current pension-fund trustees, some San Diegans feel the city has hit bottom. There is nowhere to go but up. Not so. Individuals and institutions in a downspiral only hit bottom when they realize the depth of their problems. And San Diego is still in la-la land.

The magnitude of the city's pension and health-care deficits is significantly understated by the mainstream media. The dung is far deeper than citizens realize.

You read that the pension deficit is $1.37 billion and the health-care deficit is $500 million. Nonsense. Those numbers are based on phony accounting and false assumptions. The pension deficit is at least $2 billion and possibly above $5 billion. Instead of 65 percent funded, the deficit may be about 32 percent funded. The health care liability may well be $1.5 billion.

"Even at a time of disaster fully recognized by the general public, the mayor, and council, managers and union leaders continue to insist the problems are small, the fixes are easy, and that's nothing to worry about," says Diann Shipione, the former pension board member who blew the whistle on the mess. "In fact, the financial problems are infinitely larger than anything we've seen reported so far." The city and pension board "are still using false numbers."

Diann Shipione

Michael Conger

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The press has blown chances to report on reality. In April, councilmember

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You Can Have My Dead Trees

By Ernie Grimm

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Brian Steutel, Ted Ferrick

Just north of Santa Ysabel in San Diego's backcountry, Mesa Grande Road intersects State Route 79. Less than a mile to the west on Mesa Grande is a sight not seen in the county for more than 30 years: hundreds of felled trees, some nearly four feet in diameter, covering an acre or two of pastureland, a saw mill whining away under a metal canopy, and stacks of lumber being loaded onto flatbed trucks.

Five or six miles to the southeast and 1500 feet up Volcan Mountain, just outside the mountain hamlet of Wynola on a road of the same name, another sawmill renders local trees into lumber; across the road, a boxcar-sized chipper chews whole trees into woodchips, 20-foot piles of which await dump-truck rides down the mountain.

Ferrick at sawmill

The Michigan-based tree-cutting company Asplundh is running the chipping operation. They have a contract with San Diego Gas and Electric to clear power line easements of dead trees. (Calls to Asplundh and SDG&E were not returned.) Sierra Cedar Products, a company based in Marysville, 35 miles north of Sacramento, runs the Santa Ysabel sawmill. "We never dreamed that we would be down on the Mexican border buying logs," says Tony Sims, a log buyer for the company. "We didn't know cedar grew down there. But it does, and the quality is actually better than the cedar we've been cutting up here in the Sierras. There's a lot less rot in the logs we're getting from San Diego County."

The cedar boards from the mill go to Sierra Forest Products' factory in Marysville and become 1″x 8″ and 1″x 6″ fence boards. They're also milling white fir trees into 4″ x 4″ posts, which they truck to Fontana to be pressure-treated for use as fence posts.

Despite the stands of high-quality cedar and white fir in our local mountains, Sims says his company will only run the mill for another year at the most. "It's only in a few isolated areas in San Diego County over 5000-feet elevation," he explains. "Palomar Mountain and some places around Julian and Volcan Mountain."

The second reason not to expect a permanent logging operation in San Diego County is the fact that no live trees are being cut down. The trees lying in the Santa Ysabel cow pasture were dead either of drought-aided beetle infestation or fire damage before they were cut down. And though tens of thousands of dead trees stand in the local mountains, they need to be cut within a certain amount of time after their deaths to be good for lumber. The amount of time depends on the species. "The white fir," Sims explains, "only lasts six to eight months. Cedar doesn't deteriorate as fast as white fir. We have cut cedar that has been a year and a half old, and we've bought cedar that has been dead for two years, but we don't like to do that. We like to get it at before a year is up."

Incense cedars and white firs, which grow above 5000 feet, are less common than the two pine species, Coulter and Jeffrey, which grow in the local mountains starting at 2500 feet and 1600 feet, respectively. Coulter pines have little lumber value. "There is use for it, but it is limited," Sims says. "I know they were cutting some of that for pallet stock up around Lake Arrowhead, and we have had some people talk to our company about maybe using our Santa Ysabel sawmill to cut up some Coulter for them. But right now we aren't doing it."

Jeffrey pines do have value as structural lumber. At the sawmill on Wynola Road, retired contractor Brian Steutel is cutting dead Jeffreys into timbers for a post-and-beam barn he plans to build on his nine-acre ranch. He's harvested the timbers from private ranches around Julian and Wynola. "Jeffreys are a little harder than Coulters," he explains, "less prone to infection."

Steutel is a wiry-built man in his early 60s. His trim white beard and the way he looks at you over the top of his glasses give him a grandfatherly air. But the speed at which he walks around his ranch is anything but grandfatherly. A loquacious man, Steutel says he's been milling Jeffrey pines up to two years dead for use in his barn. "Usually, I've got to get it in the first year," he says. "But I have found that the ones that have burned in the fires, I can probably get them up to two years. What happens is that any of the insects and the fungus that promotes all the rot in the trees get killed off from the heat of the fire as the bark burns. And the cedar trees, some of them have been dead on the stump for three or four or five years now, and they are still good because cedar has a lot of natural preservative stuff in it. It really holds up well. This week we are going over on the other side of Julian. A guy has some property over there, and he has 150 cedar trees that he says we can take out."

The idea to cut and mill his local timber came to Steutel two years ago when he saw log trucks hauling cedar, fir, and pine trunks down Wynola Road on their way to a log reloading yard outside of Temecula. The trees were beetle kills from the upper slopes of Volcan Mountain. "Those trucks came rolling by the house starting at 4:30 every morning. It went on for months. As I watched them

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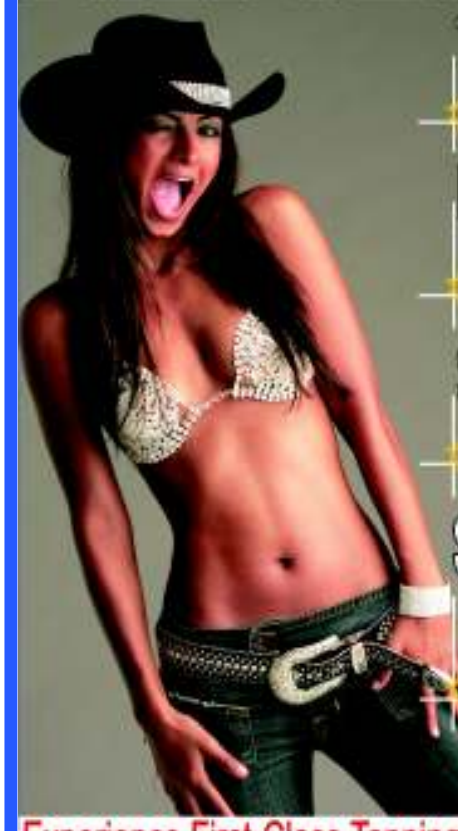

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Pension debt worse

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Donna Frye's committee on open government invited the city's auditor, Rick Roeder, to testify about the realistic pension deficit. "We started with $1.37 billion," which was then the figure most often bandied about, says Frye. Then the committee asked Roeder what the deficit would be without some of the fairy tales.

For example, there are two main ways to calculate an employer's future pension liabilities. One is the preferred conservative technique, called entry age normal. San Diego used it until 1991, when things got a little tight. So it switched to a looser technique called projected unit credits, which is used by only 11 percent of governments. It understates future liabilities, says Shipione. At the meeting with Frye's committee, Roeder was asked to calculate the pension liability if entry age normal were used.

Also, the city assumes that its portfolio will achieve an 8 percent annual rate of return. Many believe that is unreasonably high. Roeder was asked to calculate the deficit if the expected return were lowered to 7.75 percent (still high, by many people's reckoning). Then, the city doesn't account for payments to be made under a past legal settlement. Roeder was asked to stir that in — and to use a 15-year amortization period, instead of the overoptimistic 30-year period. When the dubious accounting techniques and assumptions are stripped away, "We are pushing $2 billion on the deficit," says Frye.

But nobody from the press reported on that meeting.

There's more. Beginning in 1980, the city foolishly decided that each year, money that exceeded the expected rate of return on the pension fund — called "excess earnings" — would be distributed to retirees in various ways, including health-care coverage. The city-financed Vinson & Elkins report calls this concept "the snake in the garden" of the pension system. Investment portfolios have good years and bad years. Skimming off the so-called excess in good years is not good policy. Those funds are needed for the bad years. San Diego, utilizing that money for purposes that would normally come out of the annual budget, looks upon the surplus earnings as a "budgetary free lunch," says Vinson & Elkins.

The accounting firm KPMG refuses to issue audits for 2003 and 2004, partly because it disagrees with some of the findings by Vinson & Elkins. But it agrees with Vinson & Elkins on the use of excess earnings. On July 22 of last year, Roeder wrote to the retirement board, pointing out that KPMG then believed that the assumed rate of return should be only 4 percent — half of what it now is — as long as San Diego disbursed those excess earnings. "KPMG believes that 4 percent is an appropriate 'after the fact' investment return instead of the current 8 percent," wrote Roeder, listing reasons why he disagreed.

In January of this year, Shipione put it to Roeder: What would the deficit fall to if San Diego used 4 percent instead of 8 percent? "He said it would go from $1.3 billion to $5.3 billion," recalls Shipione. The system would then

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be 32 percent funded, she says. And that could be too rosy.

"The concept of excess earnings went astray," says Jim Gleason, who was on the pension board for 12 years. "The original concept was to equitably distribute excess earnings to participants in the system, but only if the system were 100 percent funded. But this concept has long since been lost." Funds were distributed in years in which there were no excess earnings. City council knows of the snake in the garden but hasn't passed an ordinance to change it, he says.

Attorney Michael Conger, who successfully sued the city and pension board last year over the underfunding, agrees that the pension benefit is "close to $2 billion." Then, he says, "Health care is probably another $1.5 billion, so we are talking about a deficit of $3.5 billion." In calculating the health-care liability, the city and pension system have used wildly unrealistic cost estimates, he says. "If you put in realistic health-care cost figures, they have been rising 15 percent a year for the last several years." The city's assumption is one-third of that.

Shipione says health-care costs have been rising 17 percent a year over a decade. Worse, "We don't know what the true costs are for health care — who is included, who is excluded," she says. "The number of employees working for the city is not correct — it's hidden and veiled."

Last week's charges just scratch the surface. Investigators must learn who was really culpable for the 1996 raid on the pension fund to finance the Republican convention, the 2000 vote in which the council and mayor gave themselves more generous benefits, and the 2002 machinations in which the city avoided a balloon payment it couldn't afford by boosting benefits of pension-board members who would in turn vote for continued underfunding.

Both Shipione and Gleason compare San Diego's situation with the pension mess in the private sector. Bankrupt airlines are dumping their pension obligations on the quasi-governmental Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. Other airlines and large one-time blue-chip companies may well follow suit. There is a huge incentive for blue-chip corporations to go bankrupt. Some may be the same blue chips that used phony accounting in the 1990s — taking their pension-fund excesses into profits.

The corporate frauds are instructive. "The financial condition of San Diego is built on every one of the irregularities which plagued the private sector in the late 1990s — Enron and similar companies," says Shipione. She wonders if managers in San Diego government "believed that government entities were easier and more forgiving targets for manipulation and abuse."

"Private enterprise is laying off pension problems on future generations of stockholders," says Gleason. "San Diego is laying them off on future generations of taxpayers." ■

Dead trees

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go by, I thought, 'I've always wanted to build a timber-frame barn.' I researched a little and found out I could buy a truckload of those logs for about $2000. But a lot of neighbors told me, 'You can have my dead trees for free if you can get them out of here.' "

Through the mountain rumor mill, he heard of a man named Ted Ferrick, of Escondido, who owned a mobile sawmill capable of cutting trees over 3 feet in diameter and 30 feet long. Ferrick had also built a trailer that could haul logs up to 36 feet long and weighing nearly 6000 pounds. The trailer, hitched to a three-quarter-ton pickup parked in a horse corral on Steutel's ranch, looks like a giant stick bug. It consists of a long spine of square steel tubing, six inches in diameter, which can be adjusted for length. At the back end, two arms reach down and out to the two monster-truck-type wheels that hold the rig up. "After we cut down the tree," Steutel explains, "we pull the log to a level spot using a 5/8″ steel cable. Then we back the trailer over the log and use these two ratcheting straps — each of which is rated for 10,000 pounds — to lift the log up off the ground and haul it to the mill."

A short walk from the horse corral, in a meadow hidden behind a stand of live oak trees, is Steutel's milling area. A dozen or so tree trunks, averaging 25 feet in length and 2 or 3 feet in diameter, lie side by side supported by railroad ties. The row of logs is on a slight incline, at the low end of which stands the green metal sawmill. "We drive right in here from the road," Steutel says, gesturing toward a dirt driveway angling down into the meadow from Wynola Road on the hillside above, "and set the logs on the railroad ties. Because they're on an incline, we can roll them down to the mill, which has hydraulic arms that lift the log up onto the mill. Then...."

Steutel gives a full demonstration of the $22,000, 28-foot horizontal band saw mill. A ten-horsepower gasoline motor propels the saw while a three-horsepower motor runs the hydraulics that lift and turn the logs.

From the sawmill, Steutel hikes back uphill to a row of horse stables he's using as lumber-drying barns. In them, he has stacked sawn Jeffrey pine timbers, including 18″x 18″ posts 26 feet long that will be the main supports for his post-and-beam barn. Canvas tarps cover the smooth blond-colored pine. "You have to be careful not to let them dry too fast," Steutel explains. "And you have to keep them out of the sunlight." He leans over and picks up a board from the ground. "This one has been in the sun so it's getting these stress cracks."

Steutel figures that by the time he's done cutting, milling, and drying all the timber for his barn, "I am going to save over $40,000 compared to what I would have paid if I had bought lumber commercially for this barn. That one 18″ x 18″ post would have been thousands of dollars alone, and it only took me a day to do. So instead of spending that kind of money, I am spending a year working a few days a week, playing around with the mill, and having a good time too." ■

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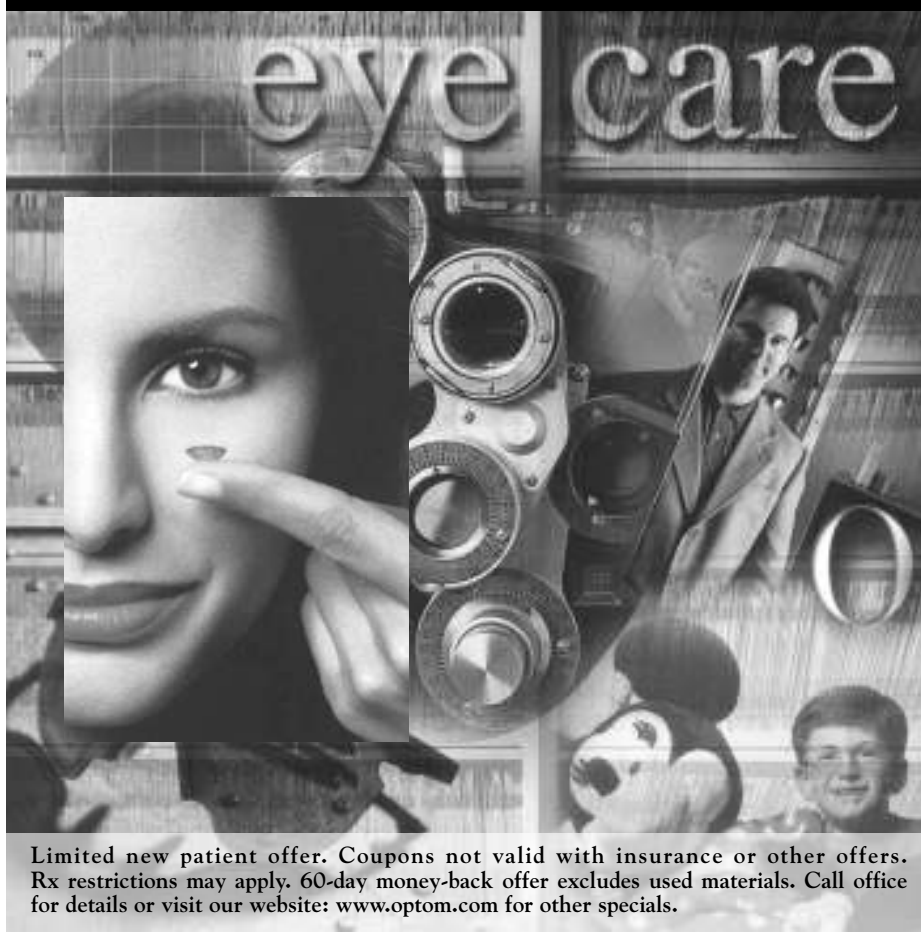

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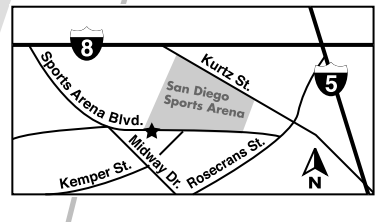

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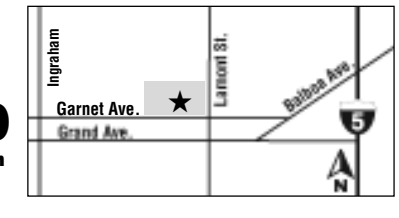

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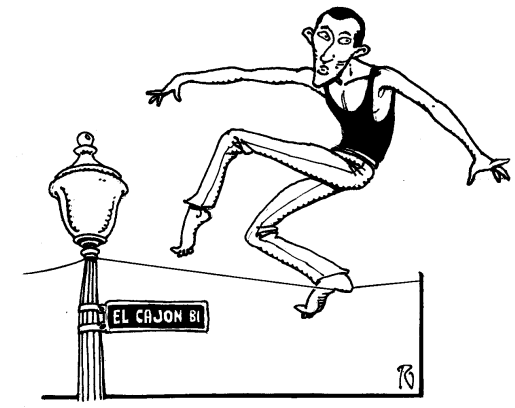
BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Hello Matt:
Can you explain the source and purpose of the mysterious, barely visible elevated "wire" that runs down the south side of El Cajon Boulevard, from 59th Street to Montezuma? It doesn't appear to be a power line or a cable, and it's easily missed unless the sun is reflecting off it. It almost looks clear. I was able to follow it about three blocks down Montezuma before I lost sight of it. Wazzup?

— Kevin Naughton, Spring Valley

Hey Matt:
We were eating at the now defunct Cin City Chili at the corner of College Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard and we noticed a flash of light that hung in one place. When we went outside we discovered it was a fishing line or wire that went from lamp post to lamp post. I've seen it in other spots on El Cajon Boulevard and on Montezuma Road. What is it? The work of a frustrated angler? A line to hang banners? Low-power antenna? Or did Spiderman come to visit?

— Zak and Greg, San Diego

Here's a little insight into how the Team Matthew Alice machine works. We read questions, break for a snack; we brainstorm questions, break for lunch; re-read questions because we've forgotten them; break to help Pa Alice, who's folded up in his AbLounge like a meatball taco; re-brainstorm questions; guess at answers.

That's the typical scene, and it's been working for decades. But we have to admit, on this question we didn't even come close during the guess-at-answers phase. We had to do real research. Make real phone calls. Actually talk to people who know what's going on. None of us can remember the last time we had to do real work to answer a question. Even now, Grandma is applying cold compresses to the elves' foreheads to cool them down. Turns out the monofilament has nothing to do with fish or banners or Christmas decorations or transmitters or hanging laundry or anything like that. The monofilament marks part of the boundary of an *Eruv* (*ee*-roov). Of course, if you're not Jewish, you probably don't know what an *Eruv* is, so here's the scoop, with assistance from Rabbi Bogopulsky of Beth Jacob synagogue.

The Jewish Sabbath (sundown Friday to an hour after sundown Saturday) is reserved by religious law as a day of rest, ritual, and reflection. The Torah includes a huge number of rules about what can and cannot be done on that day; and the laws make a distinction between private space (e.g., a residence) and public space (streets, parks, and the like). One thing not permitted on the Sabbath is carrying things from a private space to a public space. Strictly speaking, in an Orthodox Jewish observation of the Sabbath, you can't even carry something as small as a house key or a Kleenex between these two areas. In the modern world, this restricts people from mingling with the larger population. An *Eruv* helps solve this problem and, according to the rabbi, helps unify the community, especially households with children and seniors. According to Sabbath laws, you couldn't push a stroller or a wheelchair between a private and a public space. *Eruv* is Hebrew for "joining together" or "mingling."

An *Eruv* is a type of enclosure, a demarcation that expands the definition of private space beyond the walls of a residence. It could cover many city blocks or many miles. The area can be defined by existing walls; but in any place where appropriate walls aren't already erected, a wire or string of some sort can serve to mark the boundary. That's what the El Cajon Boulevard monofilament is. It's virtually invisible and has a city right-of-way permit. Most major cities in the U.S. and internationally will have an *Eruv*. This is San Diego's first.

So there's the skinny. And speaking of skinny, we've gotta go help Pa Alice again. He got his T-shirt caught in the BowFlex and it shot him across the room.

Matt:
My friend insists that if you are in an elevator and the cable breaks and you fall to the ground, you'd be killed. I still can't see why you couldn't jump up at the last second and save yourself from the impact. Who's right?

— Dead and Not Dead, San Diego

If it makes you feel better while you're plummeting, then go right ahead and believe you'll be just fine if you time your jump perfectly. You won't be, but at least it will make your last moments peaceful. But maybe you're the same guy who wrote in to ask why a fly in your car doesn't get squished inside the back window when you're traveling 80 down the freeway. Did we all sleep through physics? Anyway, elevatorwise, both you and the car are moving at the same rate of fall. What, 50 feet per second? One hundred? Pick a number. So, how fast can you jump? Five feet per second? Ten? That's a reasonable guess unless you have some bionic parts we're not aware of. That leaves you with a considerable downward deficit. You'll still be falling rather than rising when the Otis hits the fan.

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Bon Tons 26. Dolly Vardens 19.

"I didn't know baseball started so early on the West Coast. You have a reference to it being played in California during the late 1850s."

I'm talking to Bill Swank, 64, about his latest book, *Baseball in San Diego: From the Plaza to the Padres*. Swank was a San Diego County probation officer for 31 years, retired in 1994. He has written or cowritten five San Diego–centered baseball books. He's married and the father of three grown children.

Continuing, "I was also surprised that newspapers were referring to baseball as the national game by the 1880s."

"Oh, yeah."

"When did that happen?"

"The 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings," Swank says, "are considered the first professional baseball team. They toured the country and won all their games. The National League started in 1876. Baseball was called the National Game by then."

U.S. Grant was president. "And, at the same time, there was a lot of circus in it. Didn't San Diego promoters often field instant teams in order to make a quick buck on Sunday?"

"Players would jump around so much, a guy could play for one team in the morning and another team in the afternoon, depending on the money. In 1906, this guy Sanders — don't know his first name — a black guy, he's playing on an all-white San Diego team. We had integration here in 1906. Amazing."

Well, maybe, sort of, and it depends. "You quote from the *Union*, after writing a paragraph describing an 1870s San Diego baseball game, 'Gen. Custar's [*sic*] command annihilated.' "

"Yeah, yeah," Swank laughs. "They didn't have sports pages back then. You'd be reading along and there would be an article about a ship that just pulled in. And then there'd be a story about honey production. Then there'd be a little story, a game of baseball 'was played today between the Bon Tons and the Dolly Vardens,' goofy names like that, 'and the score was 26 to 19, and everybody had a good time.' *Custer* was misspelled. The story was just coming off the telegraph lines."

"I was surprised that towns as small as Vista, Fallbrook, Julian, La Mesa, Ramona, and Poway had baseball teams in the 1890s."

Swank says, "The Pala Indians had a team."

What follows are a few team names from that period: Lone Star Club, the Old San Diego Club, Young Americans Club, Diegos, Resolutes, Bay City Club, Schiller and Murtha, Llewelyns, S. Whites, Dorseys, Shamrocks, Pickwicks, Mercantile, Bears, Old Town, Whites, F.N. Hamilton, and my favorite, Otay Watch Factory.

"What were your primary sources?" I ask.

"It's all original research. I started out with the [San Diego] *Herald* and then the *Union*. I also used the *Sun* and later, the *Tribune*. Most [baseball] games were played around holidays. In San Diego, the Thanksgiving Day game was always a big one, as was the Christmas game and the New Year's game and the Fourth of July game.

"I fell asleep more than once, going through old microfilm." Swank is a card-carrying regular at the SDSU library. "They have a baseball index at the historical society. I found stuff that wasn't on the index. Most of the stuff in the book nobody has ever heard of before — nobody!"

Swank has a light touch, a gift for finding the oddball fact that illustrates a larger question. If you like local history or San Diego baseball history, you'll probably like this book. Follows are random quotes to give you a taste.

1874. Quoting from the *Union,* "The biggest game of base ball (Pacific vs. Eckfords) that was played in this end of the state was set for Christmas Day, 1874. Seats would be provided for ladies, who are cordially invited to attend and stimulate by their presence the aspirants to base ball honors to do their level best on this occasion." Two days later, the *Union* reported that the championship match was a "close contest, ending in favor of the 'Eckfords.' We have not been favored with the score...' "

1886. "A grand Fourth of July celebration was planned for Coronado Beach. A match game of base ball between the Coronado Nine and Athletic Clubs was to be played at the Peninsula ball grounds."

1888. "A list of fines were published... 'You make me sick,' would cost a player $10; 'You're rotten,' $15; 'Give us a show,' $25, said with a snarl, $30."

1889. Quoting from the *Union,* "The Reverend F.R. Perkins warned that base ball would corrupt the young children of Logan Heights. The 'twin demons' of base ball — gambling and drunkenness — result in 'desolated homes, commercial dishonesty, theft, blasted lives, and all forms of vice and violence.' "

1907. "Another winter league immediately hatched... Fans were sternly admonished that if they did not support 'classy ball in San Diego, the 10-cent corner lot variety would again be dominant.' "

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Denomination: The Christian and Missionary Alliance
Address: 9050 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-7730
Founded locally: 1975
Senior pastor: Bill Impey
Congregation size: 75
Staff size: 2
Sunday school enrollment: 20
Annual budget: $175,000
Weekly giving: $2800
Singles program: developing
Dress: casual
Diversity: white, Hispanic
Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1-1/4 hours
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"Traditional churches are in a panic. A lot of pastors are tired. They have lost their love for people, for the lost, and the ability to innovate. These pastors hope they can survive for ten more years because they have no other vocation. These pastors feel threatened. They think they will be replaced by younger pastors," said Pastor Bill Impey. Impey said he knows pastors who have been replaced. In one case, "The pastor's congregation forced him out. The congregation wanted to go in a different direction than the pastor."

Pastor Impey moved from the Pacific Northwest one-and-a-half years ago at the request of his denomination. The denomination hoped he would be able to turn Grace church around. "They felt that the church could become a more vibrant part of the community, a place where Christianity is experienced in the local neighborhood," said Impey.

Prior to Impey's arrival, the church was more traditional. "Traditionalism is going away. Churches became nostalgic for an era that doesn't exist anymore. Jesus offered eternal life to people, not churches," said Impey. "Traditional churches will slowly fade away into obscurity if they do not change." Impey calls the congregation to live out their faith and help their neighbors. Impey encourages the church's pursuit of local immigrant populations that surround the church. "We want to reflect our local culture and have more Filipinos, Asians, and other ethnicities," said Impey. Pastor Impey said some people did not want to go in this new direction. "We lost people who want their Christianity to be more about their own personal faith. They didn't want to have their beliefs impact how they are living."

Erik Echegaray spoke about some of the changes Impey brought to the church. "The appearance of the church is more casual. In the service, we have round coffee tables set up. I love this. People can grab a coffee and listen to the sermon. Before, the atmosphere was more formal and stuffy. The music has also changed. We have gone from predominantly hymns, where we trudged through the hymnal, to contemporary worship. A lot of people didn't like the bongo beat and guitars, so they left." Echegaray said there are more family events, small groups, and barbecues after the service to build community. "Before, people would leave right after church. Now, people want to stick around."

Pastor Impey sees a shift in the church because of postmodernity, the rejection of the optimism of reason and logic of modernity. The postmodern church moves from the creation of religious programs and absolute claims toward a more experiential faith and greater acceptance of mystery in biblical passages. "My belief is that postmodernity is only a transitional point," explained Pastor Impey. "We haven't arrived at what is still to come. Postmodernity has brought a shift that hasn't been addressed by the church as a whole." Impey said that today's church has lost much of its roots in historical Christianity. "Ancient teachings that are valuable have been lost on this culture. People no longer know why they believe what they believe."

Impey sees this reformation as doctrinal, while the reformation Martin Luther began was ecclesiological. "Luther only asked valid questions about the Catholic Church and the Pope. He wanted to help change the church, but it went much farther than what he intended. Doctrine only began to be talked about openly because of this movement.

PASTOR BILL IMPEY

Grace
Mira Mesa
★★★

Sermon	
content	★★★
delivery	★★★
Liturgy	★★
Music	
congregational	★★
band	★★
Snacks	★★
Architecture	★½
Friendliness	★★★½

Poor to satisfactory	(none)
Good	★
Very good	★★
Excellent	★★★
Extraordinary	★★★★

"We, as a church, have begun to fulfill something that has been on my heart for six months," Pastor Impey began his sermon. In the sermon, Impey interacted with the congregation; he frequently used people's names and examples from their lives.

"Last Sunday, we had in our midst a woman who was not a Christian. After the service, this woman said to me that if she believed there was a God, this would be the church she'd attend. She said she enjoyed the way the people live out their Christianity and how they are so open. And she didn't mean that we are open and tolerant in a Unitarian way." Impey told the congregation they could not separate "living and speaking about Christianity. A lot of political leaders say they are Christian but they are only speaking it. They are not speaking it with the conversation of their life. If you live the gospel, people will want to hear your message.

"Many Christians have gone to churches that teach you how to act. Be good and don't cuss or drink. This was considered being a good Christian. In modern Christianity, we teach people how to act as a Christian but not from their hearts," said Impey. "We don't behave a certain way to get into heaven. We're going beyond Christianity as behavior. We need to get beyond; if we don't live in a particular way, God will be ticked off. This is karma Christianity. If I live good, God will bless me. If I don't, God will curse me. We want to be a church that moves away from formulated Christianity."

I asked Pastor Impey what he believed happened to a person after they die. "I don't like the topic that people will be eternally tormented," replied Impey. "If an unbeliever dies, he goes to Shoel [hell]. The believer goes to the current state of heaven. Eventually, there will be a new heaven that will be established when all the elect have been redeemed. At this point, unbelievers will face final judgment in a lake of fire."

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Dear Saffron,

There's a house for sale on my block, three doors up from me. Lots of nice young couples come to look at it, and I cringe when I see them. This is because right next door to that house lives a group of people who are notorious in our neighborhood. They sleep all day and party all night. None of them seem to have jobs. I don't know precisely what goes on over there, but a group of guys are always hanging around that house, loitering out on the street, tinkering with their cars, setting up work lights, doing mysterious late-night building and digging projects, smoking, playing music, and yelling until the wee hours. They go to bed about 5 a.m. There are always at least three broken-down cars parked in and around their driveway. Sometimes the cops come because one of these guys has a loud drunken fight with his girlfriend. Friends come to stay with these guys and the friends camp out on our street and live in their vans for a while. The nice-looking families who come shopping in the quiet afternoons for a place to live are being shown the house next door to this crash pad and they have no idea what it'll be like at night if they move in. I feel like warning some of these unsuspecting house buyers to beware. The realtors sure as hell aren't going to tell them what they'd be moving next door to. My husband says I should mind my own business.

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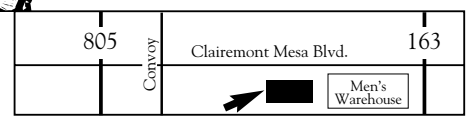

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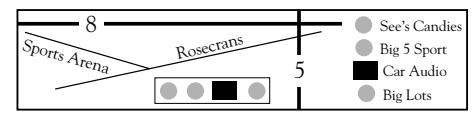

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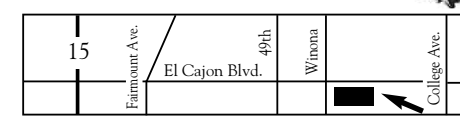

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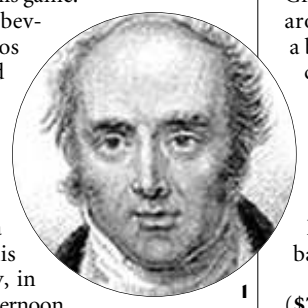
"The secret recipe...was given to one of Earl Grey's diplomats in the 1880s by a Chinese Mandarin as a reward for saving his life."

My love Patrick goes through beverage kicks. When we were new to the wedded world, tall slushy margaritas were our drink; we'd sit on the deck sipping our drinks and watching the western sky change colors. Then Patrick took up pool and Ping-Pong with his college friend Frank. He insisted that gin and tonics helped his game.



Then it was warm beverages: cappuccinos one winter, followed by a couple years of lattés. Recently Patrick has had a hankering for tea. He's been drinking peppermint tea after dinner, and his favorite, Earl Grey, in the morning and afternoon. I was thinking this tradition is here to stay — at least for a season or two — and I was eager to find the best Earl Grey tea for Patrick's Father's Day basket.

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I hopped onto my bike and headed off to buy the teas, stopping in at Trader Joe's, Vons, Starbucks, and the local tea store, All Things Bright and British in La Mesa Village. The saleslady from the teashop, who hails from England, said she was not a fan of Earl Grey tea. "Some people really like it, but I find it too sweet," she explained. She showed me the Taylors of Harrogate brand, which she thought was the best. I bought that one and the two others that they sold.

I arrived home and sat at the kitchen island perusing the boxes.

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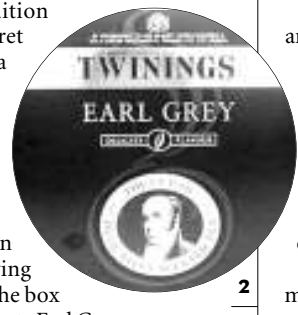

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I invited chum Bernice to bring her keen palate and join in the sipping. She arrived and plopped down a copy of Garrison Keillor's *The Book of Guys*. "He has a chapter in here titled Earl Grey," she laughed. "He says he was a middle child, used to suffering and being forgotten, but now his tea is one of the most popular in the world."

I assured her I would read it and took the whistling kettle off the stove. After pouring out a row of tea, we let each brew for two minutes.

Bernice suggested comparing their aromas. Two of them, Taylors of Harrogate (**$7.99** for a box of 50 bags at All Things Bright and British) and the Trader Joe's (**$1.79** for 20 bags), had none of the Earl Grey perfume smell but a strong black tea aroma. "The Bigelow Earl Grey [**$2.99** for a box of 20 bags at Vons] smells like burnt coffee grinds," Bernice grimaced as she pulled her nose from the cup. I smelled cigarette butts. Patrick smelled soil.

Some teas had an overpowering citrus aroma. "I can almost taste marmalade when I smell this Stash Earl Grey tea," Patrick commented (**$3.49** for a box of 20 bags at Vons).

The Twinings Aromatics Earl Grey (**$7.59** for 50 bags at All Things Bright and British) was also too aromatic. "A strong floral smell," Bernice offered. And the Starbucks Tazo Earl Grey tea perfumed the air. "I wonder if there's something other than an oil of bergamot in this because it has a strong perfume smell." Bernice seized the box and read all six sides but couldn't find any secret ingredient. "I'd swear there was jasmine in this."

We moved to the sipping. One tea was written off immediately. The Safeway Select Earl Grey (**$2.99** for a box of 24 bags at Vons) was watery, giving no black tea flavor at all.

The Trader Joe's Organic Earl Grey Tea (**$2.29** for 20 tea bags) had a sharp acidity to it. "A horrible aftertaste, and you just want to get that taste right off of your tongue," I moaned.

We finally found a pleasant taste in the Starbucks Tazo Earl Grey (**$4.95** for a box of 24 bags). "After all, it is 'The Reincarnation of Tea,'" scoffed Patrick, reading the box. That tea was his favorite, however. "The standard to which all others must be compared," he smiled. "Give me a couple of those shortbread cookies they sell at Starbucks and I'm in heaven."

Bernice found it too strong. My friend and my hubby also disagreed over the Trader Joe's Earl Grey. It had too sharp a black tea taste for Bernice's liking, though Patrick placed it as his second favorite.

Bernice's favorite was Twinings Aromatics Earl Grey. "It's got a long finish, not harsh, and it's a whole-mouth experience," she said. It was the darkest brew of the bunch.

Her second choice was the Stash Premium Earl Grey Black Tea. "I can taste more orange in this, and I like the finish," she remarked.

Both Patrick and Bernice loved the Taylor of Harrogate Earl Grey. "This is the best quality tasting black tea of the whole lot," said Patrick, "but you can't taste the bergamot in it at all, so it's not a good Earl Grey."

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In the Reader

Maharaj Ji

Thirty Years Ago

Though Carly and Richard insist that historical events have little to do with their religious experience, they explain that if the Guru's mother and brother, who have denounced the Guru [Maharaj Ji] as a playboy, were to come to San Diego, they would not accept them. Carly and Richard, "Guru Maharaj Ji says obstacles are a part of life."

Comments are likewise muted about local Marilyn Johnson, the blonde stewardess who, as the Guru's wife, gives satsang. "Her parents, who live in Imperial Beach, they have come to see that she and Guru Maharaj Ji are happy.… No, the parents haven't received knowledge. They come to some of our satsang meetings, and Guru Maharaj Ji comes to visit them in San Diego."

— **"STILL BEAUTIFUL,"** *Jean Hector, May 29, 1975*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

We're sitting at the bar rail in the officers' club at Twentynine Palms. It's crowded with desert-tanned Marines in camouflage utilities and combat boots. Johnny Paycheck's "Take This Job and Shove It" is playing on the juke. I'm talking with Ron Frazier, the public information officer who's been prepping me on the plan of battle for tomorrow's war game, a "combined-arms exercise." Talk naturally turns to the failed rescue mission in Iran. "If I were the President, I'd give them 48 hours to return our captives, then I'd go in and level the country," Frazier says.

— **"IF THEY WANT TO HAVE A WAR THE MARINES WANT TO FIGHT IT,"** *David Helvarg, May 29, 1980*

Twenty Years Ago

I am Ninotchka Siderova, a citizen of the Soviet Union. Since I have been in your country I have witnessed many disturbing things. However, none of them could compare to my rage when I read Jonathan Saville's "review" of a recent Tchaikovsky festival ("Quarter Notes," May 23). What gives him or your paper the right to defile the name of the great Tchaikovsky?

Obviously Mr. Saville is unaware of the meaning of the word "talent" if he failed to see the genius of Tchaikovsky. When you insult him, you insult Russian culture.

— LETTERS: **"THE NAME OF THE GREAT TCHAIKOVSKY,"** *Ninotchka Siderova, May 30, 1985*

Fifteen Years Ago

When David Copley, the 38-year-old son of *Union* publisher Helen Copley, was convicted of his second drunk driving offense last month and ordered to spend two days at the county work camp in Descanso, the newspaper was silent. Even after the San Diego edition of the *Los Angeles Times* reported the incident two weeks ago, neither the *Union* nor the *Tribune* picked up the story, although someone reportedly posted it on the bulletin board in the *Union* newsroom.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"DAVID UNDER THE INFLUENCE,"** *Matt Potter, May 31, 1990*

Ten Years Ago

Once in a great, long while, the *Reader* hits the high mark. Judith Moore's excellent article on Jan Kerouac is a credit to the paper ("Jack's Heirs Slug It Out," May 18). We find out that the filthy faggot Allen Ginsberg is involved with NAMBLA, a pedophile group. Ginsberg belongs in a maximum-security federal prison. This beast is subhuman. We learn that Jack Kerouac was a lunatic drunk with nothing going for him. There is your cultural revolution, a bunch of weirdo shitheads, puffing on pot and screwing little boys.

— LETTERS: **"MAY THEY BURN IN HELL,"** *Michael Praetorius, May 25, 1995*

Five Years Ago

During college, I was naïve enough to think that most people were atheists, only they were afraid to say so or were going through the motions of religious faith to please family. My friends, I thought, may believe in the social customs that accompany faith, but they don't believe. To me, evolution and natural law were so sensible and true that I couldn't fathom anyone relinquishing them in favor of theology.

Though you'd think that I would have learned in college that something like 95 percent of the people in this country believe in a traditional God, I didn't. I learned this after I graduated, when new acquaintances, girlfriends, and coworkers rubbed against my firm skepticism.

— SIGHTSEER: **"WE LIVE, WE DIE,"** *Justin Wolff, May 25, 2000*

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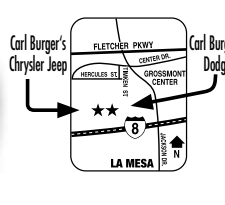

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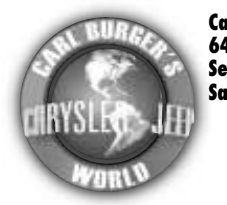

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by Josh Board

Top: Audio Antics; *bottom left:* Jay Brown; *bottom right:* Melissa and Cyrstal

When I have to fit three parties in on one day, it helps to start in the afternoon. At Mimi's Cafe one night for dinner, I overheard a waitress named Melissa talking about a CD release party the next afternoon. I was planning to go to another CD release party that night.

The next afternoon I headed to Blind Melon's in Pacific Beach, to hear the band Audio Antics perform at their CD release.

The band was supposed to start at 4 p.m., but they were over an hour late. It did give me a chance to talk to a few of the band members as they walked around the bar.

I went up to a guy named Brian, the guitarist. "I can't hear you; can you talk into my other ear?" I asked why. "I'm deaf in that ear." His deafness was recent, and I asked if it was from loud music. He told me, "A few months back, I woke up deaf in this ear. There's some scientific name for what it is. They gave me shots and injections into my ear, and some pills. I got some of the low frequencies back."

Doesn't that mess you up on stage?

"It's terrible. I can only hear the bass and drums. Everything else sort of turns to mush. I have to really know the songs and pay close attention. You'll see me fuck up tonight."

I hear two guys that are arguing about everything. I hear one say, "I hate this digital jukebox on the wall. They are supposed to be huge, with neon lights and bubbles all around." As a jukebox collector, I couldn't agree more. His buddy has a good point, though: "But with digital jukeboxes, it gives you access to more songs; not just some crappy country-western records the owner may have put in."

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They later argue over the Filipina that's one of the lead singers in the band. One says she's cute. The other says, "How can someone with tattoos all over their arms be hot? And she's wearing a sleeveless shirt to show them off." His friend responds, "Well, if you spent that much money on your ink, you'd probably never wear sleeves again."

I talked to a woman named Crystal. Her brother Eddie plays bass in the band. I said, "Do you have to say you like the band because your brother is in it?" She laughed, "I wouldn't tell my friends to come see them if they weren't good."

I asked if she played an instrument. "No. My parents had me learn saxophone. That lasted about a month. I remember they rented it, and I wanted my own. It seemed weird to blow into a saxophone that belonged to someone else."

There were a few guys watching basketball on TV and debated whether Steve Nash deserved to win the MVP award (in my opinion, he didn't). One of them said, "The band is waiting on one person. I wish he'd show up already." I was nursing my drink, mesmerized at how this bartender with the funky nose ring (that went from inside one nostril to the other) was serving drinks all by herself. She would run to one end of the bar, take three drink orders, and as she's pouring them, ask a few others what they wanted to drink. She never stopped moving, and never gave a person the wrong drink.

The bass player came over and introduced himself. I asked him who his favorite bass player was, and he surprised me by saying Wayman Tisdale. He's a former NBA player that now plays smooth jazz. Another bass player I know also mentioned Tisdale as his favorite jazz bassist.

The bass player ordered a Guinness. I asked if he's ever gotten drunk before a gig. "It's been known to happen. Sometimes a few guys give you shots. They aren't the ones that have to go onstage."

I talked to one of the singers, a Filipino guy named Emcee Intangible. He also calls himself MCI, and in a rap later that night he says he "gives the girls free long distance." He tells me, "The band has only been together a few years. They used to be called 619 West. The rap world in San Diego is so big, yet there are only so many outlets for rappers. Even Z-90 doesn't play local rap stuff."

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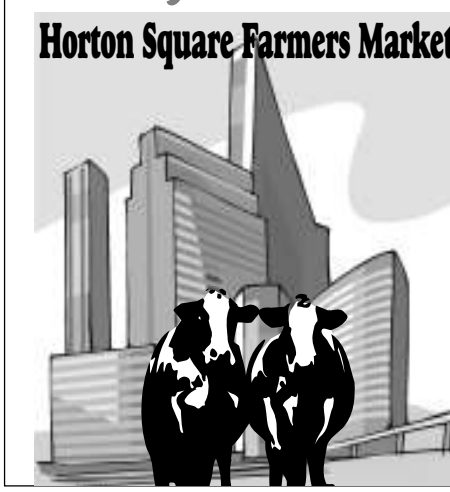

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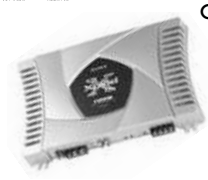

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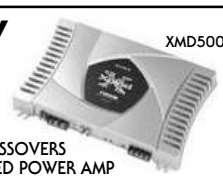

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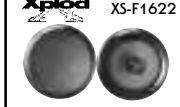

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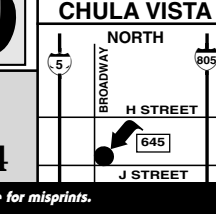

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hit the stage, there was a huge crowd. I hear one song that sounds like Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust."

The songs have a blend of reggae, rap, and funk. One song is called "Kiss the Sky," and MCI raps, "With a little bit of fame/they catch a lotta bit of ego."

It was fun watching the crowd get into it. There were a few older people at the show, with white or graying hair, that were obviously family of the band members. I assume they don't care for rap, but they smile. They scan the crowd and beam with pride that their kids can energize more than a hundred people, who are throwing their hands in the air and dancing.

I hear another line in a rap that makes me laugh. It was something about "taking fat chicks to Souplantation."

MCI, the youngest of the bunch (he's in his early 20s, the rest in their late 20s), really knows how to work the crowd. At one point he says "Buy a CD now, bitch!"

I asked him after the show how he thought the afternoon went. He says, "Some girls wanted their breasts signed. It was a fun day."

I asked him about Curtis, the other guitarist. "He's a P.E. teacher. He had a soccer scholarship and got his degree in Chicago. He almost became a pro skater."

When Crystal came by, she was toasted. She told me they were having a party that night at Cody's (drummer) house. I gave her my number so I could get directions, but she didn't call (the story of my life). MCI told me in an e-mail that at that party, Cody was skating on a ramp in his backyard and fell. He hurt his hip really bad. I guess he's not the skater that Curtis is.

I had to drive to Chula Vista for the next CD release party. It was for Mario "MJ" Racadio. It was at the Yokozuna Sushi Bar & Islander Grill.

Racadio's first single, "Burning Memory," had 10,000 Web hits in a two-week period and was number 1 on Freeworldradio.com.

I drove fast to get to this event on time, and Mario was an hour late. They had karaoke going on. I heard some Elvis, Billy Joel, and Elton John songs. While a woman sang Patsy Cline's "Crazy," I thought I'd go crazy waiting. Racadio's guitarist, Foreign Exchange, an older Filipino, sang "What a Wonderful World." He sounded just like Louise Armstrong.

A kid that looked to be about eight years old sang "Jailhouse Rock." That was cute.

Mario finally took the stage to the sounds of the *Rocky* theme blaring at about 150 decibels. He was a short, good looking guy. I had seen him walking around, talking to friends and family.

He wore a hat and dark suit, with a chain dangling from his pocket. His dance moves reminded me of Michael Jackson, and his voice of Enrique Iglesias. His singing style reminded me of Marc Anthony. I mentioned this to someone nearby who responded, "To bad he doesn't have J. Lo on his arm."

I finished my dinner and ordered the green tea ice cream. It tasted like frozen dirt. I tried dessert number two, a banana cake that was delicious.

Mario sang a Marc Anthony tune, as well as a song by Josh Grobin.

I was eavesdropping on a couple that said Mario would be performing at the New York International Music Festival this June. "He's going to be called the Millennium Artist."

They said he has a huge following among the Filipino community, so I mention that there weren't many people here to see him. "He's going to headline the 8th Annual Filipino Family Day at Soak City in Chula Vista. There will be thou-

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The last party of the day was at the Westin Hotel in Horton Plaza. It started at 9 p.m., but I arrived about 45 minutes later. They were still setting up, however, and there weren't many people there.

A guy named Jay Brown was throwing this party. He has a company called Prolifik Productions. It was also his 26th birthday. I asked him what his company did. "We are involved in music publishing and licensing. There are a lot of different areas of the media that we try to hit. There are commercials, websites, and video games. We just did the score for a film. It's a 20-minute short that's going to be in a few film festivals."

I asked how many artists he represents. "We have two at the moment. It's hard to devote enough time and energy if you have too many different acts."

During the party, I find out Boyd has been around a while. Someone tells me he was in a TV show called *Fame*, with Debbie Allen. He made it to the finals.

I ask Jay if reality shows like *American Idol* would help his client. I say, "You can either get exposure, or... have an affair with Paula Abdul." He laughs and says, "We're actually going to fly Jasmine up to San Francisco to audition for *Making the Band* on MTV [the Puff Daddy show]."

I went downstairs to smoke a cigar and walked toward Horton Plaza. A few nicely dressed people left the mall, heading for clubs and restaurants. A few homeless people walked around talking to themselves. I heard one pair of homeless guys discussing whether Wendy's was going to be giving out free shakes (because of all the bad press they got regarding the finger in the chili).

When I headed back up to the party, I noticed I could hear the music from the lobby and in the elevator. I assumed the hotel didn't have their ballrooms near an area where guests would be bothered, so I asked Jay if the hotel had any restrictions. "We actually looked around and called a lot of places before settling on the Westin. Most of the hotels told us we had to be done by midnight. We have the Plaza Ballroom until 1 a.m. I have 150 guests here, but it's a private party. Mostly family and friends."

It was set up nicely, with artwork on display in the lobby, which also had a bartender serving drinks. They had Play Stations set up, and a golf game, in which you could putt and win a prize. When one guy in his 50s wanted to try it, there was nobody around to give him his prize. We both laughed. I told him I wasn't going to attempt it. I can only golf if there are windmills and a mini Eiffel Tower.

There was a DJ named "B Wild." I thought he had the volume up too high, but it may have seemed that way because it wasn't my type of music. I asked Jay about the DJ and he said, "The DJ got here late, and he had a fever. He was throwing up. It was a bit of a disaster."

When I was walking down the hall to get away from the loud music, I heard one woman talking on her cell phone. She was saying the cops accused her of stealing her boyfriend's car.

As I drove home, I wondered how many of those musicians would be able to make a career in music. Some might become famous, but the odds are against them. Some might become music teachers.

My ears were still ringing, and I wondered about the damage they might be doing to their ears while playing loud music. It's strange that the one person I met with an ear problem didn't get it from music. ■

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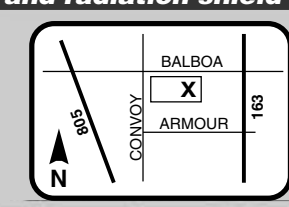

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Loathing Las Vegas

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The worst thing that can happen to a man who gambles is to win.

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"This is like some kind of hell, and all of these people are isolated at their own personal hell machines that suck positive energy."

"Why don't you gamble?"

David pondered his answer for the span of two exits. I was lost in thought and entranced by the rhythm of the road when he finally answered.

"Because I would lose."

"But what if you won?"

"Casinos are not in the business of losing. How do you think they fund those huge, amazing buildings and all the other shit that's in Vegas? By winning."

"I'm wondering what you think, because to me, gambling seems kinda...well, stupid," I said.

"Look, this is how I figure it." David always begins with the word "look" when he's about to explain something. "There are times I've gambled for entertainment, but I've never been foolish enough to try and think of it as a money-making opportunity. To some people, it might be worth 50 bucks an hour for the fun of it."

"I can think of 50 things I'd rather do with 50 bucks," I said.

David nodded in agreement. "So you see what I mean? Gambling is all about probability, and the probability says that you're going to lose. If I'm gambling with the thought that I'm going to make money, it ceases to be entertainment; that's why you see all those grim faces in the casinos. They're not being entertained; they're trying to make money, and for the most part, they're not."

Business had brought David to Vegas six times in the past 20 years. I'd been twice before (not counting a family vacation when I was 12). The first was for my sister's bachelorette party, the second for a swank bash thrown at Caesar's Palace by a friend of a friend.

This was my first — and probably last — trip to the desert city with David. We checked into a resort hotel located ten miles from the famed strip that is the world's epicenter of bling. As one who prefers quiet elegance to vulgar displays of razzle-dazzle, David would never have agreed to go to Vegas if it were not for Ollie, who insisted on celebrating his birthday in Sin City.

The hotel room was to our liking, containing the prerequisite two-person soaking tub and rainshower head within an immense bathroom. While investigating a few of the nine restaurants the resort had hidden among 50 acres of land, David and I stumbled upon a labyrinthine casino.

I stared down one aisle between two rows of slot machines. Pulling David close, I whispered, "Don't they all look really sad to you?"

"It's because they're not interacting with each other," said David.

"A creepy image just came to mind," I said. "This is like some kind of hell, and all of these people are isolated at their own personal hell machines that suck positive energy. Look at their faces: so dismal. The machine depletes them of happiness and rent money, leaving these withered wretches with nothing but a desperate sense of hope that they can somehow beat the machine at its own game." I was reminded of the machines that feed off human energy in *The Matrix*.

It was 2:00 p.m. on a warm, sunny day, and the stale, smoky, clockless room with a carpet designed to hide stains was filled with ashen, wrinkled faces. Was the golf course overbooked? Or could it be — and I hated to consider this option — that hanging out with a drink and a smoke while methodically feeding slot machines was the primary choice of activity for these people?

We got some cash at an ATM that only spit hundred-dollar bills, exchanged those hundreds for something smaller at the cashier's counter, and skedaddled. Once outside, I took a deep breath of fresh, smoke-free air, savoring the scent of jasmine and petunias.

"Is it me, or has everyone we've encountered thus far had that Midwestern quality about them?" I asked David while we waited for a taxi. "I get a distinct sense of middle America. I had no idea this was a destination for anybody outside of L.A."

"The shows bring people from all over," David pointed out. I had my heart set on seeing Cirque du Soleil's *O* but, as my friend Mikey V. might say, it wasn't in the cards.

"Look," began David (I decided I had time to sit and rest my feet when I heard the telling word), "rather than take a trip to New

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York City, maybe these people from the middle of nowhere feel more comfortable taking a trip to the theme-parked version of New York City. Everything here is packaged for entertainment."

I was slightly distracted by a woman who walked by, covered in nothing but gold from her bleached-golden hair to her glittery, golden heels.

"Whereas, if you go to the actual cities," he continued, "you have to cope with more — they have businesses other than entertainment; it takes a lot of effort to create an itinerary. And of course, there's always the Faustian allure of winning big at the blackjack tables."

David's fastidious research habits complement my neurotic need for planning ahead. Neither of us is lazy when it comes to creating the perfect vacation. This was a different kind of trip for us, however, because aside from booking the hotel, we had no plans.

Friday night, when it was apparent that our cohorts would be arriving into town later than we thought, we ended up dining at Rosemary's, the restaurant I chose from David's researched list of options. After dinner, tipsy from wine and satiated by tasty tidbits, we relaxed in the tub, prepped with David's special blue liquid bubble bath from Germany. We were both blissfully asleep before 10:00.

Saturday, we learned that the birthday boy and the rest of the crew had partied till the break of dawn — the exact same thing I would have done before I began dating a straight-edged man and gave up drugs out of sheer inconvenience.

Going with the flow — which is a new thing for me — we joined Kip, Renee, and Mel on a journey to the Hilton, a.k.a. Star Trekker's Paradise. The ladies were, as one would expect from a night full of spastic revelry, exhausted. Kip, on the other hand, was surprisingly vigorous — after years of friendship, the man's resilience still amazes me.

The rest of the afternoon, as everyone slept off the previous night's hangover and rested for the night ahead, and while Ollie and another friend threw dice all over the casino at their downtown hotel, David and I walked until the brim of my floppy red hat was damp with perspiration. From Paris to the Venetian, we sidestepped offers of free shows and lodgings; climbed over tourists, guards, dealers, players, and loudly bleeping, brightly blinking machines; and stopped here and there for a drink and people-watching.

At 9:00 p.m. we were stuck in traffic on the Strip. David took photos of the colorful Jumbotrons while I cursed at the driver of a Hummer-limo.

"This is worse than the Gaslamp on Saturday night," I said.

"I *hate* Las Vegas," said David.

"We could have seen a show," I said, wallowing in the fact that we killed six hours waiting around for others instead of following our own itinerary.

"I thought we were doing dinner tonight. Isn't that the plan? Everyone's getting together for dinner?"

As if on cue, Kip called to inform us that the birthday boy was hungry only for more dice throwing and the rest of the crew was about to head down to the Strip — the same Strip that had left David and me stunned, overstimulated, and cranky.

"What now?" David asked when I got off the phone.

"Now we're going to go back to our hotel and do some gambling. I've got a hunch that this is my lucky night."

"Oh yeah? Then you'll probably be able to tell me the odds against me joining you."

"On second thought, why don't we break into one of the bottles of red you brought along and bury ourselves in bubbles?"

"Now *that* sounds like a sure bet," said David. ■

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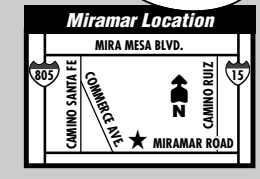

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GOT SOME SKIN LEFT?

I had six crude sketches of various animals, religious symbols, and skulls stenciled into my young body.

A tattoo addiction has left 20 percent of my body covered with subcutaneous ink. Depictions of water, cherry blossoms, a green demon, and an octopus cascade down my arms. I am eternally wearing long "sleeves."

When I was eight, I saw a tiny red devil tattoo on my dad's left bicep. That devil might have been no bigger than a golf ball, but he couldn't have made a larger impression. From that moment onwards, I couldn't contain my questions.

"Can I get a tattoo?"

"No."

"Did it hurt?"

"Yes."

"Where did you get it done?"

"The Philippines."

In coming years my father would uncover tattoo magazines under my bed, find a cigar box I'd marked "Savings for Tattoo," and uncover checklists I'd made outlining the process of immigration to the Philippines.

But in the end, no trips to far-off lands were required. Rumors circulating around my high school led me to find a drifter — a man escaping justice from a burglary he'd committed in Idaho — who would tattoo in exchange for beer. The man was dressed like a hobo, in borrowed clothes, and sported a ragged beard. He had no compunction about tattooing kids — as he told us all, he himself had been

tattooed, as a teenager, by one of his uncles.

And so, in a little wooden shed behind the home of a local, charitable family, the drifter told us how he'd come to be a tattoo artist. A short stint in a California prison for aggravated assault had given him 18 months to practice a newfound craft. He showed us how to make a tattoo gun from an eight-track motor, a Bic pen, and a sewing needle. At the age of 14, I walked into that shed with a 12-pack of beer and walked out with my first tattoo.

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In the months to come, I'd visit the old, graybeard tattooist again and again. Each time, I'd walk away with a new piece of art on my arm. That year, I had six crude sketches of various animals, crosses, and skulls stenciled onto my body. None were especially detailed; all were in one color — the faded denim blue that comes from having cheap black ink being injected beneath the white canvas of your skin.

The older I got, the more embarrassing I found them. Shame over the poor quality of those tattoos is the reason I now have sleeves of boldly patterned ink. Those large, heavy tattoos cover up a first generation of shaky outlines.

A friend of my dad's friend, known to me as "Loner," was the first person I'd met who'd had his arms completely masked. Panthers, eagles, and crosses encompassed Loner's arms, from his knuckles up to where they disappeared under his T-shirt. The doodlings I'd got when I was a teenager were minuscule compared to the coverage he wore. Upon meeting him I thought, *That's what I want.*

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When I was 24, I was making a decent living as a developer for a local Internet company but looked as though I ran a crystal meth ring out of my apartment. I knew this because my neighbor ran a meth ring out of his apartment and his tattoos were very similar to mine. The final push to get my old work covered up came when I passed his doorway.

"Hey," he slurred in a toothless Arkansas twang, "nice work."

"Ugh," I replied. The groan wasn't intentional. I hadn't meant to let my disappointment show, but I couldn't catch myself either. To have him compliment me on my appearance was the worst insult I could imagine.

"Thanks," I said quickly, trying to fill the

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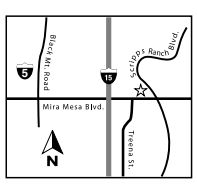

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time it took to get to my apartment.

"If you're looking to get some new work done, I sling ink," he whistled.

The thought of him adding more disjointed jailhouse ink to my already-marred skin was disconcerting — I realized I had to reverse the process and start over.

So the next day, instead of doing actual work at the office, I started my search for downtown tattoo studios. I listed the addresses on a piece of paper, and when my managers weren't looking, I shot out of the building. Tiger Jimmy's was the first place on my list, followed by Super Fly, and then Lucky's.

Tiger Jimmy's is the most famous tattoo joint in San Diego, but after leaving the shop I felt as if I needed to scrub myself down with steel wool or stand in the blast of a fire hose. I imagined hepatitis bugs doing backstrokes in the greenish liquid I'd seen puddled up on the counter. It may have been spilled soda, but I wasn't about to compromise my perfect 12-0 win-loss record of tattoos versus diseases.

When had I become so picky? At 14, a Bic lighter and bottle of rubbing alcohol provided enough protection to ease my mind. My ideas of sanitation consisted of keeping the vagrant's dogs off of my lap and curled up on the dirt floor at my feet. Now, here I was, ten years later, the Queen of England, who couldn't get inked in a studio that wasn't cleaner than my own bathroom. Before anyone noticed my presence, I checked Tiger Jimmy off my list and moved on.

Super Fly passed my initial cleanliness inspection. Sunshine beamed through the windows and gleamed over the tile floor. The spacious main room was more like a lounge than a tattoo pad, and dulcet tunes of loungey electronic music filled the air. If cartoon animals had been allowed in the shop, I'd have seen squirrels staging a song and dance while bluebirds tied ribbons in my hair. Super Fly was everything I was looking for. Until a woman in blue-jean overalls broke me out of my reveries.

"What the fuck do you want?" she barked, from the center of the shop.

"Sorry," I said, flummoxed. "I just need to talk to someone about my old tattoos. You see, I'd like to cover these up. Maybe get full sleeves with a bold pattern to hide these shoddy ones. How much is that? What's the hourly rate for work?"

While I was talking she advanced aggressively on my position.

"A lot," she huffed. "I don't have time for this."

We now stood nose-to-nose. I thought she was going to punch me, and I flinched and stuttered.

"Whatever," she

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hissed. I was apparently keeping her from curing cancer in the back because she spun around and stormed away.

"Well, fuck you then! You want people to come in here? You want to keep a business going? You better straighten out your goddamned attitude! I'd rather give that paraplegic out there a rusty pen knife and a Magic Marker than get a tattoo from you, bitch!"

That's what I should've said. What I said was, "OK. Thanks!"

I turned back once again when I reached the door and shouted into the interior of the shop, "Thanks!" with real conviction. "Maybe I'll come back."

I couldn't tell, but I think she was giving me the bird.

"Thanks," I said again, before scratching "Super Fly" off my list. My choices seemed to have been narrowed for me, and I was hoping that Lucky's would be more hospitable than the competition.

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Lucky's turned out to be smaller than the other parlors. Every inch of the walls was covered in "flash" — images of tattoos, painted on paper and hung up on the walls for customers to choose the designs they want. The flash here wasn't mass-produced and ordered from a magazine, like the flash from a lot of the shops I'd frequented. I was impressed to find the flash was authentic and original hand-drawn art.

I was poring over the designs, looking for something that could be spread out over a large area, when a thin guy wearing a long-sleeve pullover and glasses walked to greet me.

"Hi," he said. "I'm Dan."

It occurred to me that Dan looked more like an assistant professor than like the other tattoo artists I'd met.

"You looking for anything in particular?" he asked.

I was looking for bold patterns, and Dan suggested Japanese-style tattoos — the wide shapes and dark background would be perfect for concealing the line drawings I had acquired when I was young, and the bright colors in the foreground could blend in with old bland tattoos or completely hide them.

After talking with Dan for a couple of minutes I met Ford, another artist who shared the space. Both were nice, laid-back, and funny, and I made my appointment to start a cover-up process that would take almost 30 four-hour sittings — and two years — to finish.

In the course of all those agonizing hours, I saw a lot of people come and go. Fading beauties would try to recapture their youth by getting

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dolphins marked into the small of their backs. (I came to know these tattoos as "asshats.") Tough men — "trained killer" types — would puff their chests out upon entering, only to shake like puppies shitting peach pits when the needle hit their skin. If Dan was already working on someone when I came in, I'd hang out for the hour it took him to finish up. (The majority of customers in Lucky's were military men and women who wanted a small symbol to show off to their friends.) And in the time it took Dan to do a day's work on me, Ford could breeze through two or three cartoons, sunflowers, or sailing ships.

At the three-hour mark I'm usually looking for things to wrap up, but I always push on to prove I have big, swinging balls. One day, we went for six hours straight, until Dan noticed that one of my eyes was continually shut, that my mouth was frozen open, and that my eyebrows were fixed in a V that spread over my sweaty red forehead.

"Uh, maybe we should knock off for the day," Dan suggested and snapped his rubber gloves off. I agreed and peeled my white-knuckled fingers from the arm of the chair.

Fading beauties would try to recapture their former brilliance by getting dolphins marked into the small of their backs, what became known as "an asshat."

I started the sleeves when I was 25 and finished last year, just after my 27th birthday. Over that time Lucky's Tattoo closed down and the artists scattered to different shops. I followed Dan from Lucky's to About Face Tattoo in Oceanside, then to his apartment. Because of fallouts between Dan and shop owners, I never knew if I'd have to meet him downtown, in North County, or in his kitchen. Wherever we worked, Dan would pass the time by complaining about the state of the tattoo industry. As a rule, he said, studio owners kept half of everything an artist brought in. Owners rarely worked in their own shops, and some never showed up at all, except when it came time to collect their share of the earnings. Dan talked about teaming up with Ford — they'd worked together for years, tattooing in different cities in Florida and California before settling in San Diego, and almost always consulted each other on design, composition, and color before beginning a new job. Together, they'd open a new studio. But while it seemed like a natural step, the financing, and the added responsibility, seemed daunting.

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While Dan and Ford considered starting their own business, I was starting to tire of mine. I'd grown sick of the

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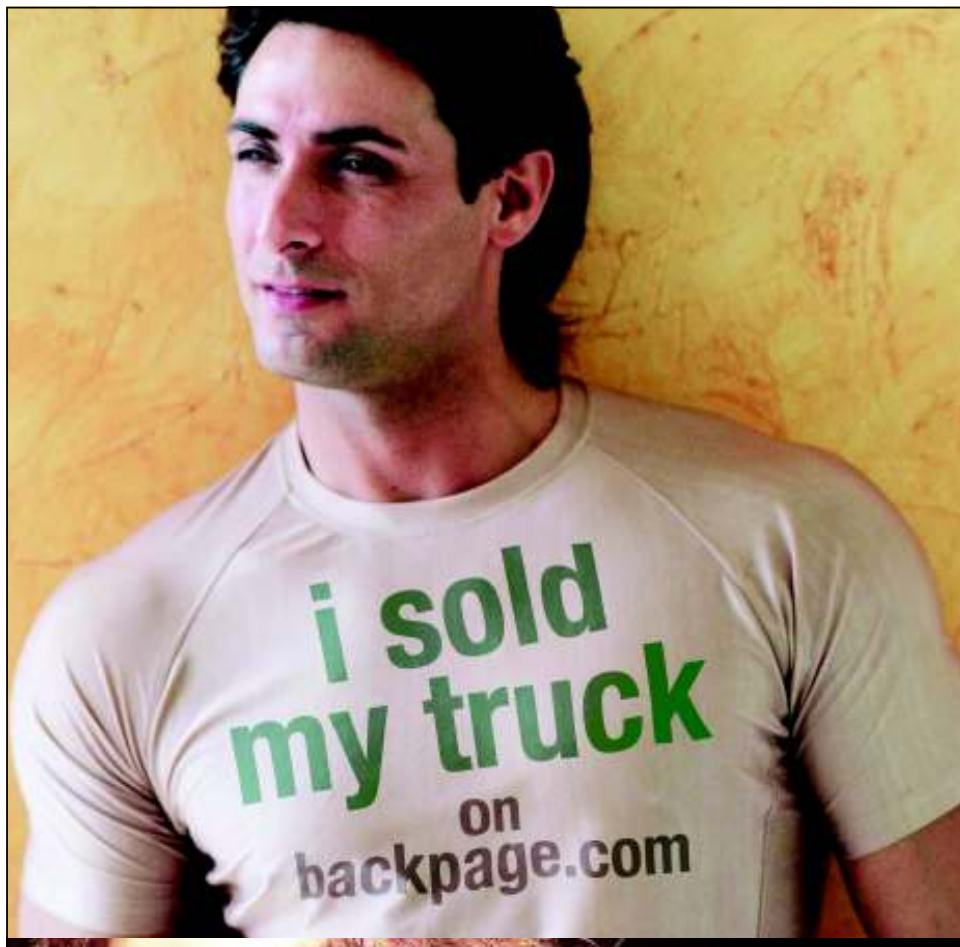

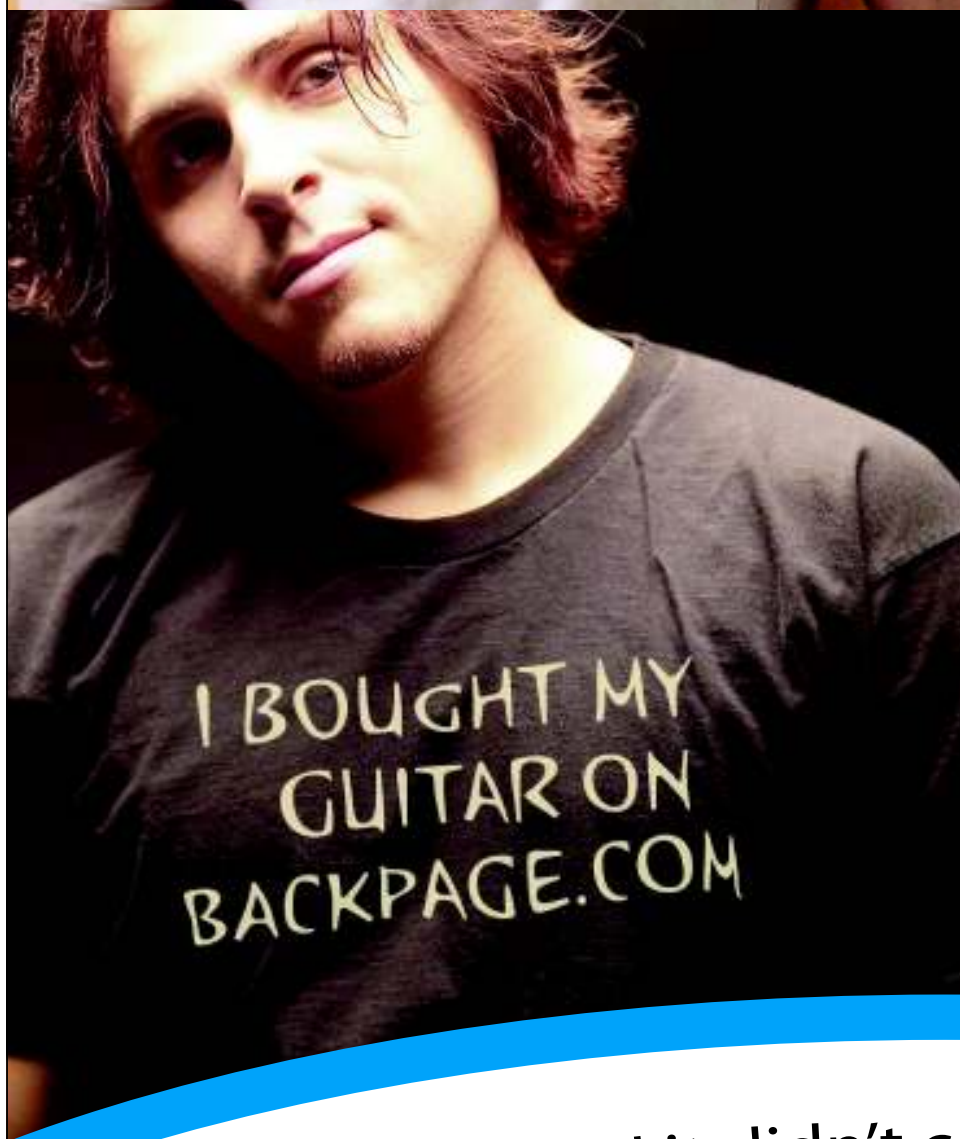

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commute, the office, the porn sites I'd been surfing instead of getting down to work. Before my company could fire me, I jumped ship and concocted a plan to backpack through Europe.

Stopping off in my hometown, I ran into Jess, my best friend from high school. Noticing my tattoos, he asked me to go to one of the local tattoo studios and hang out while he got one of his own. I was surprised to discover three shops had sprung up during my long absence, and curious to see if there were any good artists working in the small town, I agreed to go with him.

Jess had wanted to get a stylized, wallet-sized eagle etched onto his back and decided to add some furled yellowed banners engraved with his son's name and birth date. The artist designed an arrangement in which one banner sat above the bird while the other ran below. It was a solid design, with dark browns and amber colors that complemented each other well. I had my misgivings about the parlor Jess had chosen — the tattoos looked cheap, with spotty colors and shaky lines — but the eagle was so small and so bold, I didn't see how the artist could mess it up.

When it was finished, I asked Jess about the date he'd chosen.

"That's his birthday," Jess answered, looking in a mirror.

"No," I corrected him. "Donovan was born in 2002, not 2200."

"I'm always doing that," said the artist. "I write 2300 instead of 2003 on my checks all the time," removing all doubt that he was, in fact, dumber than toast.

That winter, my

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high-visibility tattoos would cause a stir at Heathrow airport, where I was detained for eight hours by British border authorities. They told me they had to check on my financial status — that they didn't want me to sneak in and start working under the table. But they kept me in custody even after I showed them my bank statement and plane ticket out of the country. By the time they'd released me, I made a mental note to wear long sleeves when crossing borders.

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While I was schlepping a backpack through Europe and doing my best impersonation of a homeless man, Dan and Ford had finally opened their own parlor — 7 Seas Tattoo, on Tenth Street in downtown San Diego. They called it their experiment in communism, because, unlike the owners of shops they'd worked in, they didn't take money from the artists who worked there. Instead, each artist paid an equal share of the rent.

"Honestly," Dan told me when I arrived back in San Diego, "I have to put money into this place every month. But, I'm finally working for the right reason, not to make someone else money, but to do good tattoos."

The first time I stepped into 7 Seas I scanned the walls for all of the things I think are important to a tattoo studio. Long ago, I might have looked for surgeon's soap, an autoclave sterilizer, and plenty of rubber gloves. I may have sniffed around for the unsettling aroma of ink and alcohol. But somewhere along the line, I learned that anybody can buy these things and scatter them around a store.

Today I know that what separates a fine tattooing establishment from the scum-bum scratcher shops is the decorative art on the walls. Now, the three

things I look for in a good studio are a jackalope, fez hats, and a small, white, ceramic kitten with one paw up in the air and the other paw holding Japanese coins — a little statue you can see in any number of Asian restaurants and markets. It might be superstitious, but if these items are in place I feel as though I'm dealing with true professionals.

While touring 7 Seas, I kept coming back to a spot on the wall that displayed a Lady Luck illustration. I thought it would be perfect to cover up a faded blue tattoo I had on my calf. The tattoo showed a little skull. The skull was smoking a joint. It was the last decrepit tattoo from a youth I wanted hidden.

The Lady Luck is a traditional-style tattoo. Sometimes called "old school," these tattoos were made popular in the 1940s and '50s, but they've seen a recent resurgence in demand. Traditional tattoos are simple shapes and symbols with thick outlines and a limited palette of color — if you think of the old circus sideshow freak, the Tattooed Man, his ink is the original style of American tattoo. The ships, bluebirds, and arrow-pierced hearts that were once paraded as oddities have now become de rigueur.

Pinup girls are another hallmark of vintage tattoos. These scantily clad ladies are all the rage with old perverts who can make girls dance the hula across their forearms by wiggling their fingers. You, too, might have had a lecherous old uncle who got his tattoo "back in the war" and practiced for days to get her hips to shimmy just right. It was required back then.

Pinups come in all shapes and styles, but the Hula Girl, a native in grass skirt and coconut bra, is probably the most well known. Sailor girls, boxing beauties, and even the Statue of Liberty have all claimed their place on the wall as standard pinup girls.

Lady Luck is another pinup girl, but she ain't no hussy. She smiles at you from atop a pile of fortunate items, winning cards, dice that always come up seven, a horseshoe. In her stockings, a wishbone around her neck, a rabbit's foot, a shamrock for her hair. She is so laden with good fate that, if her clothes happen to have fallen off, she doesn't mind in the least. She is a classic, and to possess her is to have the fates smile on your ass for eternity.

I had to possess her.

Dan told me the Lady Luck was Ford's flash, and I asked Ford if he would put it on over my old marijuana-toking skull that had been tattooed into my right calf when I was 15. Ford jumped on the phone and began rearranging his schedule to accommodate my request.

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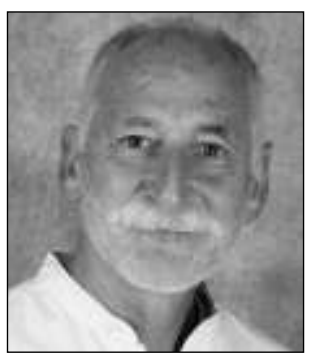

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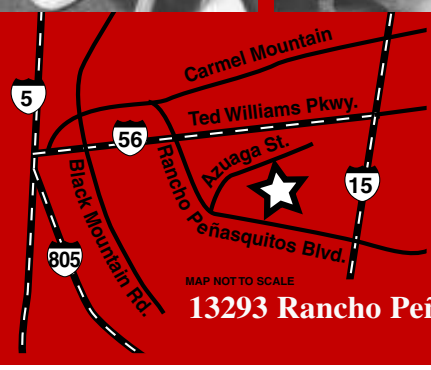

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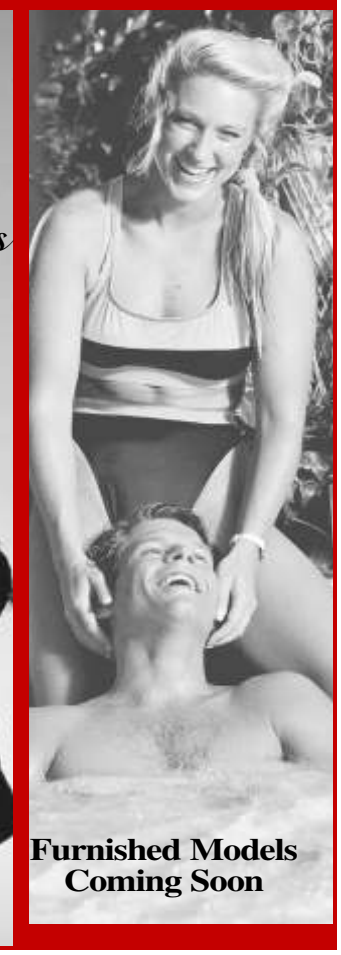

with the respect I deserve.

"You don't have to postpone appointments for me" is what I said.

"I know," he said, and shattered my royal ego. "I just want to do that tattoo, and I've never had the chance."

While Ford customized the drawing, I sat in the storefront, bothering the other customers and talking to Dan about the work he'd been doing.

"I've had some good luck lately," he said. "A lot of big pieces on people's ribs, backs, and legs."

All of those years of slaving over tiny Tasmanian devils has paid off for Dan, who now looked forward to the workdays he used to dread.

"I'm not as successful as Cartoon or those big-name guys, but I don't really want to be," he told me.

(Mr. Cartoon is the most expensive tattoo artist in America. Rumor has it that it requires a $100 deposit just to schedule time with him, and the work itself costs a $1000 minimum. Eminem, blink-182, and 50 Cent have all paid big money for Cartoon's talent with black-and-white prison-style tattoos. He is the latest trend among stars and L.A. debutantes.)

"My favorite artists are, like, Ed Hardy and Philip Leu," Dan continued. "The best in the business, who people have never heard of."

Just then, Ford came to the front of the shop to ask my opinion of the elements I'd like in my tattoo. Eight ball or checkered flags? Poker hand or blackjack? Once we'd settled on a design he invited me back to his area in the shop, drew out the final rendition, and copied it to transfer paper. When it was ready to go and I'd hiked my pant-leg up, he called out to everyone in the shop.

"Hey, everybody come here and check out Ollie's old tattoo," he said.

Four people stopped what they were doing and walked to the interior of the studio to mock me.

"I was just a kid," I said, defensively.

"No, no. That's a sweet design," another artist said. "A skull, in a fedora, with a doobie."

He could barely get that last word out through his laughter.

"Thanks," I said. "Can we start, please?"

"Hang on, tough guy," Ford said as he walked to the fridge.

"Are you getting drunk before you put this on?" I asked.

"No."

"What are you drinking then?"

"Pickle juice."

For all the weird shit I'd seen in tattoo shops, I'd never thought I'd see someone drinking pickle juice before sitting down to work.

"I love it," Ford said. "I'm addicted to it. My mom used to hide it from me, but I savor it."

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But when I was lounging atop a creaky massage table, with my leg shaved, and Ford transferring the drawing to my skin, I couldn't get the pickle juice out of my head. "Who would've thought?" I kept repeating to myself. "Pickle juice!"

"You ready?" Ford asked, and turned on his machine.

"Yeah," I answered, thinking only of the green brine he'd sipped from the jug, instead of the big hurtin' I was about to receive. Then I looked down at my leg and watched Ford's sharp liner drive into my flesh.

Half an hour into the project, severe boredom tends to set in. This is counterintuitive: Having metal plunged into the outer layer of your skin several thousand times a minute may sound stimulating, but without something to read or watch on the tube, the act is void of intellectual amusement. This is the point I was at when Dan appeared before us, holding a transfer paper with some sort of design scribbled on it.

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"Look at this shit!" he said.

"What the hell is that?" Ford asked.

"That's the outline of a tattoo a guy down the street just put on someone."

He turned the sheet over in the light so Ford and I could see.

"Is that a Marine emblem?"

"It was for a Marine. But look at the words."

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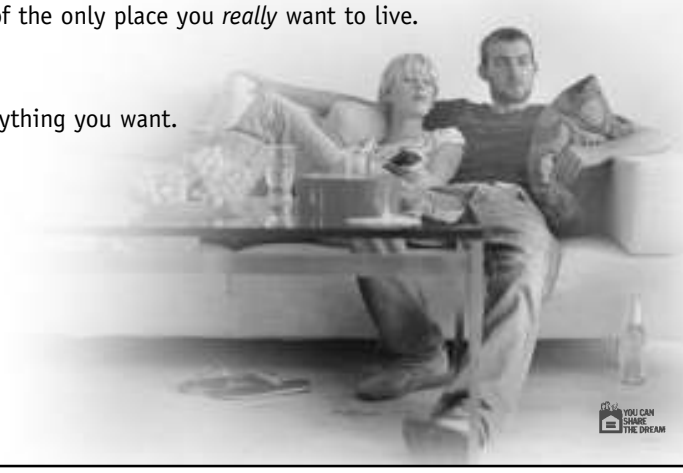

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"He just put that on someone?" Ford asked.

"Yeah," Dan replied. "He was laughing about it too. Apparently, the guy brought the piece in and asked to have it done."

"Doesn't matter. It's his responsibility to check," Ford said, pointing to a desk where counterculture books sat alongside a copy of *Gray's Anatomy,* an Encyclopedia Britannica, and Webster's American Edition.

"You ever misspell a word?" I asked.

"A girl's name," Ford replied. "I couldn't check to make sure it was right; the guy told me it was and I believed him. But he had to have it fixed after that."

"I have nightmares about that," Dan said.

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Dan left, and Ford got back to work on my leg. Occasionally, he'd turn away to dip the needles in ink, and I'd lean up to check on the progress. The pain was immeasurable — what I thought was the halfway point had actually been the beginning. When Ford took a quick break to sip more brine from his pickle jar, I stamped my left foot and flailed my left hand and waited for the feeling to return. In order to give Ford a steady surface, I'd had to remain in one position for several minutes at a time. Another discomfort I had forgotten about in the year since finishing my other tattoos.

At the three-hour mark, the pain became insufferable. My skin was working to close up the tiny wounds, but Ford's mechanical hole-puncher was still working to reopen them.

"Almost done, Ollie," Ford said, as he was dipping his needles in a small tub of colored ink.

"Good, because I'm almost burnt."

The only thing left to do was color a horseshoe in with yellow ink. But every time I thought it was finished, Ford would look down critically and find another bit to touch up. Much as it hurt, I didn't open my mouth — it would have been rude, and it would have robbed me of the best tattoo I could get.

When Ford finally did finish, he sprayed the new tattoo with green surgeon's soap and wiped it with a paper towel. Then he beamed over it. That this was a design he'd wanted to do showed in the quality of his work.

My cover-ups were finished at last.

Pictures were taken, and I showed my new tattoo off to the customers and artists in the shop before rolling my pant-leg back down over the burning, scoured area. I felt the pride of having a new piece of permanent art inscribed on my body. And while hobbling back through the shop, I scanned the walls for my next tattoo. After all, I still have some unsightly bare skin left. ■

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LIKE A CHINGY SONG

"THERE WAS A KEG AND PEOPLE GOT PRETTY TRASHED. SOME GUYS STARTED ORDERING PORN ON TV, THEN A TABLE GOT BROKEN..."

Over 35 bodies cram into a 225-square-foot hotel room. The girls wear corsets and fishnets, the guys wear wife-beaters and suspenders. One young man sports large sunglasses and drinks from a monstrous "pimp" cup. This is a "pimps and ho's" party, says Marissa, the 12th-grade host, and it is one classy affair.

The room is a suite on the lower level of the Days Inn in Encinitas, where rooms go for as little as $89 a night. In one room, Marissa welcomes guests and collects a $5 cover charge.

"I wasn't expecting to get reimbursed," says Marissa, who paid over $200 for the room and party expenses. In the adjoining room, dozens of inebriated teenagers mingle. One girl, a Torrey Pines High School student who has had too much to drink, greets everyone who walks in as though they are a best friend. Another girl, also a TPHS student, is on the bed playing strip-poker with two male TPHS alumni. She's losing. Take a look in the bathroom, and it's apparent where much of Marissa's $200 went; beer and hard liquor line the countertop, and teens line up to take shots.

When asked if she thinks the underage teenagers in her hotel are drinking, the front-desk supervisor raises her eyebrows and replies, "Do you drink?" She says the Days Inn has a policy that restricts parties: no more than six people in a room at any time. If underage kids are discovered drinking, she says, they will be thrown out of the establishment.

The Days Inn is not alone. Del Mar hotels like the Hampton Inn, Doubletree, Marriott, and Hilton are all frequented by high school students looking to reserve a room and throw a hotel party similar to the one described in Chingy's "Holidae In" song. All of these hotels have policies prohibiting parties and underage drinking, but according to students, the policies are easy to evade.

"I've only been kicked out of a hotel once," says Cyrus, a 12th-grader who has been to about ten hotel parties since his sophomore year. "As long as the hotel is lope, it's never a problem." Cyrus says hotel parties are a relaxed way to hang out with friends without having to worry about parents or "your house getting wrecked."

Marissa, who had never hosted a hotel party before this one at the Days Inn, says she wanted to have "a low-key kickback without parents." She says that because her parents are never out of the house, this is the best way to get some space.

Securing a hotel room is not difficult. To deter minors, all of the hotels mentioned above require identification to prove that the reservation is made by someone over 18. Cyrus says it's easy to have an older friend use their I.D. to secure a room and that many of the hotels look the other way and allow a minor to provide the credit card that the room is charged to. Although none of the hotel management interviewed for this story would support Cyrus's claim, all of the hotels said they were aware of several incidents in which minors were drinking in their hotel rooms.

"In the last year, I've seen three incidents where teenagers had parties here, but I'm sure it happens a lot more," says a front-desk supervisor for the Doubletree, where a room goes for around $120 a night. She says a security guard who patrols the parking complex responded to complaints of rowdiness on one of those occasions. When he discovered a group of teens drinking in one of the hotel's rooms, he closed down the party and called their parents.

Although the Doubletree has a security guard for its parking complex, many hotels don't. All the hotels have staff members who can recall incidents in which they asked teens to leave.

"When things get loud and we start getting complaints, we ask the kids to be quiet," says a front-desk supervisor at the Marriott, where rooms start at $130 a

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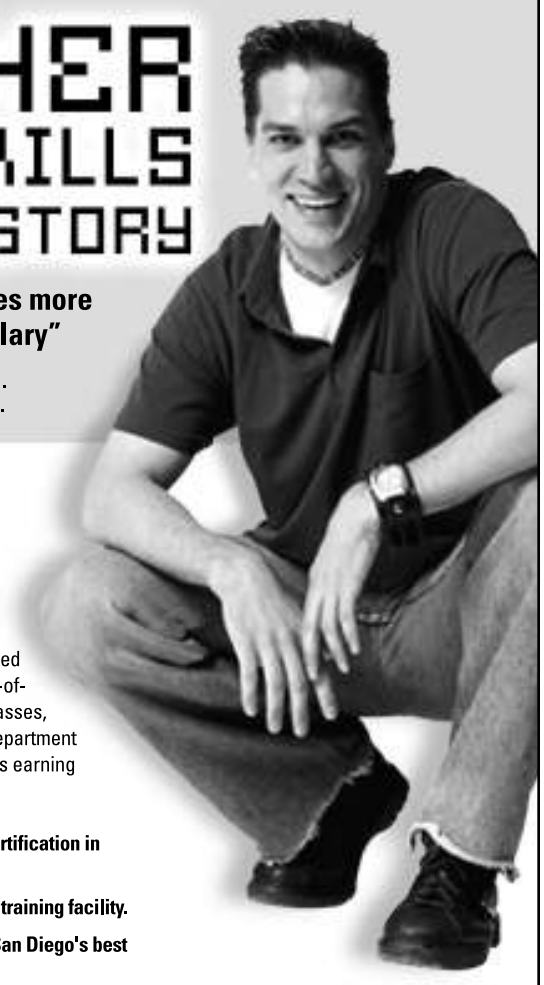

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night. "The second time we talk to them, we threaten to kick them out. Then, if things stay out of hand, we call the police."

According to San Diego police officer Robert Filley, the punishments for a minor in possession of alcohol vary from a driver's license suspension to mandatory rehabilitation sessions. However, Filley says most teens will not get cited unless they are "stupid enough to be holding the alcohol when I walk through the door."

Damian, a 12th-grader, avoided police intervention when he hosted his 17th birthday at the Marriott Residence Inn last year. (Although he had theme ideas from past parties — "all pink," "all white," "famous couples," "pirates," "Peter Pan" — he opted for a "surfer bros and Hawaiian ho's" theme.)

"Everything was going okay until it started to get really crowded," says Damian, who piled 100 people into one of the hotel's $200 suites. "There was a keg and people got pretty trashed. Some guys started ordering porn on TV, then a table got broken.... A lot of people started fighting, then the bouncer [hired for the party] started wrestling with some friends of mine." Damian and his friends were kicked out of the hotel and the next morning had to pay $200 in damages.

"It was just too much stress with everything getting damaged," Damian continues. "My parents found out, and they were pissed." According to Damian, most of his friends' parents were unaware of his party. Marissa says her friends are good at "lying and sneaking around." Both teens requested anonymity for fear of attracting attention from their friends' parents.

"I don't think most parents know when their teens are [in our hotel]," says a hotel supervisor. "There isn't much we can do, since we can't discriminate against any customers. But when a bunch of kids come in here carrying cases of beer, I think 'Oh, they're having a party.'"

Although her party lasts through the night uninterrupted, an exhausted Marissa ushers kids out the door of her Days Inn suite at 1 a.m.

"I don't think I'll do that again," she says. ■

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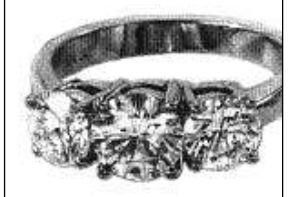

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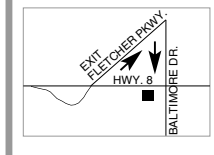

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Randy Miller, 1979

Some people say that the only other thing a lobster fisherman does besides fish is drink. This image of the hard-drinking, hard-working, hardheaded fisherman is traditional, and it might even be true. At any rate, it's true often enough that one has to wonder whether or not it is the fisherman who is attracted to drink, or the drunkard who is attracted to fishing. Lobster fishermen themselves don't do too much to discourage that impression of their profession. My impression is that they don't much give a damn what anybody thinks of them. People who insist on spending their lives alone in a little boat 300 yards to the west of the civilized world are hardly preoccupied with their public image.

Nevertheless, when I recently went out lobster fishing with Randy Miller, of Encinitas, he seemed sober enough for 5:30 in the morning. "I'm a family man," he protested as he cleared the beer bottles off the deck of his skiff. "I go to bed when my daughter goes to bed."

We shouted back and forth over the noise of his diesel engine as it warmed up. The sky to the east was just starting to turn orange when we pulled out of the Oceanside harbor. It was a clear morning with a medium swell that, from the perspective of his open boat, looked bigger than it really was. "There'll be a wind from the northwest later on," Miller said.

We started checking his traps as soon as we were outside the harbor jetty. Miller's traps run from San Clemente to Cardiff, but today we would only go south as far as Swami's, in Encinitas. There were dozens of multicolored buoys, but only those aqua and white were his. I was surprised that the fishermen didn't have their separate territories staked out. "Naw. I'm afraid the days of the gentleman fisherman are over," Miller said. Not only do the lobster fishermen have to worry about divers stealing from their traps, but fishermen have begun stealing from other fishermen's traps, and even taking another man's buoy and replacing it with their own — stealing the trap, in effect. "It's pretty cutthroat, really."

Miller snagged the first buoy with a long pole and dragged the line toward him. Then he slipped the line over a hydraulic davit, which has replaced human muscle for the backbreaking job of hauling the traps up off the bottom. As the trap boiled to the surface, he leaned over and hacked the seaweed off with a knife. Only then could we see that the trap was empty — just a couple snails and a little starfish picking the bait clean. He rebaited the trap with a rock cod head, glanced at his fathometer to find the reef, then shoved the trap overboard. Whatever the romantic notions of lobster fishing might be, this simple, fluid, repetitive act — hauling the traps, rebaiting them, and shoving them overboard — is really what the lobster fisherman does with his day. This is the reality of his trade.

"I don't know how these guys do it who drink all the time," Miller laughed. "I used to be able to do it when I was younger, but not so much anymore. One of the best fishermen on the coast recently had a 300-pound guy fall off a bar stool and land on his knee. I mean, that's the kind of thing these guys have to worry about.... I remember one time when I ran into this friend of mine. He was fishing out past the kelp beds on this *cold* December morning. He was waving a wine bottle around and called me over to share a drink with him. I thought, sure, why not? I started heading over there, and I could see from a distance that he wasn't wearing a shirt — I mean, it was cold! When I pulled up alongside him, there was a woman aboard, and I swear to God she wasn't wearing anything *but* this guy's shirt." Miller shook his head. "That guy never has any money, but he always has these women. I don't understand it."

Miller has been fishing for lobsters for about 15 years and gill-netting fish in the offseason. He doesn't look as salty as you might

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expect. Even in a grimy old baseball cap and rubber boots he looks young for 34, not at all like someone who makes his living from the sea. Born and raised in Encinitas, he grew up watching the fishermen come in at Swami's. He used to help them with their catches, and he always thought it was something he'd like to try. In 1964, when he was going to MiraCosta College in Oceanside, he started fishing in order to earn his way through school. "I was playing a little basketball and wasn't really into school that much. One day I asked my coach how much money he made. He told me he made about $900 a month. Well, I was making that much every two weeks and only working about four days a week. So I quit going to school and I've been fishing ever since."

The second trap Randy pulled was empty, too, except for a bunch of beer cans. "It's the standard catch outside the harbor," he shrugged. "The only thing I can figure out is that the bottom must be covered with them. I've hauled up sofas, chairs.... One time I pulled up a stretcher with an outboard motor strapped on it." Not far away, lounging on one of the big buoys marking the entrance to the harbor, were a half dozen fat seals. They looked hungry and lazy, like many of the characters who hang around the Oceanside harbor. I asked Miller if they ever steal from his traps. "Sure," he nodded, "especially if you use bonito for bait. They love bonito."

Some lobster fishermen say that seals are their number-one enemy; supposedly, the seals know how to open traps and steal everything. But Miller says that scuba divers are his biggest enemies. "I hate divers. Five out of ten won't steal from you, but the other five will. If they're out diving and they haven't caught anything, and they see a big one in your trap, and no one's around, they'll take it." One time he hauled up a trap with a diver attached; his arm was in the hatch. The guy's wetsuit was torn and his arm was bleeding. I wondered if it ever made Miller feel like committing violence. "Sure, but I can't ever find anybody in the water mad enough to fight me." (One veteran fisherman out of La Jolla purportedly carries a submachine gun on board to intimidate divers. The same guy caught a diver stealing from his traps one time. He grabbed the diver by the collar, gunned his engine, and dragged him out to the kelp beds before letting him go. "Next time I'll take you clear out to the islands," he said.)

The third trap Miller hauled had a lobster in it. "That one's legal," he said. He gauged him to make sure (they must measure three and a quarter inches from the eyes to the end of the body shell, not counting the tail) and tossed it in the bucket. Still, he wasn't satisfied. "Last year that trap would have been full." This hasn't been a good year for Randy and for lobster fishermen generally. The reasons for that are unclear. "Everybody has their theories, but nobody really knows," Miller conceded. "The biologists are researching the hell out of it, but I'm not sure that will do any good. The old guys who've been fishing for years and years — and I respect their opinion as much, or more, than any biologist — say that something's wrong with the bottom — currants, thermal clines, I don't know. I think it's the cold water, and a lot of other guys do, too. Last year the water never got below 60 degrees. It's already in the low 50s right now."

The season is still young — it goes from early October to mid-March — but the first month is generally the best. Almost everyone agrees, however, that there is no lack of lobsters. "I think the lobster population is as healthy as it's ever been," Miller said. "It's just hard to catch them right now."

In years like this, stories of the "big catch" haunt fishermen. Rumors of the boat that came in off San Clemente Island with 3000 pounds of lobster, or memories of the year when everybody brought in 700 or 800 pounds on opening day — these cause restlessness and frustration. These stories add a get-rich-quick mentality to the industry, which in turn inspires a lot of amateurs to try their hand at it. Lobster is selling in the market at an all-time high of $6.50 per pound, and the fisherman is being paid $3.25 per pound. If you were to catch 100 pounds, the novices reason, then you would make $325, which sounds pretty good. But if they look into it further, they find that most fishermen have at least $1000 invested in their boat, even if it's just a dinghy with an outboard motor; and some, like Miller, have more than $20,000 in their boat. Traps, if you make them yourself, cost a minimum of $15 apiece and can run as high as $50 each. It isn't worth fishing unless you have at least 50 traps, and the best fishermen use perhaps 200 traps. So that's a minimum of another $750. A commercial fishing license costs $40, a certificate of boat registration is $125, and a commercial lobster permit is $125. That's $290 in fees. So the would-be fisherman is looking at a $2000 investment before he even gets his boat wet. And any successful fisherman would tell you it would take a whole lot more than that.

"Every year we get these guys," Miller says. "They come out with no license, maybe five or six traps, working right off the jetty. They're using boat cushions for buoys — a boat cushion *costs* more than a buoy, but maybe they *had* the boat cushion. Who knows? Oh, we've got firemen, schoolteachers, real estate agents out here. We've got the guy who fishes for the tax write-off on his sailboat. After the first big storm, they'll head in and sell some real estate or something. But I'll still be out here."

The first day of the season this year eliminated many of the would-be fishermen; it was the most disastrous opening day in memory. There were swells of 15 feet. One lobster fisherman was killed off Point Loma the night before while setting his gear in the storm. The next morning a woman lobster fisherman lost her boat, and several others came close to losing theirs. Nearly every-

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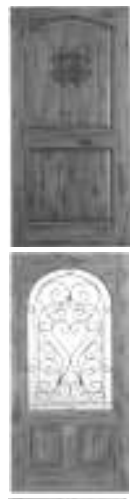
body lost traps in the storm; they were smashed to pieces, or severed from their buoys, or washed up on shore and stolen. It was an extremely discouraging experience for many fishermen who'd been working for two months in advance, preparing themselves for opening day. Why would anyone go out in conditions like that? "Because it was opening day," Miller said. "We were all broke, and opening day is traditionally the day of the big catches." Since then it's been all downhill. Miller says he hasn't even paid for his expenses yet this year. "I made more in one week last year than I've made so far this year.... It's the hardest adjustment a fisherman has to make — coming off a good year, just starting to get ahead a little, and then this. All you can do is lie low and try to get by."

Many people are inclined to think, particularly in a poor year like this one, that lobsters are being "fished out" in the San Diego area. Apparently, this just isn't true. Very few game animals could survive the kind of pressure man is putting on lobsters along the coast of Southern California. But for lobsters, there doesn't seem to be much of a problem to survive, and even to thrive. The reason for that is the way lobsters reproduce. They resemble insects more than anything else and are referred to almost affectionately as "bugs" by many fishermen and divers. Some refer to them less affectionately as "the cockroach of the sea." They do reproduce like insects — one female has been observed carrying as many as 500,000 eggs.

It was once thought that the old "bulls," such as the 17-pound lobster taken off Catalina in 1912, were responsible for fertilizing most of the female's eggs, in the same way that one old buck can keep several does pregnant in deer populations. But it is now believed that the old bulls may be sterile and that they eliminate many of the young lobsters by eating them, which is why the females sometimes kill the males after fertilization. Furthermore, it is believed that the smaller lobsters, the "shorts," which are protected by fish and game regulations, are responsible for fertilizing the female's eggs. Thus, by removing all lobsters over a certain size, the fisherman may very well be helping the whole population.

Almost everything that moves in the ocean is the lobster's enemy. It isn't easy being the tastiest animal around. Besides man, the lobster's biggest enemy is probably the sheepshead, a fish that resembles a swimming jaw. A pretty good argument could be made that the sheepshead has evolved to eat lobsters, so huge and powerful are its jaws. Sheepsheads have been found with dozens of lobsters in their stomachs. Another connoisseur of lobsters is the octopus, which



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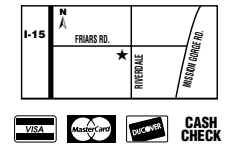

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seeks them out among the rocks, entangles them in its tentacles, then pecks away at their tender bellies with its beak. Other enemies are the eel, the seal, even large starfish.

For protection against these predators, called "varmints" by fishermen, the lobster has only its spiny shell and its strong tail, which allows it to move swiftly over short distances and which its lined on the underside with rosebush-like thorns that are sharp enough to pierce a leather glove. Spiny lobsters have no claws. (The lack of claws has led East Coast fishermen to claim that the Pacific spiny lobster isn't really a lobster at all, but rather a crawfish. This tends to anger West Coast fishermen, who answer in turn that the spiny lobster is *more* of a lobster because it has a bigger tail and therefore more *meat.)*

Lobsters molt, or shed their shells, about once a year, usually in the late summer. This is necessary because their bodies outgrow their shells. Fishermen call this process "shooting their suit," and the lobster that hasn't yet grown a hardened shell is called a "rubber bug." They are extremely vulnerable to varmints at this stage and quickly eat their old shells for the calcium necessary to grow a new one. "I had a friend one time," Miller said, "who brought in about a seven-pound rubber bug. He was afraid it was going to die before he could sell it, so he was carrying it around in a blanket like a little baby, saying, 'Cook it now! Cook it now!' "

By the time Miller had checked his traps as far south as Ponto, south of Carlsbad, he had 13 lobsters in the bucket. "Thirteen's a rough number to get stuck on. So is 30, for some reason. After that I don't count anymore," he said while pulling seaweed off a trap. One look at a lobster trap and you know lobsters aren't the brightest creatures in the ocean. The trap basically is just a wire-mesh cage with a funnel-shaped entrance. The lobster goes in after the bait, then can't remember how to get back out. They remind me of shopping malls, which operate on the same principle. A recent innovation is the mandatory escape port for undersized shorts. Lobsters caught in the traps are vulnerable to varmints, so the escape port lets the little ones out. It also keeps honest the fisherman who is tempted to take shorts. Another protection is the fish and game regulation that the fisherman check his traps every 96 hours.

I asked Miller how often he gets checked by the fish and game. "Probably a lot more than I realize," he said. "They sit up on the cliffs with telescopes they could read the warning on a pack of cigarettes with. People tell me I'm being watched all the time. But I don't mind. I like it when the fish and game is active. It protects my livelihood." Most fishermen seem to feel that their rapport with the fish and game wardens, whom they call "fish cops," is pretty good these days. But there was a time not too long ago when this wasn't so. The classic example of this is the Dale Woodward case.

In the mid-'60s, Woodward was by all accounts the premier lobster fisherman in Southern California. He was an imposing six feet, five inches tall, weighed 250 pounds, and had two purple hearts from his experiences in Guam during World War II. They say that he was bitter about his treatment by the Veteran's Administration and sour about government in general. But as a lobster fisherman he was so intelligent and innovative that many of his contributions to the industry are still in effect. They say he built the best boats and that the traps that are being used today were more or less developed by him. His abilities in finding and catching lobsters are still legendary. (He fished from Los Angeles to Baja to the Channel Islands and made a temporary home for himself wherever his luck held.)

At some point Woodward began taking large numbers of shorts in flagrant violation of the fish and game. He apparently understood quite clearly that this would eventually destroy his career and was unhealthy for the industry as a whole, but they say he was inspired by his extreme dislike for the fish and game.

During this time, the fish and game in San Diego was run by a man known as Captain Glass. Fishermen describe Captain Glass as being a retired military sort of law enforcement nut who couldn't even identify the fish he was supposed to protect. They also imply that some of his wardens could be induced to overlook certain violations in return for a bag of lobsters or a bottle of whiskey. Whether or not this was true, Glass himself was very much disliked by the fishermen.

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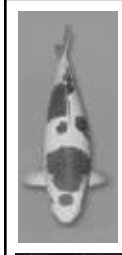

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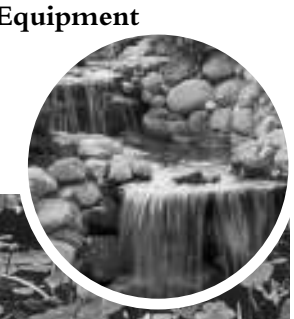

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up to look like camper vans to transport the illegal shorts, that he made arrangements for airplanes to land at San Clemente Island to pick up the shorts and fly them to Las Vegas, and that he had a processing plant set up in his house where he could cook 1000 pounds of lobster at a crack. He made a lot of money at this, but it wasn't enough to keep him out of trouble.

Eventually, Woodward and the fish and game met head-on, and Woodward lost. His boat was impounded and his license was revoked. (They say it took the fish and game hours just to figure out how his boat worked — it had decks that slid back and hydraulic this and that.) Fishermen still contend that Woodward's rights were violated in the bust, but there was really never any question that he was guilty. Woodward is supposedly fishing in Costa Rica now.

Other fishermen who didn't think on quite the scale of Dale Woodward didn't have any trouble selling all the shorts they could catch. They sometimes worked with a salesman, often a kid, who would peddle them door-to-door in La Jolla. Nobody considered this to be a bad thing — the customers often thought they were simply "buying direct." If you ask the fishermen if there's an active short business today, they will, of course, say no. And for the 10 or 15 professionals who stay at it all season, this is probably true. As Miller says, "Why should I endanger my livelihood to sell a few shorts?" Nevertheless, among the marginal fishermen, the 50 or 60 who are barely making it, there is little doubt that the short business still exists, though it is done clandestinely and usually among friends only.

By the time we'd reached Swami's, Miller had 20 lobsters in the bucket, which meant he would make a profit today. Still, he wasn't pleased. One trap had three good-size shells in it, but the meat had been picked clean by varmints. "These guys had to fight through the octopi to get to the trap," he said. It was a full moon, and there's always a lot of varmint activity on a full moon. He had pulled traps that day that had octopi, eels, and spider crabs still in them. Several traps had starfish as big as a plate. He'd fling them away like Frisbees.

I asked Miller if the lobster fishing was better off San Clemente Island — "outside," as it is called. "Well, those guys come back with big grosses, but I always want to look at their net profits. You've got to catch twice as much out there to make the same profit. I won't go outside unless I absolutely have to. You go out for ten days and come back to find you weren't the husband and father you should have been." There are lobster fishermen who say that the use of big boats going outside is where the future of lobster fishing is and that this is forcing the small, independent fisherman out of business. Others say they are being forced out by the economic realities of Southern California. One such fisherman is Gordon Culbertson.

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Culbertson fished out of La Jolla for years. "I was born in La Jolla; that was my home. I rented a two-bedroom house there for $75 a month, and there were cheaper houses. I fished out of my home, like all the fishermen. This was a time when people raised chickens in their back yard. As things began to change, I was told by my neighbors that I was a detriment to the neighborhood, that I had a messy back yard. It was full of traps and fishing gear. It wasn't beautiful, but it was my back yard. I began to receive notices of zoning violations from the city. They said I couldn't run a business out of my home. *All* fishermen worked out of their homes." Eventually, he was forced to leave. The house Culbertson lived in was recently sold for $120,000. "Look what they're doing to La Jolla now," he says. "A bunch of rich bastards. . . ."

Randy Miller agrees that it's a pity what's happened to La Jolla. "You have to be a rock star or a cocaine dealer to live there anymore. Even the real estate agents are being squeezed out." He's concerned about the same thing happening where he lives, in Encinitas. "Everyone on my street drives a Cadillac Seville. I drive a beat-up old pickup full of lobster traps. I'm sure all my neighbors wonder what I'm doing there.... But my grandparents have owned that land since the 1800s."

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help the lobster fishermen were getting from the fish markets. "They don't much care about the fisherman," Miller said. "They mostly care about themselves. I've known lobster fishermen who were dying, and the markets wouldn't raise their prices. They say they can get the stuff out of Mexico, but I don't believe that. I think the Mexican stuff is going to Japan." Other fishermen have compared the fish markets to the pilot fish on a shark — they're a sucker fish, making their living off another man's labor. Why don't the fishermen organize, form a cooperative? "It goes against the nature of a fisherman," Miller said. "They're too independent. I've been to a few fishermen meetings, and they always end in a big punch-out."

Shortly after noon we turned around and headed back to Oceanside. It was getting windy and a little rough, but it was still a beautiful day and a pleasure to be out. Miller checked a few traps on the way in and picked up a few more lobsters, but mostly we were heading straight home — "making smoke." On the way back we talked and told stories, "sea stories," as the fishermen call them, which is a polite term for lies. But Miller told me one story that didn't strike me as a sea story because of the deadly serious manner in which he told it:

"I was going a little too fast one day and not paying attention to what I was doing. I kicked a trap over the side and at the same time gunned the throttle. Well, as the line ran out it somehow got tangled around my wrist, and the drag on the line pulled me down and pinned me against the transom. I couldn't reach the throttle, so I just went around in circles there for maybe ten minutes. My arm was getting tired, and I knew I couldn't pull against that line much longer. I thought about jumping overboard and trying to untangle the line off my wrist. I'm glad I didn't do that, because I later had to cut the rope off with a knife — I would have drowned. What I did was I kicked the engine hatch open with my foot, then pulled the coil wire off with my toe.… That was the closest I ever came to being killed on the ocean."

On the way back we passed other lobster fishermen. Some were heading in too, but others looked as if they were barely getting out. We waved at some and even stopped to chat here and there. Before we got in, Miller cleaned up the boat, washed off the deck, shoved the pile of seaweed out the scuppers, and peeked in the bucket for a look at his catch. He had about 40 pounds of lobster, for which he'd make about $130. It wasn't much compared to the day he came in with 750 pounds, but for a nine-hour day it was equivalent to the pay in many other trades. "There'll be better days, and there'll be worse days," he mused. "But not much worse." ■

— Steve Sorensen

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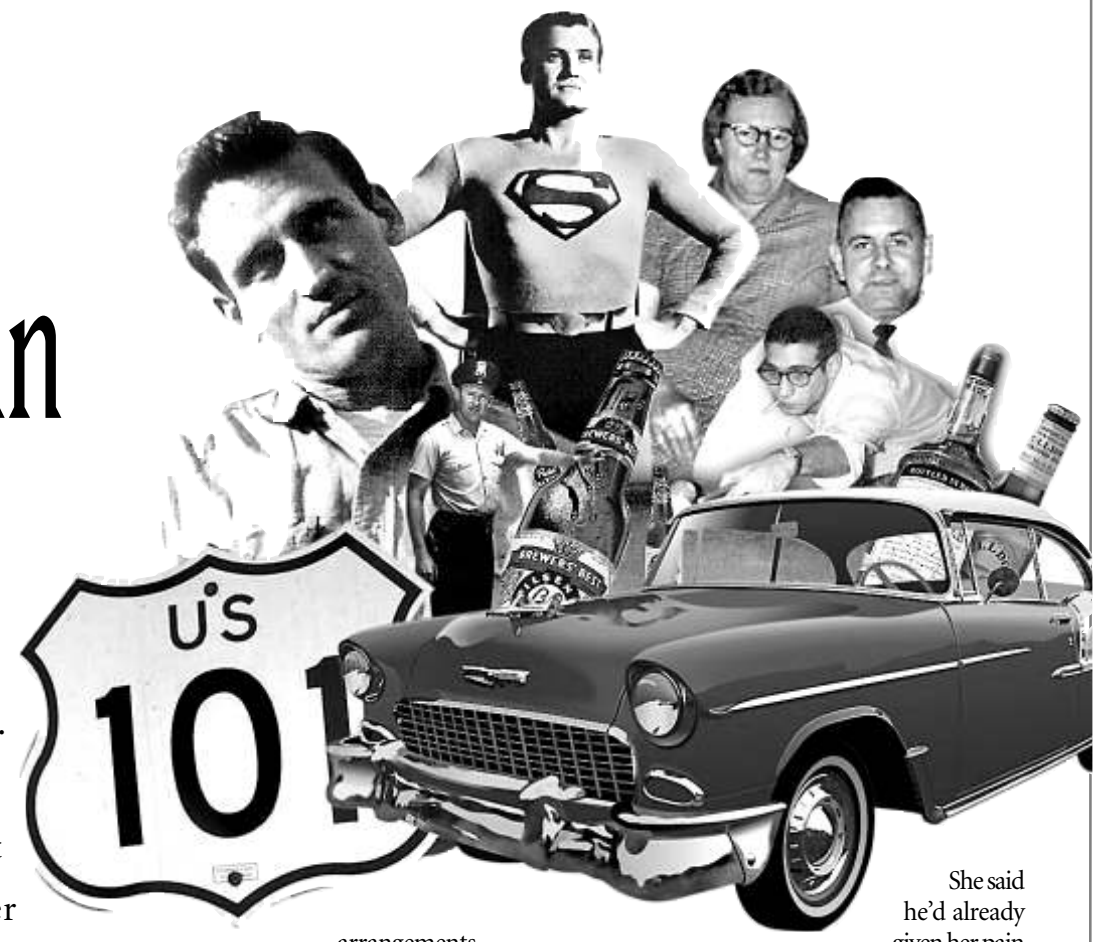

AT 16, I FIGURED I COULD LIVE ON MY OWN. The vice principal of my high school disagreed. She called me into her office. She'd gotten a call from my Aunt Leota, who reported that although I'd promised to stay with her and her husband Jimmy, my mom's youngest brother, my whereabouts were unknown.

"I've got my own house," I said.

"You can't do that, Kenneth. The law says a student under 18 has to live with a guardian."

"How about a roommate? I've got one."

"Who's that?"

"Eric Curtis."

The vice principal rubbed her temples. "Go on," she sighed, probably thinking I was doomed anyway from contact with Eric's mother, whom the school people had labeled a drunk. "Just make peace with your aunt and uncle."

"No problem."

Lying disturbed me. But there was no compromise with my aunt. Her rules were tyrannical compared to our family's, and even those had gotten canceled by my dad's heart attack, a year ago Christmas. Though my mom was no pushover. She was tough. You wouldn't catch her weeping. The morning she announced that an ambulance had come while I slept and carried my dad away, she offered to take my cousin Steve and me out to breakfast then drop us by Singing Hills golf course, to give us a distraction while she made funeral arrangements.

My mom was a rock. Over the past few years, she'd helped bury her father, sister, and two brothers. She was the one who'd always fed me, nursed me, brought home a paycheck every month, and covered the debts my dad's several failed business ventures had accrued. But after that Christmas, she got plagued by headaches and became a hermit. Evenings she'd withdraw to her room and lie with a cool cloth on her forehead, listening to the Lakers, the Padres, or Dodgers. Even through the World Series, she hardly watched an inning. She preferred the dark and her radio.

The following week she stayed home from her job, teaching eighth-grade English. I tried to coax her to the doctor. She said he'd already given her pain pills. One afternoon I found her lying in a heap beside her bed. Breathing in shallow puffs. Her eyes were open and watery. Above the right one was a long gash, already scabbed over. I suspected a prowler had clubbed her and swiped her jewelry. She managed a goofy smile and mumbled that she must've fallen, and getting up had seemed too hard.

An ambulance carried her away. At Grossmont Hospital, somebody tapped her spine and found meningitis. The only doctor who'd talk to me gave her lousy odds.

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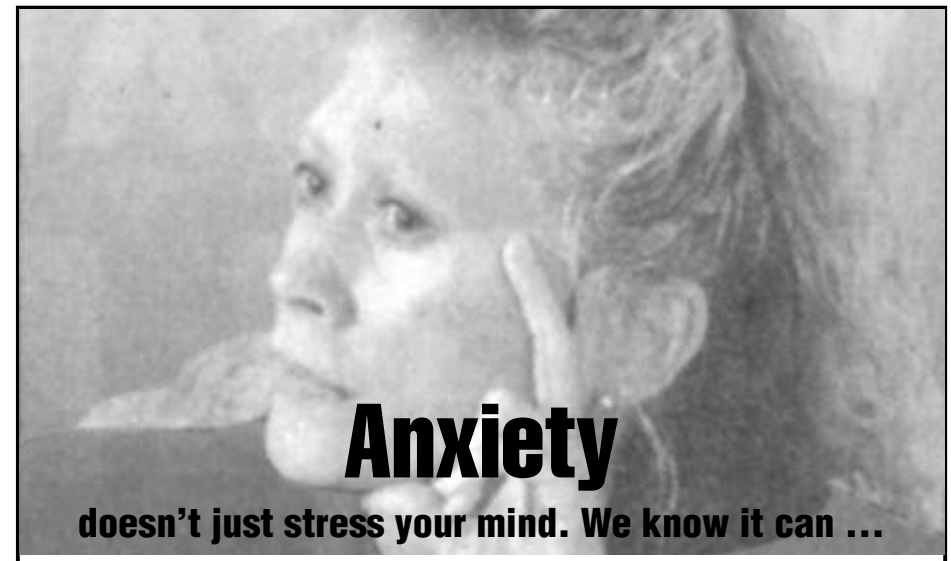

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I'd been granted a storybook life. I drove a two-door '55 Chevy. My best friend and I lived alone in a three-bedroom house. School was optional. Days when the ocean beckoned, I could stop by the hospital at visiting hours, wash up and don a smock, spend a couple of minutes with my mom, and get her to sign absence slips. Eric didn't need absence slips. If he'd told the attendance clerk he had bubonic plague, she'd have excused him rather than phone his mother to verify. People called Sylvia, she might hold them on the phone for an hour, ranting about their misdeeds.

The vice principal sent for me. Meeting me outside her office door, she touched my shoulder and nodded supportively, then waved me into her office. She closed the door and left me alone with a crew-cut fellow in a tweed coat. Leaning back in her desk chair, he sized me up, tested my nerves, and said, "Let's talk business." He flashed his probation officer's badge, recited a statute from the juvenile code, and asked why I wasn't staying with my aunt and uncle.

I made excuses. He scowled. When he threatened to assign me to Hillcrest Receiving Home, I asked, "How're you going to get me there?"

"We'll manage," he said smugly.

That evening I stopped by my aunt and uncle's for dinner and to negotiate. But my aunt started chastising me.

A few days later, early evening while Eric and I lounged on the back patio, a police cruiser stopped out front. My Uncle Jimmy's car pulled in behind it. As we'd planned in case of a raid, Eric ditched down the bank into the avocado grove. I was going to follow, but first I ran inside for my wallet and keys, so the police couldn't confiscate them. I figured they'd at least ring the bell before trespassing. But they used Jimmy's key. As they barged in, I was striding down the hallway past the bathroom. I dove into the bathtub. While they waited in the entry to let Jimmy call out for me, I silently closed the glass door. Their footsteps tromped and thudded on the carpet. Closet doors whooshed open and slammed. One cop sneezed and griped to the other about dust under the bed. Then while I lay wondering how long it'd take me to escape from the foster home, the front door banged shut. A minute later, the two cars pulled away.

Later I phoned and snapped at my Uncle Jimmy. He snapped back but finally said, "Hey, you want to stay there, give me a call every day at dinnertime, and when I stop by, don't let me find any beer cans."

"Deal," I said.

I've got two pictures of Eric. The one that rated a full page in our senior-year annual. Keen blue eyes with thick lashes, freckles, and sandy hair, a chin square as Dick Tracy's, an easy grin that would've wrongly convinced you he was loaded with confidence. And a snap-

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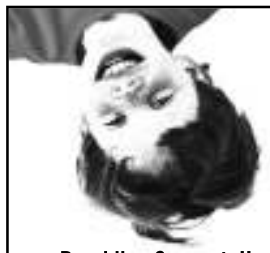

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shot somebody took in the locker room. Eric in a jock strap, beaming, his legs and arms spread as though he were greeting a familiar angel.

It must've been Eric who brought home Bertrand Russell's *Why I Am Not a Christian*. As winter approached, our friend Cliff, Eric, and I would sit by the fireplace sipping Gallo and take turns reading out loud. We admired Russell's smirking arrogance, the gall of somebody who'd accuse Christ of counting people vipers simply because they didn't like his preaching. We delighted in his arguments that Christianity was the principal enemy of moral progress in the world. Dismiss Christ, trust ourselves, we'd find the solution. Simple.

After a couple of Russell's books, Eric brought home *Thus Spoke Zarathustra,* by Friedrich Nietzsche, a strangely enchanting poet.

Zarathustra claimed that some of us could become supermen. First, our spirits would need to brave the desert like camels, forsaking our past, our heritage, all the values of the little people. That done, we'd each metamorphose into a lion and proceed to slay the great dragon called Thou Shalt. After burying the dragon, the lion would die and resurrect as a child, the infant superman, innocent and forgiving, a new beginning, a game, a sacred "Yes." Then, we could learn to will our own will and begin conquering the world.

Cliff and his brother Billy were a year apart. They were North Dakotans, wiry and reticent as cowboys. Their mother fed, railed at, and worried over Eric and me as if we belonged to her. She was a blessing. A Catholic, like Eric's mom. My parents were lukewarm Christian Scientists. None of us had known religion such as our friend Henry's family practiced.

Henry, his folks, a brother, and four lovely sisters shared a tiny house down the hill from mine. They were immigrants from Finland. They had a sauna and bathed together. Naked. I attended church with them in hopes of appearing so upright I'd get an invitation. They could squeeze me in between Ansa and Varpu. But their mother discerned the truth. She spotted demons in me. She saw demons everywhere and would call on the Holy Ghost to protect her. Possessed by the Holy Ghost, she'd go searching for Henry, find him in the pool hall, and chase him out, waving her arms like a Mixmaster.

On Friday nights she attended worship meetings in a rustic hall in Bostonia. It was surrounded by a dirt parking lot and eucalyptus trees.

Henry and I had gone there to sit in my car and laugh at the holy rollers. One time Eric came along. We brought a couple of six packs. We arrived a half-hour late, parked in the first row closest to the building. The parking lot was dark, the meeting hall bright.

Eric sat up front with me. Henry sprawled over the backrest, blowing smoke at us, pointing out his favorites. Like a fat woman two seats to the right of his mother. Once she got shaking, Henry claimed, all that meat picked

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up its own momentum and would quiver until morning if somebody didn't hold it still. He informed us that some of these faithful would flee the church, spend weeks or months carousing, land in the drunk tank, and finally run back, fall on their knees. "Chickenshits," Henry snarled. "Haven't got the guts to face real life."

We couldn't hear the message. When the sermon concluded, the people sang a few hymns, then stood for a couple of minutes of prayer before the spirit moved them. The preacher, a gaunt fellow with curly, box-shaped hair, threw up his arms. Half the flock followed his lead. Others swayed sideways or back and forth, teetering, hollering. The fat woman dropped to her knees and undulated as if she'd fallen into the grip of a vibrator belt. Her head thrashed in circles. Beside her, Henry's mother flailed her arms like a panicked swimmer. The tenor of voices rose in volume and pitch and gathered an eerie harmony.

Henry bounced on the seat behind us, guffawing, slugging the backrest. Sparks from his cigarette showered us. I sat gaping like a dimwit at the zoo.

"Let's get out of here," Eric said. "I feel like I've been watching somebody go to the bathroom."

Henry fell back into his seat, chortling. Since the motor didn't start at the first crank, I pumped the gas and when it fired, it raced. Through the window I noticed the preacher loping toward the door. My tires spun in the dirt and then grabbed. By the time he got outside, the preacher must've only seen my Chevy's rear end turning onto the street. He couldn't have noticed Henry's albino blond hair. Henry had thrown himself down on the seat, yelling, "Damn, damn. He's gonna tell everybody about the car. My old lady'll know it's yours. Damn her. God damn her!"

On a Sunday morning in January, a few days before my mom's release from the hospital, a gang of us sat naked atop a giant flat boulder in a desert oasis called Palm Canyon, a few miles out of Borrego Springs, a two-mile trek past the end of a dirt road. We were a fierce-looking crew — six sunburnt white boys, all but one with his head shaved. We'd shaved our heads because a coach had ordered Billy to get his shaggy hair mowed.

There'd been seven of us until a kid named Tom disappeared the night before. A half-hour into the trip we'd regretted taking him along. He'd criticized each of us, all the way over the mountains. In the desert he'd become a pyromaniac. After he pelted us with cherry bombs, we chased him off into the night.

Eric had brought along *Zarathustra*. Standing as though at a pulpit, he read a sermon about denying equality to the little people who cling to God and tradition. God has died, Nietzsche proclaimed. Hence, we supermen have been resurrected, to becoming the Lords.

A rumbling commenced. At first I thought it was a landslide. We scrappled off the boulder into the grotto beneath, just before a granite stone about three feet across crashed on the boulder and shattered into gravel.

On the hillside, Tom stood waving a crowbar we'd brought, laughing and prying loose another big stone. We tugged on our jeans, tied on shoes, and ran up the hillside, while he frantically rolled and slung rocks at us. Four of us circled around and behind him, possessed by such fury we might've stoned him to death. Except Eric and our friend Steve had gone straight up the hillside, risking their lives.

Later I heard Eric coaching Tom about how to give up hating himself. After we'd all returned to swilling beer on the flat-topped boulder, a party of rockhounds appeared. Dressed in lederhosen and caps with feathers, they stood gaping at us, from a hundred or so yards downstream. We lifted our arms, whooped savagely, and waved. They wheeled and scampered off.

When the hospital released my mom, she could

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hardly cook, wash dishes, or attempt disciplining me. Guilt was her only weapon.

"Suppose you've been drinking," she said, "and a kid on a bicycle pulls out in front of you. If you kill him, how's that going to feel?"

Weak as she was, she refused to sleep unless I got home. If I stayed out all night, she'd lie awake then nap in the daytime. To request help around the house, she'd gaze at the mess then flash me an evil eye. Or nag until I told her to lay off.

"Well, somebody has to remind you," she'd snap. "You're just like your grandma and your dad. Lost in space."

Eric's mother Sylvia was a large blonde with a pinched mouth and squinty, penetrating blue eyes. She wore muumuus and charged around the house. A unique and contrary mother, the opposite of most, she treated her son with great respect and the rest of us with very little. She didn't baby Eric. Rather, from all I saw, he might've been the only human she considered her equal. But I rarely saw her with anyone except us, and Richard. Now and then I'd find her on the porch with a neighbor gossiping about a different neighbor, but the only ones who got inside her dark little house were Eric and his friends, and Richard. He was a jazz pianist about ten years younger than Sylvia, and half a foot shorter than either Eric or she. Just as Sylvia's bluster made people wrongly suppose she was a drunk, Richard's stupefied expression made me suspect he was a junkie.

Sylvia had a piano, the only treasure in a living room full of hand-me-down furniture. When Richard wasn't plunking on it, weaving garrulous runs around the melodies of old standards, he gawked at the television, preferably at creatures from places like the Black Lagoon.

Sometimes Eric, Sylvia, and I discussed politics, religion, sex, or books. *Lord of the Flies* she called propaganda by which teachers could argue the superiority of adults. *Catcher in the Rye* she applauded because Holden Caulfield appreciated jazz and was nearly as cynical as herself. She dismissed Nietzsche as a syphilitic blowhard.

While we gabbed, Richard might eye us as though he had something to say. But the moment would pass, and he'd turn back to gawk at the shoot-'em-up. Though Richard was about halfway between our age and Sylvia's, you might've thought he was the kid, Eric the partner. Sylvia ordered Richard to fetch her cigarettes, made him stand still while she straightened his tie, checked to see that he'd zipped all the way.

Observing Sylvia and Richard made us frequently recommit ourselves to becoming Supermen.

One Friday night, I arrived just as they were leaving for a jazz club. Before climbing into Richard's car, Sylvia commanded me, "If you brought any liquor, Kenneth, go away."

I agreed and waited until they drove off before scooping a pint of bourbon and a bottle of ginger ale out of my Chevrolet's trunk. That

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evening more than most, I wanted to get numb. For about the tenth time, Karen Flagstad had rejected me, even though a few days before I'd warned her that if she wouldn't join me at a movie Friday night, I planned to fast until death. She offered her condolences. To emotionally blackmail a smart girl like Karen, you'd have to be a better actor than I.

From breakfast Monday until late Wednesday afternoon, all I ingested were three beers and a Coke. Then I gobbled two jumbo hamburgers and spent the night consuming aspirins, with my head on two pillows because one alone felt hard as pavement. The next day I devoted to recovering. After Spanish class on Friday, I vividly recounted my ordeal to Karen and explained that all my suffering certainly must've earned me her company Friday night. She congenially disagreed.

While Eric and I drank bourbon and ginger ale, I griped about Karen. At first I acted tough and unruffled, but soon the bourbon took hold, and I confessed the pain in my gut that had nothing to do with fasting.

He asked why I got so obsessed about Karen, knowing I never had pursued anybody so boldly. Anybody except Karen wanted a date with me, she'd better tell her friend to pass the word along, otherwise I wouldn't even ask for a dance without having already gotten the nod.

Karen was blonde, with pink, full lips and plenty of curves, a perfectly compact body, lively unhaunted eyes. She read books and spoke softly, humbly, and acted just as nice to the lowly as to teachers or big shots. Besides, she was shy enough so that around her I felt less so. I was obsessed, as Eric said. Many hours I spent dreaming how she and I could run off to live in some woodland cottage.

Eric patted my head, which riled me. We finished the bourbon, then he offered to show me a wrestling hold he'd recently learned. He was on the wrestling team that year, second man in the 165-pound class and challenging the first man, who was part orangutan.

I outweighed Eric by 20 pounds, but he was stronger, faster. No matter in what position we started, at his pleasure and with maddening ease, he'd flip me over and pin me. Wondering why, after I spilled my guts, he'd revel in my further humiliation, I flew into a rage, sprang to my knees, and socked him in the stomach, pounced on top of him and socked him again, before he caught hold and flipped me, lashed my arm behind my back and shoved my face into the floor.

"Listen," he said gently. "You're not really mad at me. You're mad at yourself, because you think you're nobody, but you've got it all wrong. It doesn't matter if I wrestle better. Wrestling's my sport. What if you and I were playing golf or baseball and you clobbered one out of sight, but I hit this little dribbler, then started whining?

"If Karen doesn't like you enough, that doesn't matter either. Because you're as great as anybody. You're Ken Kuhlken, and that's all you need to be. You don't need to prove anything."

When he let go, I jumped up, ran into the bathroom, and washed my face. I stared at the mirror. The sight of my vicious and perplexed expression amazed me. Though I couldn't yet fathom how the simple fact that I was me, amongst all the bil-

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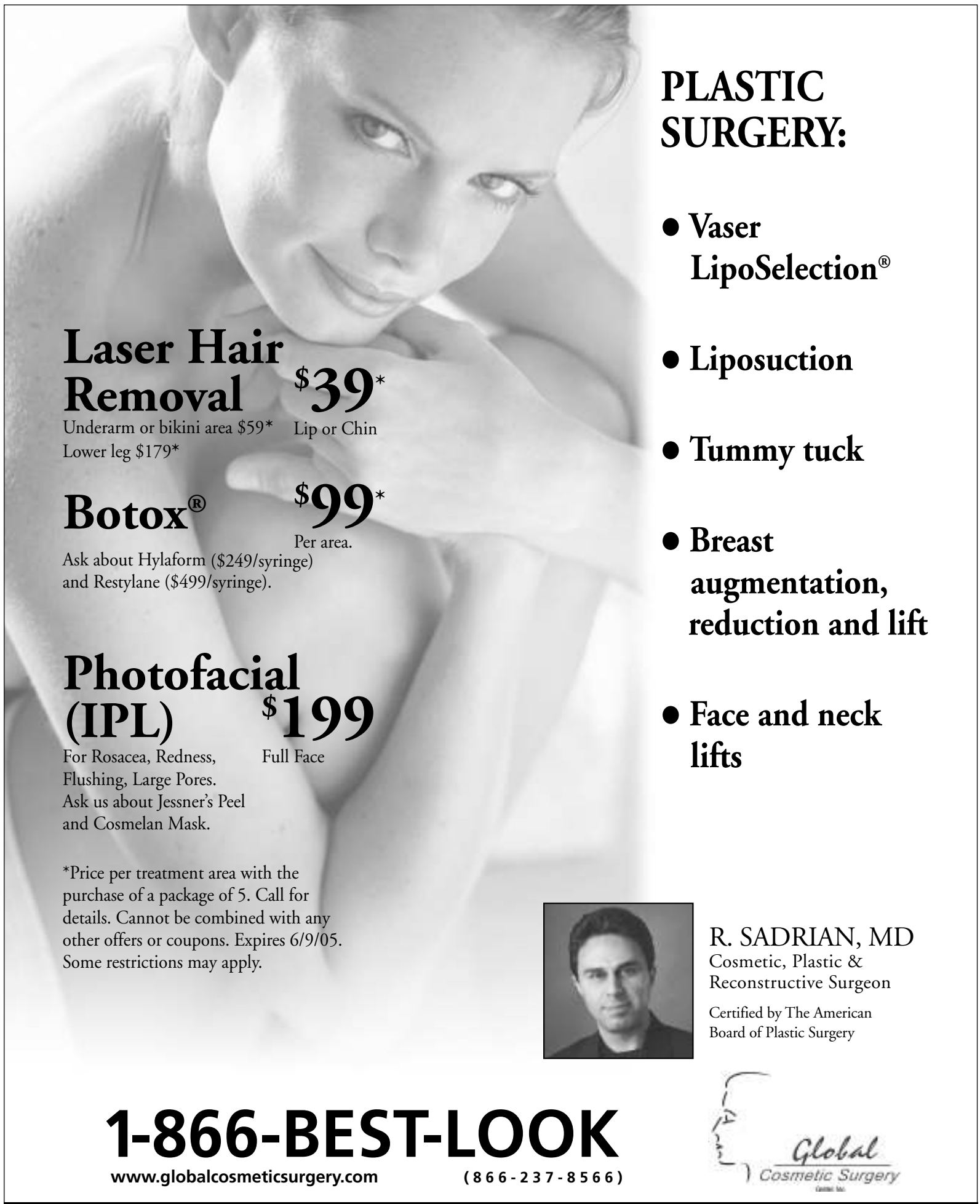

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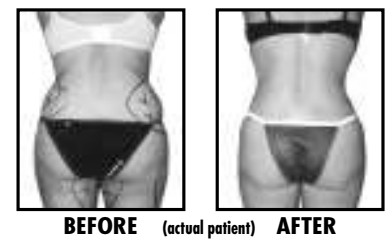

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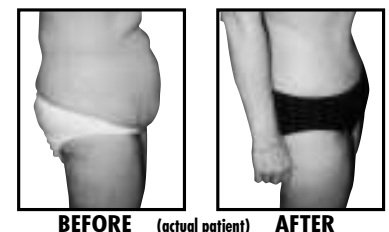

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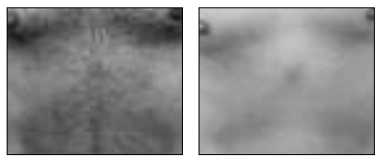

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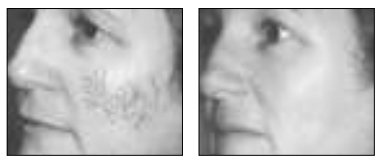

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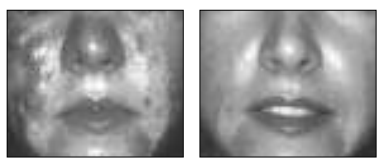

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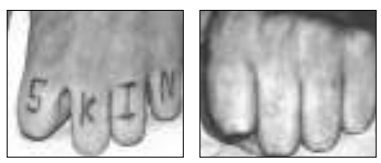

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lion people on earth, should give even a moment of solace, it did.

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They loaned us the room until evening. Room service delivered bourbon and ginger ale. Around noon, we adjourned to the pool, on the lookout for showgirls. The pool featured a high dive like the one at Carmen Ranch Club where Eric had worked the previous summer as an apprentice lifeguard and trampoline instructor. He climbed, sprang, and jackknifed, got a few cheers from spectators, including several showgirls.

Though I'd never faced a high dive before, I had ingested enough bourbon to make the feat look simple.

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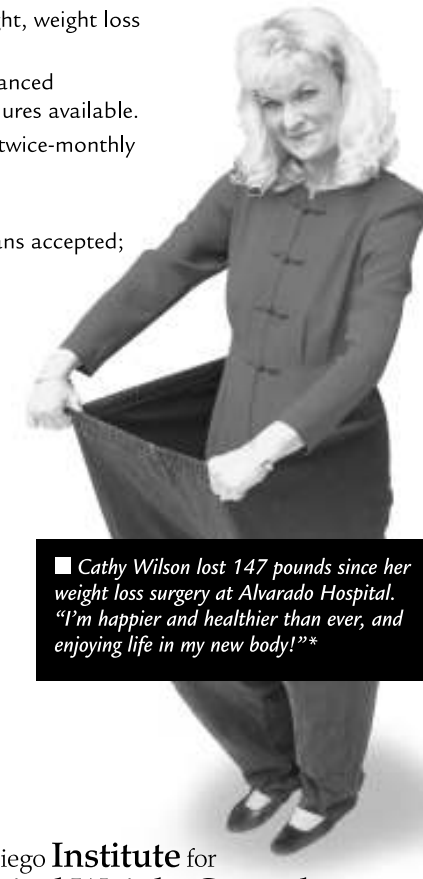

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before I pinched my eyes closed. Later Eric told me I'd made a neat flip while careening into the pool, half conscious on account of my head had sharply nicked the board. I got more cheers than Eric had.

While he led me inside, I complained that he was dragging me away from the pool out of jealousy over my dive. He wetted a washcloth and dabbed the wound on my forehead until room service brought us each a double whiskey sour. Then I faded, knocked out by liquor or the diving board.

I awoke on the outskirts of heaven. Gazing across a chasm at the enchanted forest. The air resonated with music, clean and simple melodies, at once so ardent and tender, they could make a viper weep for joy. It might've been a dream. A premonition. For all I know, I might've briefly died. Anyway, the spell broke and left me sprawled in the Desert Inn. I lay still a while, sore all over, with a throbbing skull, wishing to go back there. Finally, I got up, swallowed a few aspirin, and roused Eric to tell him about heaven.

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He whispered, "You're a lucky guy."

At a College Avenue coffeehouse, we overheard people talking about Jack Kerouac. After reading two of his novels, Eric and I made the first of several pilgrimages to San Francisco. The minute school let out on Friday, we sped north on Highway 101. From Morro Bay to Santa Cruz, we followed the coast and made camp for the night just south of Big Sur. Saturday, midmorning, we landed in North Beach.

All day we shot pool at Mike's, slouched in the catacombs of City Lights bookstore reading apocalyptic poems, roamed alleys and hills gawking and quoting lines we remembered, mostly about the atomic holocaust that would probably finish us. It was a favorite theme of the Beats, and their strongest rationale. Once it's clear that any second a button gets pushed and *kapow,* not only you but your race is a goner — walloped by reality, spooked beyond reach of old customs and authority, our nature cries, "It's out there somewhere, boy. Whatever it is. Go find it. Go!"

We overdosed on espresso, explored every street and alley of North Beach and Chinatown. I told Eric we were seeking two exquisite Cantonese girls who'd beseech us to steal them away from the rich devil who'd enslaved them. They'd snatch from the devil a suitcase full of gold and we'd speed off toward the forests of Idaho to live in dissolute passion until we had to Go!

Eric humored me. In North Beach, a couple of Finochio's transvestite dancers

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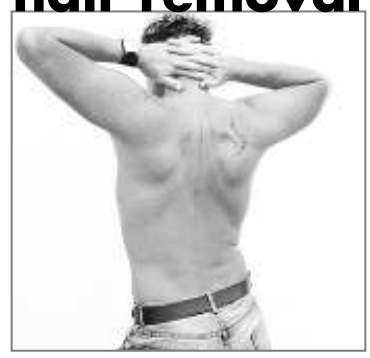

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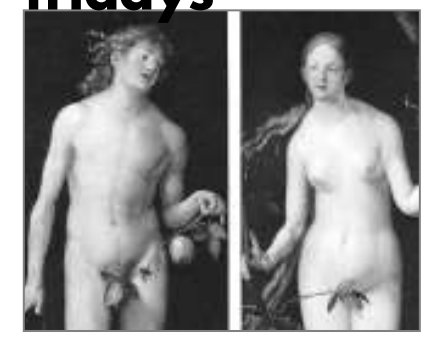

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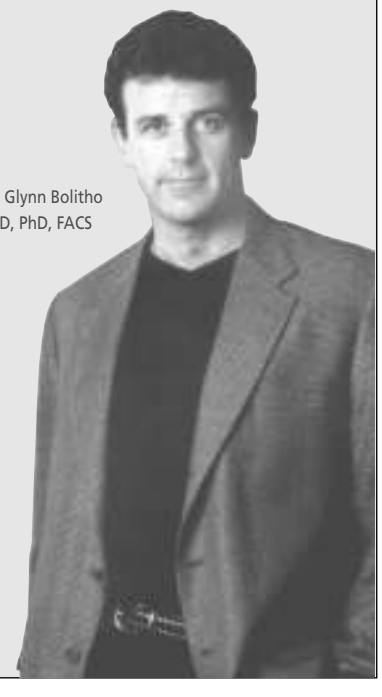

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waylaid us. We lounged under streetlamps and sat on curbs and fire hydrants, listening to their pitch about the glories of San Francisco. The museums, the opera, the food. They acted like gentlemen. Didn't even ask us for a goodnight kiss.

On our way home Sunday night, I raved at Eric about prizes the world offered and how we could have them all. I boasted that with Kerouac's guidance, we'd managed to cast off routine, outrun the sluggards and phonies, created our own destiny. We'd become Supermen. Or at least we were speeding along the way. In one more year, when we got released from high school and were no longer branded juveniles, life would metamorphose into a banquet. But Eric mostly sat quiet. Near Santa Maria, he said, "You know what they say about there's no free lunch?"

"Yeah."

"Suppose they're right. Then who's going to pay for the banquet, for all this freedom?"

Eric got his summer job back, lifeguarding at Carmen Ranch Club. On his days off, we hung out at La Jolla, and at Ocean Beach near the jetty, a few blocks from the cottage where he'd spent his first six years. While Eric worked, I helped Cliff and Billy Torrey and their dad rebuild a '56 Thunderbird. Or my cousin Steve and I visited his sister Jill at her Pacific Beach apartment.

One Friday evening after plenty of beer, I invited somebody who reminded me of Karen Flagstad to join me for a cruise along Mission Boulevard, up to La Jolla. Her name was Kris. She would've, she said, if not for a babysitting job. After she left, I drank until midnight when Steve and I went cruising. We stopped at the Mission Boulevard Jack in the Box and found Kris there, in a Ford, hanging onto my cousin Jill's boyfriend.

He was a tough guy about five years older than me.

According to rumor, while fighting in the Golden Glove tournament, he'd knocked another light-heavyweight into a coma. An equally tough surfer rode shotgun. I strode toward their car. It must've been Kris's disdainful look that enraged me. I jammed my head through the shotgun window. "You

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babysitting these guys?"

"It didn't work out," she said flatly.

The surfer grabbed the door handle, but Jill's boyfriend told him to leave me alone and motioned me around to his side of the car. After I'd staggered there, bumping both front fenders, and leaned down to glare at his face, he kept advising me to back off while I lashed him with a string of curses for two-timing my cousin and stealing my girl.

Steve walked up and muttered, "We're gonna die."

Knowing I had an ally emboldened me all the more. I wheeled and gave them notice that if Kris didn't get out and come with me, I was going to pluck them both out of the car and so on.

Jill's boyfriend sat rubbing his temples. Finally he reached for the handle, rolled up the window, started the car, and pulled away, while I kicked at his bumper, missing every time, yowling, "Chickenshits!"

The next morning I pulled to the curb on Garnet and crossed the street to a donut shop. It had a service window opening onto the sidewalk. A trio of boys about my age stood waiting their turn. But when they saw me, they jumped aside.

That whole summer while I struck terror into many hearts on account of I'd backed down two of P.B.'s toughest, I didn't even have to bully anybody. At parties and the beach, there were always plenty of girls upset and spiteful toward their boyfriends, so they'd appear at my side in hopes the boyfriend would object and I'd thrash him.

At Carmen Ranch Club, Eric was on the trampoline, probably showing off for his friend Carol, when he soared too high and got distracted by something. He fell sideways, ricocheted off the side rail. He got scrapes and bruises all over. Carol took him to her place nearby. Her parents were gone. Whatever they did that afternoon, Eric wouldn't say. Something went wrong, which sent him into a funk so deep, he gave up the job and asked did I want to go camping up the coast.

We borrowed a couple of surfboards, drove to San Onofre, and pitched a tent on the cliffs. Between our assaults on the surf and my efforts at charming a Mexi-

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can girl from L.A., I told Eric stories about my exploits in Pacific Beach. Though he got a chuckle over my status as top cat, he said, "I hope you know that's not what being Superman's about?"

"Aw, give me a little credit, will you?" I snapped, annoyed that he'd seen through me.

My friend Kenny's mother volunteered with a Tijuana charity project. Since June, four of us had been riding with her to Tijuana every Sunday to play a double header for the project's ball team.

The *Liga Municipal, Segunda Fuerza,* held its games on a sandlot with a makeshift backstop and a couple of benches along each sideline, one for the players, one for the fans. Our teammates were mostly the older sons of squatter families whose homes, made of scraps of tin, wood, and cardboard, balanced precariously on ridges along the walls of the Cañon del Sol, which ran down off the mesa to the border.

Eddie and Kenny were swift outfielders who'd later play college ball. Bob would one day pitch for the Minnesota Twins. I led the team batting average. Our help made the Mexicans feel like champions. We placed first and got invited to the *Primera Fuerza* for the next round. Now our games were on Friday nights. Since Kenny's mom didn't care to deliver us, and since we weren't yet 18, she helped us secure border-crossing passes, which we liberally abused in order to frequent what may've been the wildest, ugliest city on earth. I tripped over a dead person, saw women getting abused by Navy commanders and farm animals. If we got bored in the clubs, we might ride with a cabby to motels where prostitutes would greet us. We'd feel them up, barter, object to the price, and leave. Some cabbies, after three or four such stops, would stoically deliver us back downtown, while others would pull up beside a gang of thugs. Then we'd run for our lives.

The night Eric joined us, so did the biggest guy in our school. About 6'6", 280 pounds. We rode with a cabbie to three motels. After the first, Eric said, "This is bad, Ken. I hate this." At the second place, he gave the girl half his money, for nothing. We were leaving the third motel when he asked me, "Why do you do this?"

The big guy sat behind the driver. While the driver waited for an opening into the boulevard traffic, the big guy leaned up close and growled, "It's a good thing you don't plan to get us roughed up, or else I'd pinch your head off."

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titutes he'd met, where they came from, how large their families were, their entire 12-syllable names. He spoke as if they were years younger, our age, and he'd met them at a box social. And he kept asking, "What can we do?" As if our mission were to fix all the world's broken people.

Eric was the fastest middle-distance runner in our school. I played good first base and was batting around .400 in Tijuana. But Eric and I had alienated some coaches. Me for quitting the baseball and football teams the year after my dad died. Eric for walking away from the wrestling team, after he'd lost a match and the coach had belittled him. So, until our sport came into season and we officially made the teams, we got denied privileges, like sixth-period gym and lockers.

Since Eric still wanted to work out and wouldn't face the world without a shower afterward, he arranged with Cliff to share a locker. Besides running the mile during track season, Cliff was second man on the cross-country team, behind Gary Hafner.

A couple weeks after our dismissal, the head coach summoned Cliff to his office, sat him down, and asked him to explain why a new pair of sweats, just issued to Gary Hafner, had turned up missing and gotten found in Cliff's locker. Cliff maintained that he'd never even seen the sweats.

"It looks like Eric stole them," the coach said.

"Eric doesn't steal," Cliff said adamantly.

Still, when the coach dropped him from the cross-country and track teams, Cliff got afflicted with anger and confusion, wondering if Eric might've been the thief after all. For a week or so, he seethed and Eric brooded darkly, ashamed even that Cliff would suspect him. They passed each other in the halls without a greeting. It took the end of the world to renew

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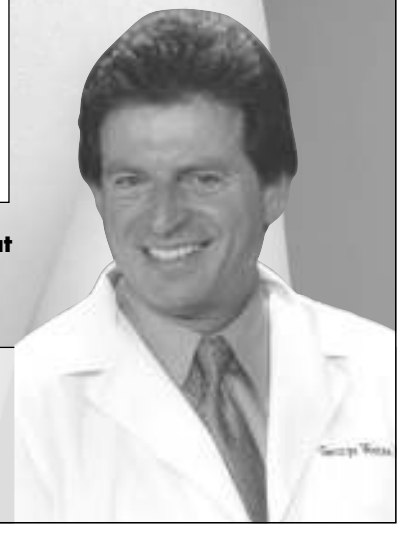

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their friendship.

On a Friday night at my house we watched a movie called *On the Beach*. It began with a nuclear war. The human race died from north to south, until all that remained were some outposts in Australia, where foreign Navy ships had anchored. One by one the heroes expired, while the band played "Waltzing Matilda."

Cliff asked if we'd go running with him on the cross-country course at Balboa Park, where the previous year he'd scored his only first-place finish. He wanted to run there one last time, before the end of the world.

We parked near the Morley Field ballparks and set off jogging through the dark canyons and oak groves, alongside the zoo where some tropical nightbirds hooted and the gibbons chattered as though outraged. I huffed and panted while they glided along, yet for 2.3 miles I managed to keep up and sing along with our chorus of "Waltzing Matilda."

From then on, for us, to be on the beach meant something new. Besides tumbling through the waves, watching girls who filled us with trepidation and awe, dreaming of far places and freedom, it meant staring at the opaque sheen of eternity.

Though I continued to long for Karen Flagstad, I'd begun to roam. While serving as king of Pacific Beach, I'd dated a beauty who'd later become Miss something. Our last night we spent in the Surf and Sand Motel, to which a buddy of my cousin Steve had the master key. His mother owned the place.

A quart of Bulldog ale got Miss something to the motel, where we figured how to do it, did it, and passed out. A few hours later, at dawn, I woke to her crying. Already dressed, she gave me a hasty kiss and rushed off. That night Steve called to pass along the news that my first conquest had slashed her wrist.

Gloria Valenciana, whom I'd met at San Onofre, was cheery, voluptuous, dark brown. Though most of her friends were in gangs and she talked cholo dialect, she was a good girl. She didn't drink, smoke, or cut loose. Still, most Saturdays I drove up there, a hundred miles each way, feasted on her grandmother's cooking, got scrutinized by her dad and brothers, took her to movies and smooched until her 1:00 a.m. curfew, then raced home so fast the sleepy cops along Highway 101 failed to notice the blur as I passed.

One night I rented a motel room and managed to lure Gloria there. My plan wasn't to seduce her. If I did, she might kill herself, I feared. I only hoped to see and feel her naked beside me. But I couldn't even coax her out of the brassiere.

What Gloria was willing to give finally began to seem unworthy of a 200-mile drive every Saturday. So I missed a couple weekends in a row. Then her old boyfriend returned on leave from the Marines. Gloria and I shouted at each other long distance and parted.

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In place of his study hall that year, Eric worked as an office monitor, picking up attendance sheets and delivering hall passes. Two of the three first-period office monitors were Eric and Laura. They might skip down the halls, holding hands and laughing. Or Laura would hold a classroom door open so Eric could swoop in with his arms extended like wings, softly humming a tune from Handel's *Messiah*.

On Christmas, after the family party at my Aunt Evangeline's place, Eric and I drove to Sunset Cliffs, near Fort Rosecrans where his dad was buried. We climbed and explored caves in twilight. After dark, we sat on the cliffs. Eric paced, finally sat down, and asked what I'd been thinking about my dad that day.

I told him how Christmas was always my dad's favorite day, how the only plants he ever grew were poinsettias that he'd deliver to the family graves every Christmas morning after the presents got exchanged and breakfast was over. When I finished, Eric paced again, then squatted in front of the bench where I sat and gazed hard at me, as though wondering how far I could be trusted.

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going to be different."

That year Karen Flagstad was a songleader. Her squad danced at basketball games. If I attended, she'd wave and smile at me. So one Friday night, after Eric, Kenny, Billy, and I drank a magnum of champagne on the pretense of celebrating Kenny's parents' divorce, which had gotten finalized that week, I suggested we visit the basketball game.

It was against our team's rivals, Grossmont High School, in their gym, a building so ancient it had been there when my mother graduated. The double doors each featured a quartet of small windows. When the gatekeeper refused to let us in, Kenny raised a fist as though to sock the guy but instead punched out one of the panes.

Instantly we got surrounded, by teachers, a dean of students, and a platoon of the ROTC. With all the fuss, it took a while for witnesses to clarify which of us was the culprit and for the gatekeeper to accuse us of drinking. Kenny'd been staring at his bloody fist. When the dean tried to grab him, he bolted toward a stand of eucalyptus.

The entire posse chased after Kenny. His legs churned faster than the eye, like a propeller. The previous fall he'd broken our school record for the 50-yard dash. Billy, Eric, and I got the chance to run the other way toward the parking lot. Except when Billy and I took off, Eric didn't budge. So we turned back. I commanded Eric to hurry. Billy asked him what was the matter.

Staring at his feet, kicking the dirt, Eric said, "I'm going to stay and take my punishment."

"For what?" I demanded. "Kenny smashed the window."

Billy said, "You stay here, they won't catch Kenny and they'll blame the whole thing on you, because you're the one they've got. They'll kick you out of school for good. They already know we've been drinking."

Eric had picked up some dirt and was pouring it from one hand to the other. "I can't run away," he mumbled. A teacher strode toward us. Eric gripped my arm. "Get Billy out of here."

I nudged Billy and we ran toward the parking lot, shouting over our shoulders for Eric to follow us. He kept shaking his head. At the entrance to the parking lot, we met friends in a getaway car. If Eric had joined us, it might've been a clean escape, since Kenny would probably hide out until the after-game crowd gave him cover, then circle back for his car. But the posse had already cornered him. The police booked Kenny for vandalism and reported him and Eric to the school board for having been intoxicated on school grounds. A few days later, Eric and Kenny got

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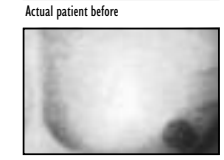
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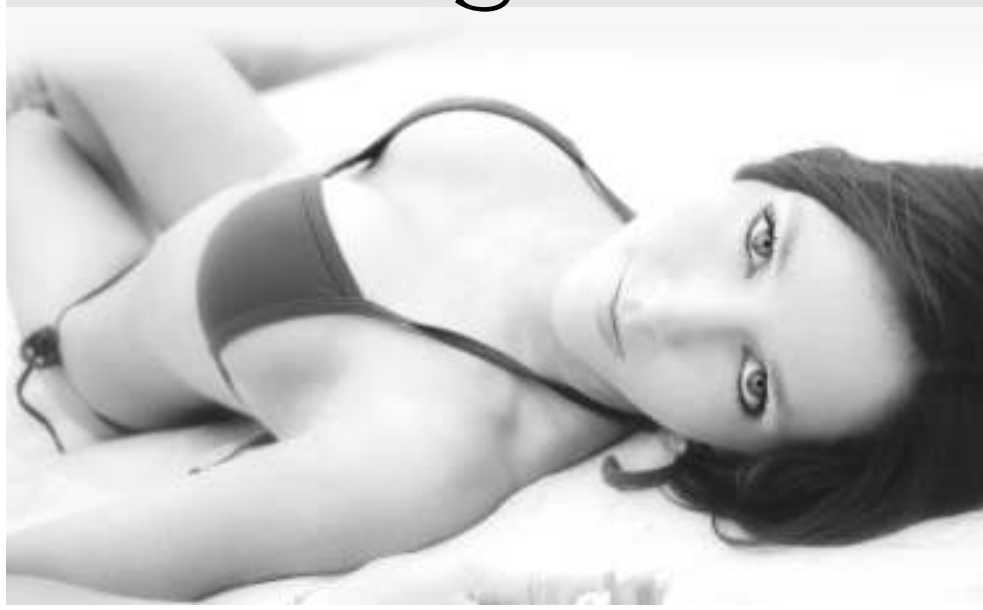

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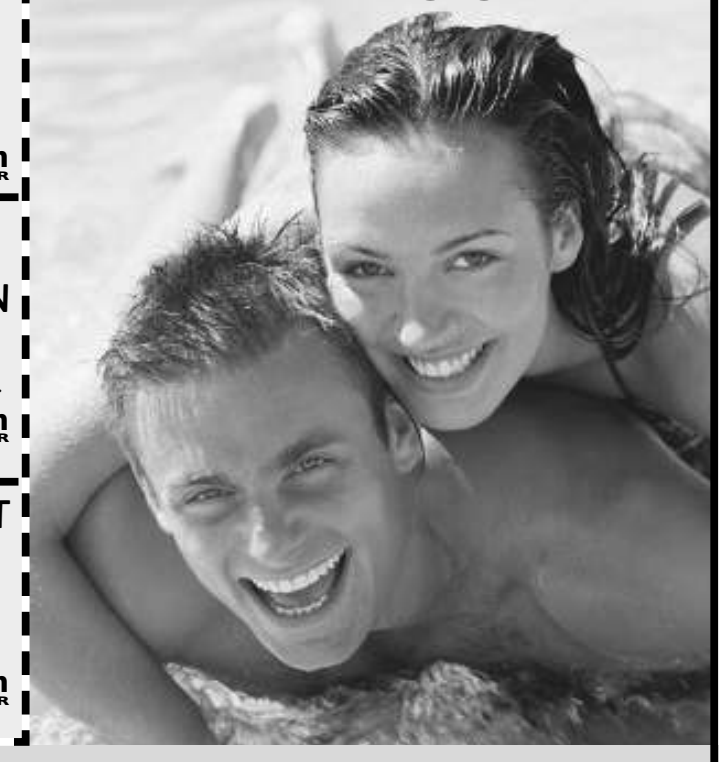

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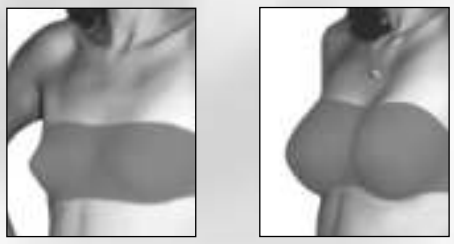

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expelled.

The vice principal summoned Billy and me. She and everybody knew we'd been with Eric and Kenny, and just as intoxicated.

"So expel me," I said.

"Me too," Billy said.

But it didn't work that way. The school board wouldn't act unless the police had gotten involved. Otherwise, somebody's parents might sue them.

Since Kenny's dad was football coach at Coronado High School, he transferred there and would graduate, even bat leadoff on their baseball team. Eric walked over the hill from his house and became a lot boy at a Ford dealership.

The next couple of weeks, I only saw him on Sundays and when I stopped by his place in the evenings. I'd find him lying on his bed, reading. He'd listen to me as long as I wanted, but he didn't care to talk much. Sometimes he'd muse about how this expulsion had transformed him, that he was learning what it meant to work full days, to budget money, and generally act responsible. Soon he'd enroll in adult school and complete his senior year, meanwhile saving all he could toward the date of his graduation when he'd go looking for some kind of apprentice white-collar job, maybe in another town. Probably San Francisco. Unless he got drafted.

The way he talked was eerie and distressing, as if he were leaving tomorrow and might never come home — he'd offer me advice and make me promise things, such as that I'd go straight to college, simply because a guy as smart as me ought to, he said, and it would please my mom, who could use some cheering after her sorrows. He reminded me how my talk of college made her glow. Besides, he didn't want to see me get drafted. "You'd have a hell of a time in the service," he said. "A teacher barks at you, it's all you can do not to punch the guy. Think of what'd happen with a drill sergeant. You'd spend all your time locked up."

Twice he made me promise to watch over Billy, to be like a big brother, since Billy wouldn't have him anymore, even though I argued that he could still see Billy, that if he moved it wouldn't be for

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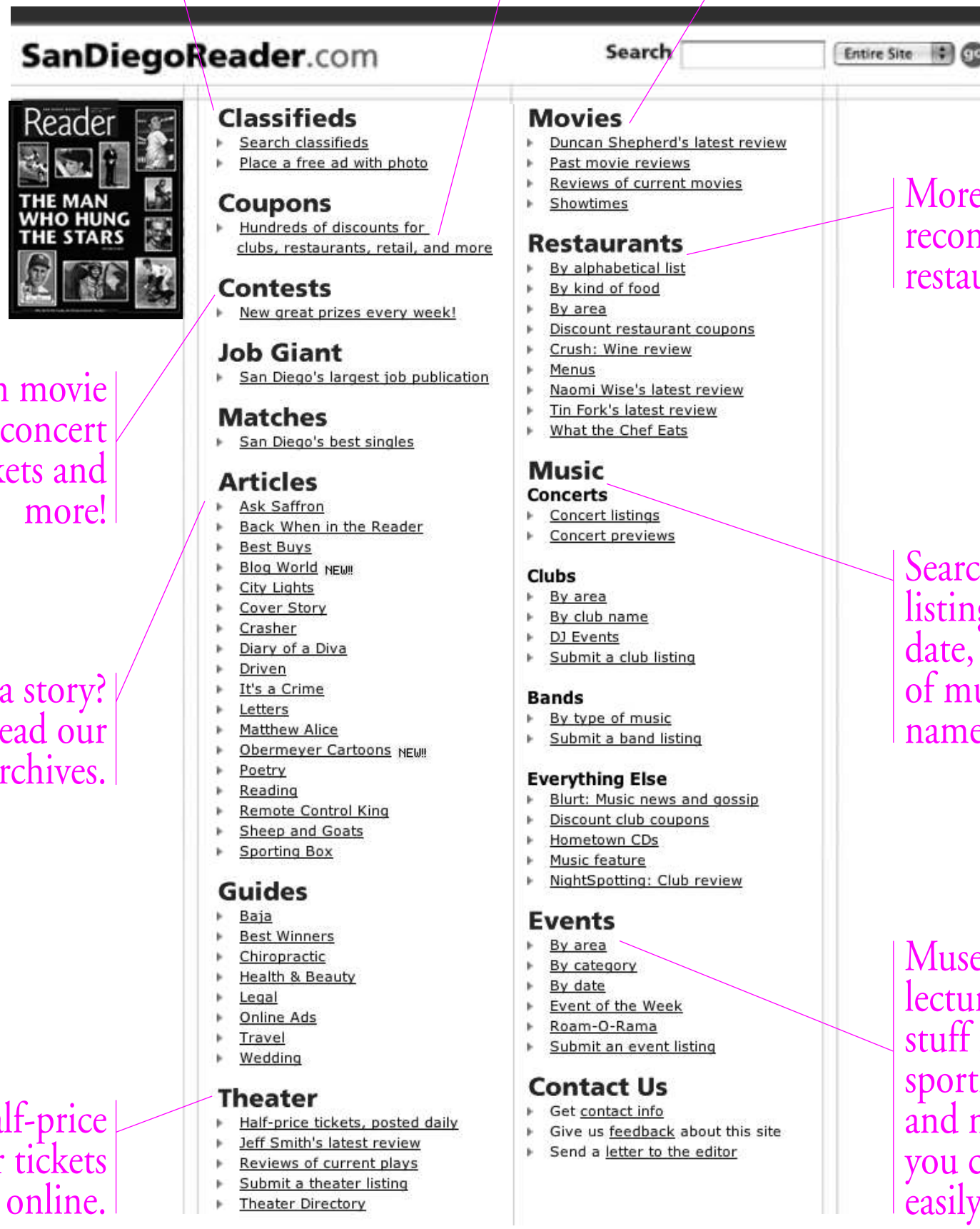

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months. "Besides," I reminded him, "Billy's got a real big brother."

"Sure, but he's not going to listen to Cliff. Anyway, Cliff won't always be around."

"Well, if everybody else is going someplace, who says I won't?"

"I don't think you will," he said. "See, you believe you're on your own, but you're not. Your mom's had it even rougher than you have, and you're not going to leave her. Not for a couple years anyway."

That evening when I dropped him off, he gave me a sweater and a stack of records — Thelonius Monk; Dave Brubeck with Jerry Mulligan; Lena Horne; Belafonte singing blues. Though it might be months before he could graduate, he said he was anxious to clean things out, to get prepared, ready to move.

On Valentine's Day 1963, I picked up Eric and we stopped at a liquor store we knew where the proprietor had more greed than scruples. Next to the cash register was a bucketful of small candy hearts, with slogans like "I love you" and "Hey, sweetheart." Eric preferred the one that read "Why not?" We sifted out a couple dozen of those, loaded them into our shirt pockets so we could pass one to any girl who looked as if she didn't get a valentine.

On Point Loma, in Fort Rosecrans, Eric's dad's grave lies in a clearing with no shrubs or trees nearby to mark the spot, yet even in the dark, Eric walked right to it. He knelt beside it. A foot west of the headstone, he dug out a piece of sod, dropped the candy heart underneath it, and replaced the sod.

Then we backtracked to Sunset Cliffs and sat with our legs hanging, about 50 feet above where the waves flooded over the tidepools. Once before in this spot, Eric had mused that whenever he died, he wanted his ashes scattered from here out to sea. Several times before Eric took a swallow of wine, he placed a candy heart on his tongue, chewed slowly, and washed it down with the wine.

"I've got to tell you," he said. "The big change still hasn't come, but it's getting awfully close."

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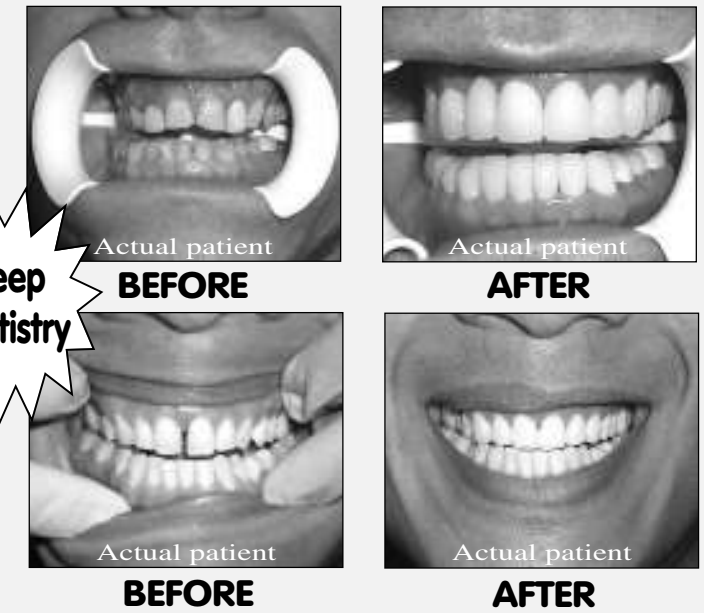

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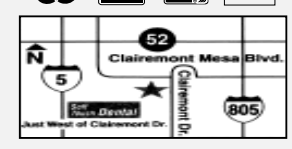

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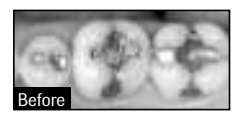

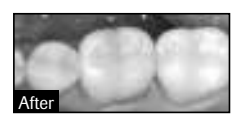

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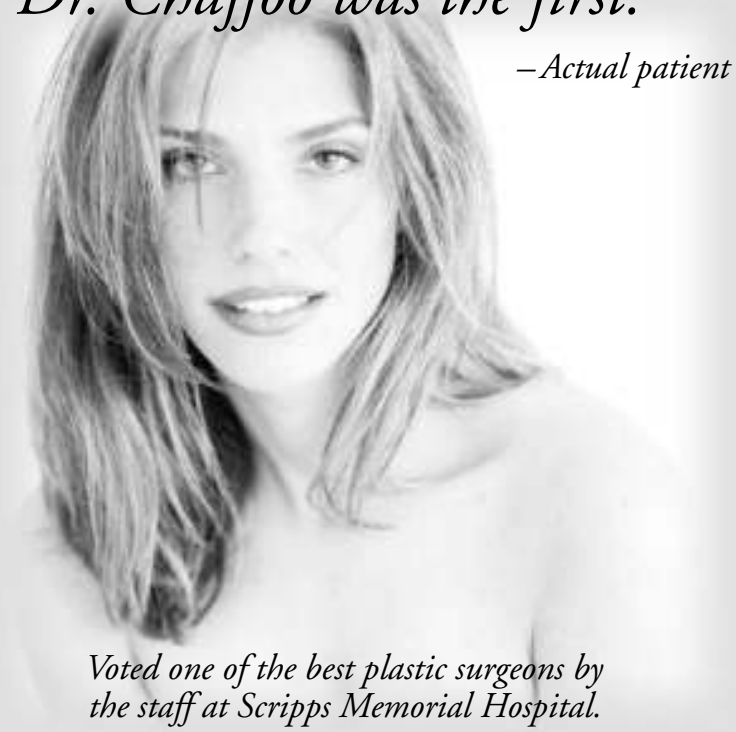

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He chewed a candy and sipped from the wine. "I don't know. Maybe something great and happy or maybe it'll be terrible. All I know is, it'll make getting expelled and the rest look like kid stuff."

The next day, according to Sylvia, he spent reading Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* for the second straight time. For breaks, he returned to his spring cleaning. He loaded a garbage can with old board games and school papers and gave a couple of pairs of jeans to a neighbor boy. He even tossed out the charred and decrepit pan he'd been using to make popcorn since he'd grown tall enough to reach the stovetop. That evening, Saturday, when I called to ask if he wanted to go to the

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cut-rate movies or shoot pool with Billy and me, he was probably home. But Sylvia'd gone out with Richard, and nobody answered the phone.

Billy spent the night at my place. We'd made plans for the next day. Billy and I, Eric, and Kenny were going to drive up the coast to Laguna Beach, to check out their sidewalk art festival. Sunday morning about nine, I phoned Kenny to tell him Billy was at my house and ask when he'd pick us up.

Things weren't decided yet, he said, because a couple other guys wanted to go, except not to Laguna Beach. They wanted to drive to the desert, to the Indio Date Festival, which they claimed was a good party.

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asked Kenny to call us when the plans were settled. He promised to. But he didn't. Eric told him not to. Eric didn't want Billy or me along, though he wouldn't explain why.

That night on Viejas grade, the big guy was driving when they swerved off the road, down an embankment, onto a ledge. Eric flew out and smashed his head on a boulder.

First period Monday, I got called to the vice principal's office. I knocked, stepped in, and found her slumped over her desk. She looked like a visitor to Auschwitz. "Sit down, Kenneth."

"What'd I do?"

"It's about Eric."

Studying her mournful eyes, I eased myself into the chair. "Yeah?"

"They crashed."

"Eric's…?"

"El Cajon Valley Hospital. They don't believe he'll make it."

My brain catapulted through space, into a black hole. There I remembered the night my mom checked into the hospital and the doctor said she was probably a goner. "He'll make it," I muttered. "Does Billy know?"

"I sent a pass for Billy and Cliff. They should be on their way."

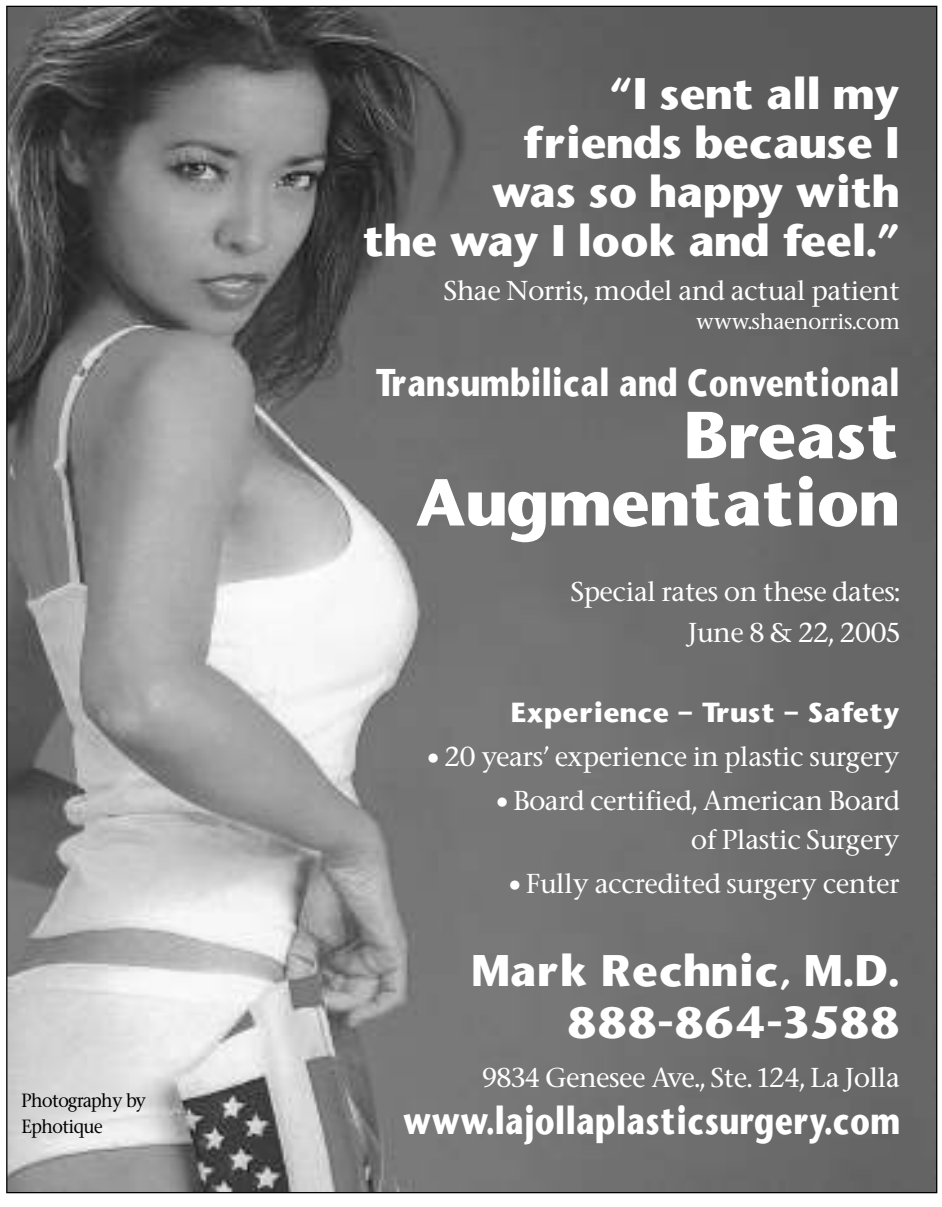
The others in the car hadn't gotten scratched, she said, and waited for an assurance that I'd be okay. I told her I'd go meet Billy and Cliff. Knowing which way they'd walk to the office from their auto shop class, around behind the football field where they could have a smoke on the way, I took that route to the shop buildings. The teacher was engaged with a carburetor and didn't notice me trespassing. I found Billy and Cliff wearing goggles, huddled over the head to a Chevy, grinding the valves. They'd figured the vice principal could wait.

They had one more valve to grind. Then we stepped out into the sunlight. While I gave them the news, Cliff kicked gravel with both feet. Billy stared at the sky. His chin quivered.

There was a college boy who guarded the parking lot. We had to get a note from the office before he'd unlock the gate and let us out. My gas gauge read empty, and between us we hadn't enough change to finance the trip to the hospital, which was almost to the mountains. So we drove to Cliff and Billy's house to bum gas money. Their mom called the hospital, learned that Eric was in the operating room, and that no visitors would see him that day. She tried to feed and comfort us. After those attempts failed, she gave us ten dollars and a shopping list.

While we staggered through the aisles at the grocery store and later drove up Mount Helix and paced around the cross in the mountaintop park, staring all around at Mexico, the Pacific, and the Laguna Mountains, every few minutes one of us would offer a reason why Eric couldn't possibly die. He was the strongest person we knew. Only 17. People needed him. We needed him. He was Superman.

Around noon, I mentioned how stricken the vice principal had looked. Billy suggested we ought to tell



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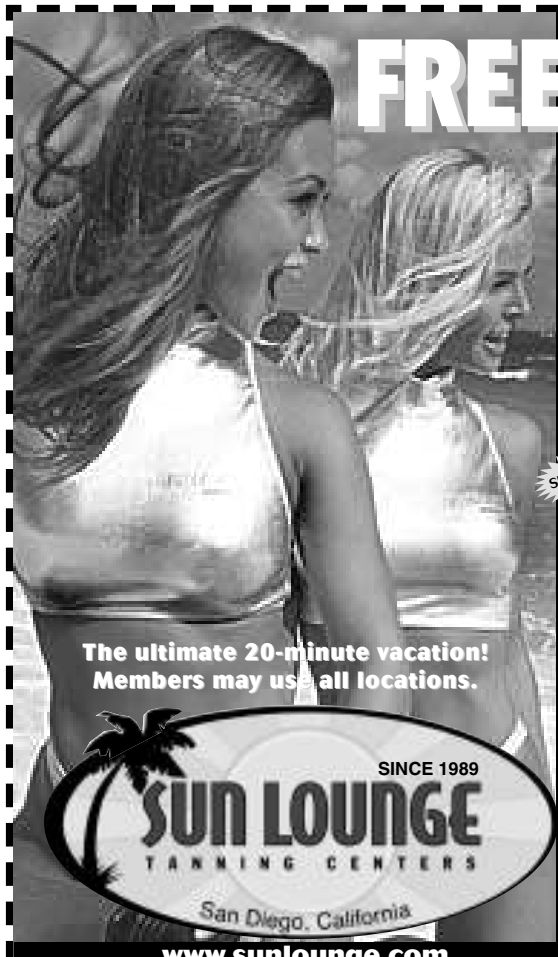

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her that Eric hadn't blamed her for expelling him. We parked out front of the school, climbed the steps, and had just turned the corner to the hall in front of the office building, when a girl ran out of the office sobbing hysterically. She might've known Eric, but not well. Still, when she spotted us, she ran up and clutched one of my hands and one of Cliff's. She blubbered a minute and finally spat out, "Eric's dead."

Suddenly there were people converging on us from everywhere, purposefully, as if grief were cash they could extort from us. I broke loose from the girl and hustled into the nearest classroom building, into the restroom. I leaned onto the sink and glared at the mirror, where my flesh seemed to peel and shred. I kicked the wall and howled. Soon a teacher came rushing in, a large Spaniard who'd given me plenty of office referrals for failing to shave or wearing a shirt with tails out. This time, when he ordered me to the office, I blasted him with a string of curses that might've convinced him he should've sent me to an exorcist rather than to the front office. Then I dodged him and hustled back out to where Cliff and Billy leaned against the office wall, surrounded by tragedy groupies.

The three of us escaped around the office building, down the front steps to the street, where we ran into Laura. Though in four years she'd become my wife, I hardly knew her and didn't realize it was her birthday. She asked me to sit on the grass for a minute. Staring across the ball fields, she said, "Just last week he promised that for my birthday he was going to give me a very special present, only I wouldn't understand it for a long, long time. So he goes and dies on my birthday. I don't get it." Neither did I. She hugged me stiffly, then we parted and went our own ways.

A few minutes later, I stumbled into my mom's classroom at La Mesa Junior High School, while Billy and Cliff waited in my car. My mom was lecturing about prepositions. After a minute, she issued a reading assignment, followed me to a patio behind her room, and collapsed onto the picnic bench when I told her Eric was dead. "Oh God," she moaned. "Not again."

Cliff, Billy, and I drove to their place. We spent an hour or so on an art project they'd been creating. They were going to draw a million small circles, just to see what a million looked like. Taking turns, we drew about 20,000. Their mother kept appearing, offering food. My mom called several times and asked trivial questions.

Sometime before dark I went wandering, toward and up a hill called Eastridge, along a street of vacant lots, sometimes lost in my usual obsessions about Karen Flagstad or whether I should play baseball or golf that spring. Suddenly I'd remember. My gut felt as if a large snake coiled inside it. My heart was a giant lump of coal. I walked faster and groaned. Wondered why I couldn't weep. Thought how Eric was ten times the human I'd ever be. If he couldn't become Superman, my chances equaled zero. ■

— Ken Kuhlken

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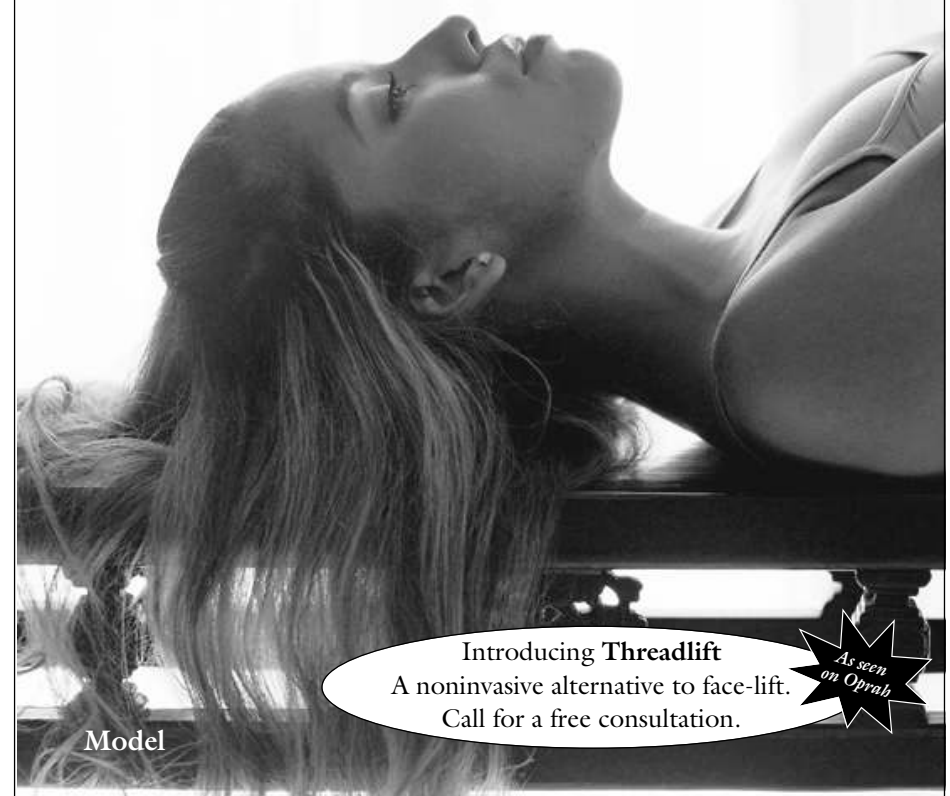

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essence of the moment it meant to portray. Even though many of the stories were about romance, there was rarely the gratuitous sex scene. Violence was a part of the stories, but the violence was in the sense and style of a Quentin Tarantino movie, very carefully orchestrated and essential to the purpose of the story. That is what I remember most about those publications, how they fulfilled their purpose, very much like a good hamburger, professionally done, very satisfying at the moment, better consumed than analyzed.

Katherine Lopez
Via e-mail

Pipe Hit

Reading the "Sporting Box" by Patrick last week (May 19), Patrick must be hitting the pipe. Tiger Woods made the cut in the 142 previous tournaments, which is probably a record that will never be broken. This has been in the paper lately. I don't even play golf.

In addition, on the Vegas Line, he calls the 6 to 5 team the "Los Angeles Giants." Never heard of them. I'm sure I'm not the only one who's going to catch that. But seeing as how the Padres are number one, maybe the Vegas Line is something to bet on.

Chris Cott
San Diego

Patrick Daugherty responds: Chris, you write, "Patrick must be hitting the pipe. Tiger Woods made the cut in the 142 previous tournaments, which is probably a record that will never be broken. This has been in the paper lately. I don't even play."

I wrote in the column you complain of, "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."

What, exactly, is your point?

As to the Los Angeles Giants, it's a typo. These things happen. Incredible they don't happen more often.

Humorless Jones

It is not the *Reader* which has no sense of humor when it comes to comics; it is Dick Jones from Kensington (Letters, May 19). If he doesn't like the comics, tell him not to read them! Personally, I don't read half of them, but don't you dare take away my "Red Meat"! If Mr. Jones wants to read friggin' "Garfield," let him read the friggin' *U-T!!!* The whole point of the *Reader* is to get the story/comic/happening the *U-T* won't touch.

Steven Moschak
El Cajon

Debt Site

I enjoyed Thomas Larson's article ("Bankrupt") in the May 12 edition of the *Reader.* Larson's discussion regarding the problem of credit-card debt was in depth and precisely on point. In that regard, our court has adopted the CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education) program. I and teams of bankruptcy attorneys have appeared at local high schools and presented a 45-minute program to primarily high school seniors apprising them about the dangers of credit-card debt. We have given the presentation, which consists of a 20-minute movie and a 10-minute PowerPoint, to approximately 500 students this year. Our court's CARE website is at *www.casb.uscourts.gov/html/care/index.htm.*

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I've been reading all the reviews from this year's Coachella Music Festival, and, wow! the *Reader*'s was the absolute worst! ("Saved in the Shade," May 12.) Did you send your high school intern or somebody on your advertising staff? Or was this supposed to be some sort of ironic joke or farce that I just didn't get? If I really wanted to know the details of how she hung out in the shade instead of watched the bands or how she lost her friends or, oh my God, how the security guard gave her free water (!) I would've just picked the lock on her secret diary. Thank God she didn't go back for the second day. I expect better from you people.

Jay Webb
Playa Del Rey

Positive Gift

Drew Goodmanson really did not choose a very good example of a Church of Religious Science for his article several weeks ago ("Sheep and Goats," May 12). Some of the interview comments he received did not seem to reflect what I know about the Church of Religious Science! I belong to the Center for Positive Living in Carlsbad (a Religious Science Church), and the pastor there is very well known in Religious Science circles. Dr. Jane is a gifted teacher who served on the RSI (Religious Science International) board of directors and RSI board of education for many years. She also instructs Religious Science ministers. If you truly would like to inform your readers, you may want to contact Dr. Jane Claypool at the Center for Positive Living!

Nancy Ferguson
via e-mail

Wise Sophisticate

Naomi Wise only partially deserved Lew Steinberg's diatribe (Letters, April 28). He is correct that she is too sophisticated for San Diego. Yes, she is out of sync with native San Diegans. Non-natives eat out as well and deserve reviews also. Natives have "Tin Fork."

I enjoyed "Moving On Up" about Pacific Coast Grill (April 28). I shall dine there because the chef has higher food costs, uses organic ingredients — please note in future reviews — and has integrity.

My family emigrated from Armenia in the 1880s to Providence, Rhode Island. Ms. Wise's review of the Armenian Grill in Carlsbad a while back taught me things about Armenian food I had never known. Please keep her on your staff.

Leon Juskalian
Leucadia

Uncool Fraud

My comment is for Anthony "Ollie" Olivieri, the so-called "Remote Control King." In my book, he is just *a fraud!!*

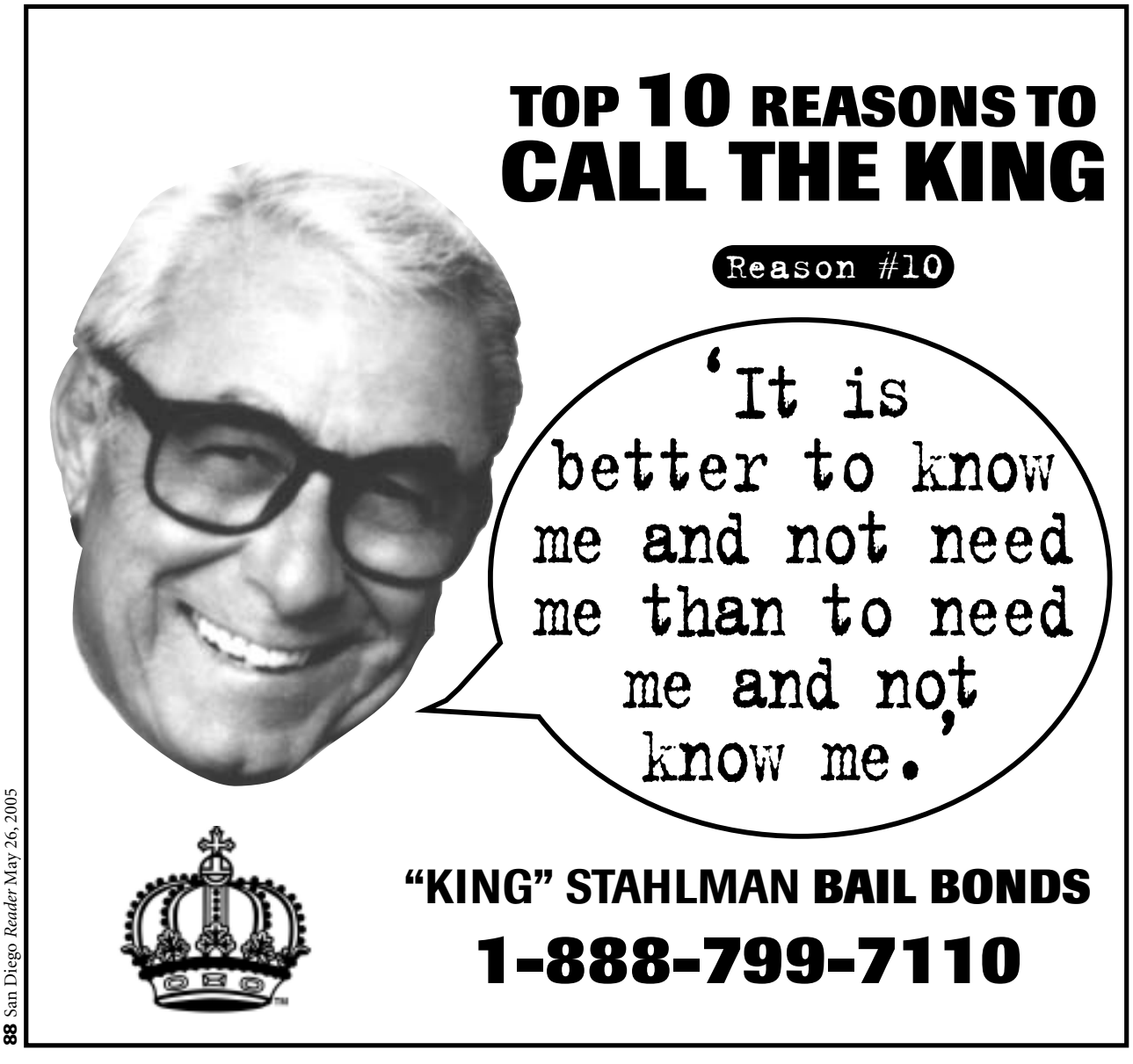
He doesn't write about TV or anything interesting. He just promotes his irresponsible lifestyle of drugs, booze, and debauchery!

You want adventure? You think you're so cool? Try raising two kids! That's the hardest adventure there is!

FRAUD!

Amanda Dyer
via e-mail

HEALTH AND BEAUTY



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LOBBY HERO, Kenneth Lonergan sticks, face-to-face, two security guards and two policemen in a Manhattan high-rise on a graveyard shift. The comedy opens on the Cassius Carter Centre Stage. See **THEATER,** page 139

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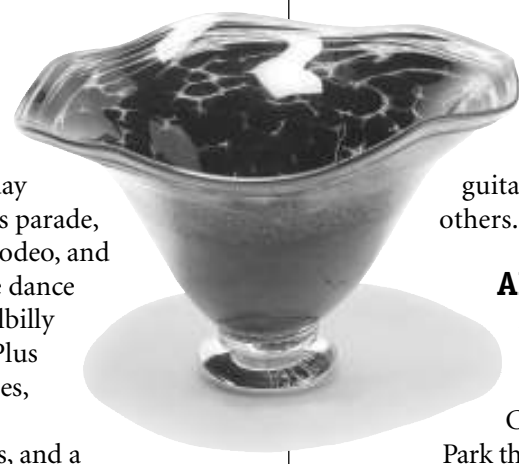
VALLEY CENTER WESTERN DAYS kick off with a Friday-night rodeo and dance (Texas swing from Working Cowboy Band) followed by Saturday morning's parade, another rodeo, and one more dance (with Hillbilly House). Plus kids' games, contests, barbecues, and a crafts fair. See **SPECIAL,** page 98



THRESHOLD A retrospective of La Jolla native Byron Kim's monochromatic and neo-abstract paintings (1990–2004) opens at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla. See **ART MUSEUMS,** page 107

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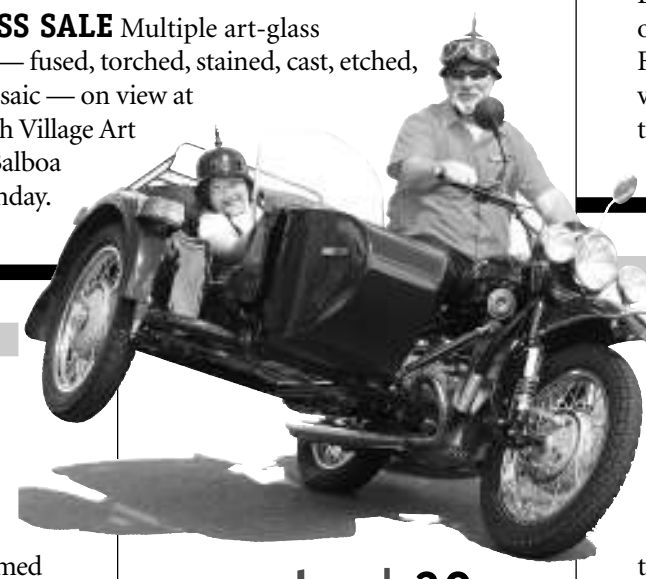
BACKYARD MONSTERS Imagine meeting your garden's bugs, but you're a quarter-inch tall. The Natural History Museum's exhibit tips the scale with giant robotic insects in lifelike motion: Monarch butterflies with 19-foot wingspans; a 12-foot-high tarantula. See **MUSEUMS,** page 103

JAZZ FESTIVAL It started 30 years ago, when the Gaslamp was a one-club stop. Joining sassy saxophonist Mindy Adair on three stages spread over three city blocks: fellow sax players Richard Elliott and Warren Hill, guitarist Peter White, and bass player Wayman Tisdale, among others. See **SPECIAL,** page 99

ART GLASS SALE Multiple art-glass methods — fused, torched, stained, cast, etched, and mosaic — on view at Spanish Village Art Center in Balboa Park through Sunday. See **SPECIAL,** page 98



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JULIAN CLASSIC MOTORING SHOW 75 vintage racing and classic touring cars roll onto the grounds of Menghini Winery. Confirmed entrants: a '29 Pierce Arrow, a '56 Lotus Mark XIV, and two genuine (not replica) Cobras: a '64 coupe and a '67 roadster. Proceeds pledged to Julian volunteer firefighters. See **SPECIAL,** page 99

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SAN DIEGO AUTO & CYCLE SWAP Motorheads spend Monday's holiday rifling through other men's castoffs, from carburetors to rebuilt engines, car parts to calibrating tools. Free breakfast for sellers and motorcycle entries. See **SPECIAL,** page 99

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POET JEROME ROTHENBERG opens San Diego State University's Avant-Garde Performance series with readings and recollections. The prolific author speaks about Picasso, Kurt Schwitters, and Tristan Tzara. He recounts a line spoken to him by French writer Michel Giroud, which Rothenberg later used in his collage poem, "Autobiography": "There is an avant-garde that cannot be defeated." See **IN PERSON,** page 97

UNDER THE VELODROME Bicycle racers get close on the concrete at Morley Field's velodrome. Spectators view for free tonight, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. See **SPORTS,** page 98

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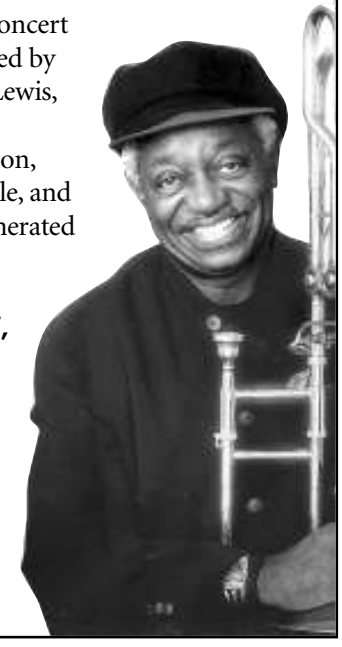
JAZZ FOR JIMMY UCSD jazz ensemble's longtime director, Jimmy Cheatham — who worked with Duke Ellington in the '50s — retires from UCSD after 28 years. He's honored with a tribute concert performed by George Lewis, Charles McPherson, Cecil Lytle, and other venerated jazzmen. See **IN PERSON,** page 97



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Sticky Workers

Bees in America

"The African honeybee is legendary for being completely irascible," says Tammy Horn. Commonly referred to as "killer bees," the African honeybees "have over 100 natural predators, so they have to be more aggressive. But they will pollinate anything, whereas the European honeybees tend to be more selective about what they pollinate." On Friday, May 27, Horn will discuss her new book, *Bees in America: How the Honey Bee Shaped a Nation,* at D.G. Wills Books in La Jolla.

Horn explains that the first honeybees brought to America were cold-weather-resistant German honeybees. Also referred to as the "German black bee," these insects are small and dark and known by their handlers as quick to sting. "In the 19th Century, many people wanted [a honeybee] that was even more passive, so they brought in the Italian honeybee. This is the primary honeybee in California and was referred to as the 'gold bee' in the 19th Century." Italian honeybees are not as inclined to swarm as other types and produce larger amounts of honey.

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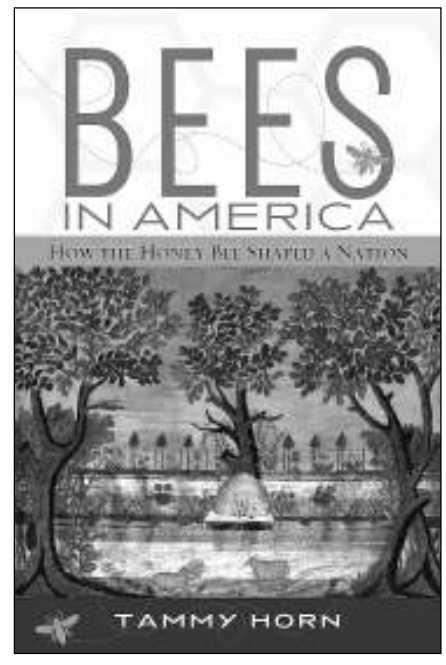
Between her two farms in Kentucky, Horn maintains 26 Italian honeybee hives. She is a hobbyist beekeeper, collecting only enough honey for herself and friends. Horn spends the rest of her time teaching at Berea College. "I teach college freshmen," she says. "It's easy for me to draw a lot of parallels between a healthy beehive and a freshman classroom. It can sting you or be beneficial if you are able to harness it right."

When asked about the dangers of beekeeping (and teaching), Horn shares that she gets stung about once a summer. "That's not bad, it's just enough to remind me to be careful. I generally get stung because of my own stupidity — being too quick to put on my outfit, too careless, or taking my veil off too soon." Once, the day before she was to begin teaching a new class, Horn was stung on the end of her nose. "Sure enough, I walk into class and my nose is just huge." Horn quickly eased the students' minds by explaining her hobby.

In a recent interview, Horn spoke about the cultural significance of honeybees as a symbol of social collaboration and stable society. "Americans, like most people, need to feel secure…there isn't another symbol [other than the honeybee] that can do that in the American popular imagination."

Many American food crops are dependant upon honeybees for pollination. Almonds are one such crop — having surpassed Spain, the United States is now the number-one almond supplier to the world.



Other crops dependent on honeybees for pollination are cucumbers, watermelons, strawberries, cherries, and apples. North America has no indigenous species of honeybee. Prior to the introduction of the German honeybee in 1621, these crops survived on a smaller scale with native pollinators like the bumblebee.

"But whereas bumblebees are solitary," Horn explains, "there are 50,000 bees in a honeybee hive." These hives are precious to large farms and beekeepers can earn $150 per hive to help pollinate a crop. Without these hives there would be no way for farmers to cultivate these foods on a large scale.

"Pollination is the one process that cannot be duplicated. The crises facing beekeepers in the 1990s alerted our culture not to take honeybees for granted." Horn is referring to the varroa mite.

"Varroa mites were brought here from Asia in 1987, and when they first arrived they just wiped out the European honeybees — in biblical proportions." Horn explains that after the 1922 Honeybee Act, which made it illegal for anyone to import any honeybees other than Italian honeybees, apiculturists (commercial beekeepers) were made more susceptible and vulnerable. "When the mite came, the Italian honeybees had no resistance. It was something up into the order of 70 to 80 percent damage to the commercial industry."

Because of this devastation, "Scientists started working with genetics to develop disease-resistant bees, which is still going on," says Horn. "And Congress relaxed the law, so that now we can import other honeybees, like Russian bees." Russian honeybees are more resistant to varroa mites than are Italian honeybees.

Another threat to the honeybee? The bear. "A man from North Carolina said the best solution he came up with was to put his bees in an abandoned school bus with the windows down and park it in the middle of nowhere," says Horn. "Bees fly in and out all the time, but the bears can't get in there."

— Barbarella

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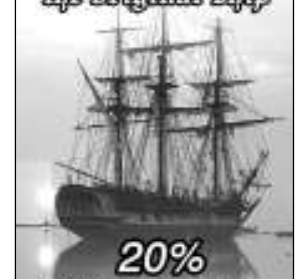
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BAJA

"Baja Terra: Between Sea and Dessert," this Tijuana art festival runs Thursday through Saturday, May 26–28, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río).

Artists, musicians, chefs, and winemakers will participate; program includes free lectures, "interactive events." Orchestra of Baja California presents "Emperor" on Thursday at 6 p.m.; tickets are $25, $30, $35. Wine tasting at noon on Saturday: $10. Gala dinner at 8 p.m. on Saturday: $60. Reservations: 011-52-664-608-2322 or 011-52-664-608-2329. (TIJUANA)

"El Llanto de los Niños Muertos" signed and discussed by author Bernardo Fernández on Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

The Play *Aventurera* is presented on Thursday and Friday, May 26 and 27, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. each night, at Tijuana Grand Hotel (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-681-7000. (TIJUANA)

Book Fair is offered Friday, May 27, through Sunday, June 5, beginning at noon each day on Avenida Revolución. Emmanuel Carballo examines "Mexican Literature" on Sunday, May 29, at 6 p.m. "El Ejército de Dios" presented by Alvaro Delgado on Monday, May 30, 8:30 p.m. Anabel Ochoa focuses on "7 Noches de Amor" on Wednesday, June 1, 7:30 p.m. 011-52-664-637-3122. (TIJUANA)

"Teotihuacan, City of Gods" art exhibit opens with reception on Friday, May 27, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

"Ensenada's First Days" illuminated when Fernando Araujo speaks on Friday, May 27, 7:30 p.m., at Casa de la Cultura. 011-52-646-172-3428. (ENSENADA)

"UFOs" are subject for lectures by Jaime Maussán on Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. both nights, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

UFO lectures by Jaime Maussán at Tijuana Cultural Center, May 27–28 (see Baja)

Guillermo's Sportfishing Tournament runs Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, starting at 5:30 a.m. 011-52-200-124-9104. (BAHIA DE LOS ANGELES)

The Tijuana-Rosarito Bike Ride starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, at Maquiladora Association (on Boulevard Industrial, Mesa de Otay). Ride ends at Papas and Beer in Rosarito Beach. $15 U.S. 011-52-661-612-0396. (TIJUANA, ROSARITO BEACH)

Cartografía del Sueño presents dance festival directed by Jorge Domínguez on Saturday, May 28, 8 p.m., at Teatro IMSS (on Boulevard Salinas). Tickets: $5 U.S. 011-52-664-971-0019. (TIJUANA)

The Play *Pequeñas Escenas"* presented at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, at Café de la Opera (on Calle 5, Colonia Libertad). 011-52-664-686-3280. (TIJUANA)

Classical Music promised when Orchestra of Baja California offers concert on Saturday, May 28, 8 p.m., at Riviera Hotel (on Miramar Road). 011-52-646-172-3022. (ENSENADA)

Festival Ensenada de Todos — Suma de Culturas 2005, Sunday, May 29, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Plaza Ventana al Mar. Participating families and groups share their cultural background via photographs, documents, furniture and crafts, along with sampling of their music, arts, and gastronomy. Forty-three stands representing a wide variety of countries are confirmed. Free. 011-52-646-174-5898. (ENSENADA)

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Horse, Art, and Wine Festival with music, entertainment, and food planned the whole day, on Sunday, May 29, 11 a.m., at Adobe Guadalupe, in Valle de Guadalupe. 011-52-646-178-8065. (ENSENADA)

The Children's Comedy *Vamonos de Pinta* is performed on Sunday, May 29, noon, at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira). $5 U.S. 011-52-664-687-2604. (TIJUANA)

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OUTDOORS

Wildflowers of San Diego County's highest mountains are in full bloom this week. Take a walk along any trail above 4500 feet in the Laguna, Cuyamaca, or Palomar Mountains and enjoy a palette of colors ranging from crimson red to indigo blue. Among the most common varieties are lupine (blue, occasionally yellow), wallflower (yellow), paintbrush (red), scarlet bugler (red), beard tongue (blue-purple), checker (lavender), woolly blue curls (violet), forget-me-not (white), wild hyacinth (purple), and yarrow (yellow and white).

Mule Deer by the dozens continue to roam through the 25,000-acre Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, where the smoldering landscape of October 2003 has given way to millions if not billions of tender, green shoots of vegetation amid the blackened tree trunks. Take an early-morning drive down Highway 79 through the park, and you'll likely spot deer on or near the road. Several of Cuyamaca's trails remain closed, so be sure to take note of any closure maps and information posted at the park's many trailheads along Highway 79.

Agaves, or century plants (*Agave americana*), have been sending up their asparagus-like flower stalks all over the San Diego area lately. In warm weather, the tips can rise as much as a foot a day. During summer big clusters of yellow and green flowers should appear on the tops of the stalks, some up to 30 feet tall. After the blooming cycle ends, the spine-tipped, fleshy daggers at the base of the stalk die (after a life of 10 or 20 years, not a century) and the stalk dries up, but suckers usually remain to continue a new cycle of growth, flowering, seed production, and death. The smaller desert agaves (*Agave deserti*), which are native to the western edge of the Anza-Borrego Desert, are now finishing their blooming cycle.

Oleander bushes, now beginning to bloom in gardens and along roadsides in the interior valleys and desert, will continue putting on a good show through the summer. Good displays of white, pink, and red varieties can be seen along the medians of Interstate 8 in east El Cajon and along Interstates 5 and 15 in parts of North County. Oleander's toxic characteristics are well-known: all parts of it are poisonous if ingested.

"Exploring Secrets of the Chaparral, A Wilderness Shaped by Fire and Drought" field trip offered by Anza-Borrego Institute in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. $45. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Look for Black-Chinned Sparrow, mountain quail, lazuli bunting, many other birds when Audubon Society birders head to Noble Canyon, Saturday, May 28, 8 a.m. to noon.

To reach trailhead, take I-8, exit at Pine Valley. Go under freeway to Old Highway 80. Turn left, drive just over one mile, cross bridge, and make a sharp right turn at end of bridge onto Pine Creek Road. Proceed about 1.4 miles and watch for trailhead sign. Turn right, proceed short distance to parking area. Bring water, lunch. Considerable hiking of moderately strenuous nature. Free. 619-280-7710. (PINE VALLEY)

"Saving the California Coastline One Step at a Time," take four-hour morning walk along coast in La Jolla and Pacific Beach hosted by Coastwalk on Saturday, May 28. Gather at 8 a.m. at Vons (7544 Girard Avenue). Bring water, good walking shoes. Free. 858-722-2115. (LA JOLLA)

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

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m., starting from park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Pacific Beach Street Sweep hosted by San Diego BayKeeper on Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m. Free. 619-758-7743. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Birding Basics, learn five simple techniques to identify birds at a glance when trail guide Winona Sollock presents one-hour class, Saturday, May 28, 1 p.m., Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

An Expert Birder from Audubon Society leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, May 28, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Where's South Park? Explore neighborhood, replete with Craftsman homes during walking tour hosted by Urban Safari on Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m. $10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (SOUTH PARK)

Plant Photography Hike led by Will Bowen on Sunday, May 29, 4 to 6 p.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Bring digital camera for very slow hike with time for stops to identify and photograph trees, plants, shrubs. Meet in parking lot at 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

DANCE

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

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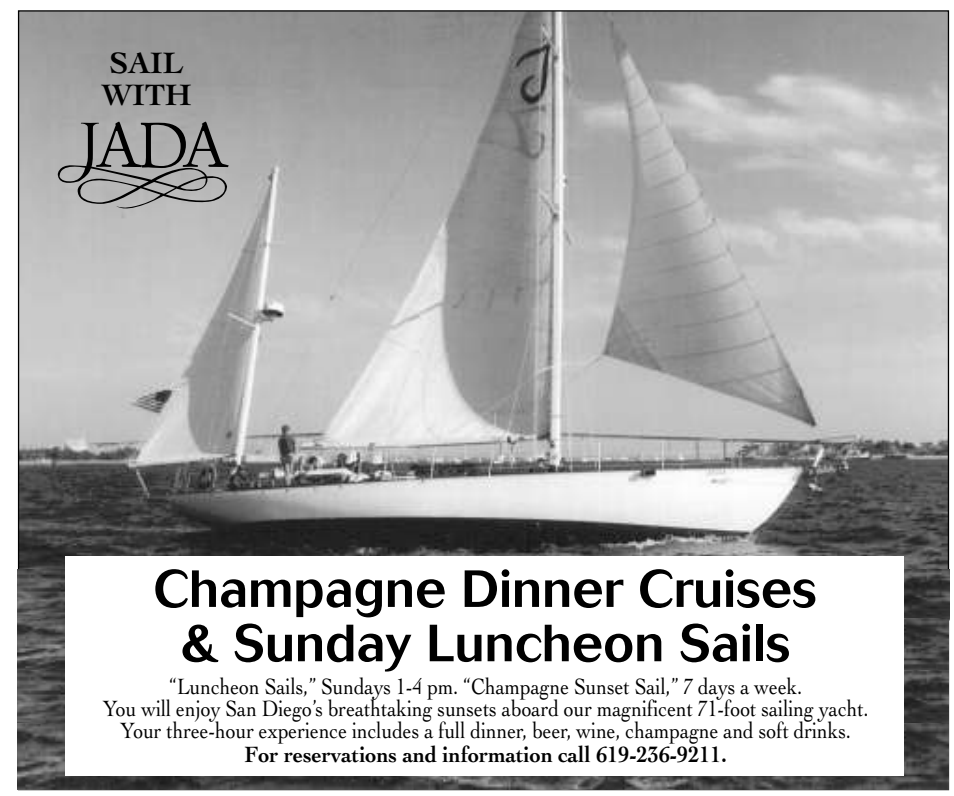

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"We Dance/Our Dances" presented by student choreographers, directed by Jean Isaacs, at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28, in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Styles may include jazz, modern, contemporary, hip-hop, tap. $15. 858-534-4574. (LA JOLLA)

Caledonian Quadrille showcased during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, May 27, 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)

Ravynnah and Jessica present bellydancing to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Friday, May 27, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover with dinner purchase. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

Contradance to music by Lime in the Harp and calling by JoAnn Koppany, Saturday, May 28, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m. $6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Jimmy Cheatham tribute concert at UCSD, June 1 (see In Person)

Express "Graceful Feminine Strength" through exotic movements of bellydance during classes held every Saturday (except June 4), 11 a.m. to noon, at Chai and Chat (5919 Balboa Avenue). Fee: $12 per class, or $56 for six weeks. 858-884-7707. (CLAIREMONT)

Memorial Day Weekend Dance Party on Saturday, May 28, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Latin and ballroom plus request dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Dance lesson: 8 p.m. 619-275-3533. $7. (BAY PARK)

"An Afternoon with Degas" presented by University City Community Ballet, Sunday, May 29, 2 p.m., in Recital Hall. Dancing to "The Morning Symphony No. 6 in D Major" by Haydn; story is set in busy French ballet school during time of Degas. $5. 858-453-3940. (BALBOA PARK)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Janet Arnold and Tyge Legier are callers on May 29. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. $6 per class; $20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Swing 'n Sundays open on May 29, 7 to 11 p.m., at Studio 42 (5150 Murphy Canyon Road). Music played for jitterbug, swing, Lindy, Charleston, Balboa, jive, "some West Coast stuff." Dance lesson at 7:15 p.m. by John and Diane. $7. 619-596-9777. (KEARNY MESA)

FILM

"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)

"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)

Cinema Under the Stars, enjoy William Wyler's 1953 flick *Roman Holiday*, starring Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck, Thursday through Sunday, May 26–29, 8:30 p.m., at Garden Cabaret (4040 Goldfinch Street). $12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"The Fight in the Fields," this documentary on César Chávez's struggles and the creation of United Farmworkers Union, screens for Activist San Diego Film Series on Friday, May 27, 7 p.m., at Korova Coffee Bar and Art Gallery (4496 Park Boulevard). Discussion follows. $3–$5. 619-528-8383. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"What the Bleep Do We Know?" screens Friday, May 27, 7 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard). Donation: $5. Reservations: 760-745-2724. (ESCONDIDO)

Movies That Matter, see Frank Abe's film *Conscience and the Constitution* on Friday, May 27, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). In 1944, the U.S. government tried to draft eligible Japanese-Americans who had been interned in American camps; 82 people refused and stood trial. $6. 619-531-8950. (EAST VILLAGE)

Musical Matinee, see *Straight, No Chaser* when the documentary on jazz great Thelonious Monk screens Saturday, May 28, 3 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Film included in regular admission: $5. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

The Documentary *Paradise for the Making* presented by Tentsukoman, president of Make Paradise Now, at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, at St. David's Episcopal Church (5050 Milton Street). Japanese foundation assists children worldwide in service projects and environmental conservation efforts. Donation. 858-254-0141. (CLAIREMONT)

"Rachel: An American Conscience" — film focusing on death of Rachel Corrie, an American who gave her life "defending human rights and freedom when she was crushed to death by an Israeli-driven" bulldozer — screens on Sunday, May 29, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Discussion of Yahya Barakat's 2005 documentary follows. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

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)

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"Landscapes of Europe" examined when Brueghel scholar Konrad Oberhuber speaks for "Art

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"Vanity Fair: Social Sculpture" presented by modern art professor Robert Storr for Axline Lecture on Friday, May 27, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. $5. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Xeriscape: Lush Landscape on a Low-Water Budget" presented by landscape designer Jan Tubiolo ($13), on Saturday, May 28, 9:30 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West).

"Designing Landscapes With Edibles" on menu when garden designer, nursery consultant Tricia Daley speaks at garden on Wednesday, June 1, 6:30 p.m. $9. Reservations for either class: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Comparative Religion: Judaism, Islam, and Christianity" examined when U.S. Navy Commander Chaplain Israel Narvaez speaks Saturday, May 28, 1 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard). $5. 760-745-2724. (ESCONDIDO)

Parrot Education and Adoption Center offers seminars on variety of topics on May 28 and 29. Learn about "Parrot Safety" (1 p.m.) and "The Forgotten Parrots" (3 p.m.) on Saturday.

Explore "Parrot Personalities" (1 p.m.) and "Parrot Body Language" (3 p.m.) on Sunday. Classes offered in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way). $10 in advance, $15 at door. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

ROAM-O-RAMA

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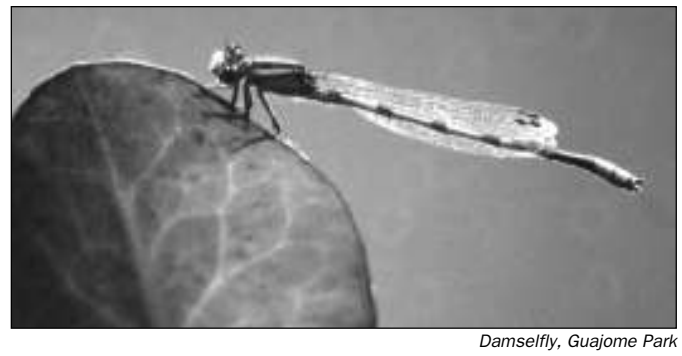
Aside from North County's beaches, not many public spaces for anything resembling true "hiking" can be found in Oceanside or in neighboring Vista and Carlsbad. One significant exception is Gaujome Regional Park, an oasis of open space in east Oceanside. Cookie-cutter suburban homes adjoin the park on the west, while a more gracious and spacious semi-rural aspect of North County's urban geography blankets the rolling hills to the east of the park.

Guajome Park has a nice mix of wild and civilized features. There's cattail-fringed Guajome Lake for fishing, two picnic grounds, a refurbished campground, and a grassy knoll that serves as a wedding space. Guajome's 4-mile trail system encircles Guajome Lake and visits a small pond hidden in a secluded back corner of the park. The park's topography is gentle, making almost all of its trails ideal for jogging as well as walking. Horseback riding is allowed in the park's east half, east of the service road.



Damselfly, Guajome Park

The westernmost trail in the park skirts a freshwater marsh that oozes moisture, even during the driest months of the year. Flanked by willows and cottonwoods and overgrown with cattails and volunteer palms, that marshy area exudes a complex mixture of damp odors that you can't often experience around most parts of arid San Diego County.

The Highway 76 expressway going east from Interstate 5 makes it easy to reach Guajome Park from the coast. Exit I-5 at Highway 76 and drive east 6 miles to Guajome Lake Road, past the traffic light at North Santa Fe Drive. You'll pay a day-use parking fee at the main entrance on Guajome Lake Road for the privilege of parking inside. The park's summer hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wise visitors intent on exercise tend avoid the midday summer heat — though on many days a cooling coastal breeze sweeps up the San Luis Rey valley and provides natural air conditioning throughout the park.

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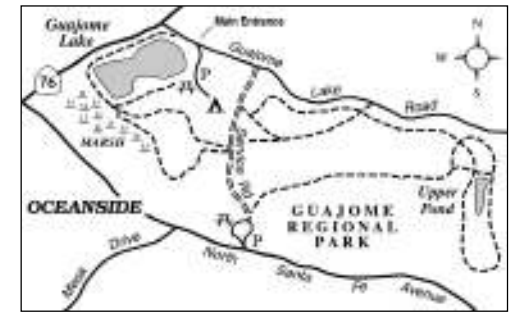

"Introduction to California Wines" offered on Saturday, May 28, 1 to 3:30 p.m., at Belle Marie Winery (26312 Mesa Rock Road). Learn how wine is made, named, information available on wine labels, taste five varietals. $20. Registration: 760-796-7557. (ESCONDIDO)

Current Issues of Peace and Justice discussed, actions considered, when Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meets on Saturday, May 28, 11 a.m., in Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Torrey Pines High School students will talk about peace group they've formed. Free. 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

"Antiques and Collectibles" covered during "Subject: Internet and Technology" workshop on Saturday, May 28, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. Required reservations: 619-238-6621. (DOWNTOWN)

Comprehensive Bike-Maintenance Class, Saturday, May 28, noon to 5 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). Bring your bike for practice; tools and bike stands provided. Members, $60; nonmembers $75. Registration: 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

Alternatives to the Pledge of Allegiance "as a patriotic activity in public schools" is topic when Atheist Coalition of San Diego meets Tuesday, May 31, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 619-342-7388. (NORTH PARK)

"San Diego: California's Cornerstone" is presented by Iris Engstrand on Wednesday, June 1, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Engstrand is author of 18 history books. Booksigning follows. $8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

World Trade Center Memorial Designer and acclaimed architect Daniel Libeskind speaks Wednesday, June 1, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Israel (9001 Towne Centre Drive). $50 tickets include reserved seating, dessert with Libeskind. 858-535-1111 x3800. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

"The Enlightenment's Effect on Early U.S. Doctrine" is explored in conversation on Wednesday, June 1, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 1. After show, view real sky through telescopes (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. $6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

"Astrological Signs with Elements" workshops led by Eve Elly on Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, at 7 p.m., at Open Door Wellness Center (1054 2nd Street, suite B). $45 per class. 760-942-4422. (ENCINITAS)

"Lilies and Their Relatives" explored during class (Wednesday, June 1, 6:30 p.m.) and field trip (Saturday, June 4, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.) sponsored by San Diego Natural History Museum. $69 fee includes transportation. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Whither Lemon Grove? Lemon Grove City Manager Graham Mitchell provides information on Downtown Village Specific Plan when Lemon Grove Historical Society gathers on Thursday, June 2, 1:30 p.m. in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). $2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Hear About "Her Passion for Justice" when San Diego District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis speaks for Sisters in Crime on Thursday, June 2, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street); $3. 760-366-1962. (HILLCREST)

"Specific Objects/Specific Scenes: Plays Inspired by Works of Art" explored on Saturdays, June 4, 11, and 18, 2 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Participants will create an original short play inspired by "Specific Objects: The Minimalist Influence"; final drafts of plays receive staged readings. $125. Registration: 858-454-3541 x116. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

Kentucky Beekeeper Tammy Horn discusses her new book, *Bees in America: How the Honey Bee Shaped a Nation*, Friday, May 27, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Speak Easy, open-mike session hosted by Alfred Howard of K23 Orchestra on Friday, May 27, 8 p.m., at Kung Food (2949 Fifth Avenue). Free. 619-298-7302. (BANKERS HILL)

"Sweeny Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" is presented by Rising Stars Studios youth theater group through May 29, at Star Theater (402 North Coast Highway). Enjoy the spine-chilling horror story at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. mati-

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nees on Saturday and Sunday. $12. 858-259-0606. (OCEANSIDE)

Duquesne University Tamuritzans folk ensemble presents new show highlighting "passion and beauty of folk songs, music, and dances of Eastern Europe and neighboring cultures" on Friday, May 27, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: $22, $24. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) continue with a salute to Frank Sinatra by Lady Luck at 5 p.m. on May 27. Series continues on Fridays through September 30. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Performers' Referral Network hosts open-mike night showcase, Friday, May 27, 9 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). 619-265-7287. Free. (SDSU)

Soul Children 2, new concert series highlighting "international and regional progressive soul, rhythm and blues, hip-hop" debuts with performance by the Rebirth on Friday, May 27, at Aubergine (500 Fourth Avenue). Openers: Havana, Oneson. Tickets: $8 in advance, $15 at door. Doors open at 9 p.m. for those 21 and older. 619-232-8100. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

The Waybacks perform for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Saturday, May 28, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: $15, $20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Spiritual Discernment is subject when author Nora Gallagher speaks and signs copies of her *Practicing Resurrection* and *Things Seen and Unseen,* Saturday, May 28, 6 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). 619-237-3095. (MIDTOWN)

Author Linda Pynaker signs *Make It Happen! Use Your Intuition and Spirals* and offers free "20-minute healing-energy sessions" on Saturday, May 28, 2 p.m., at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 107). Free. 760-436-7740. (CARLSBAD)

The Vibe, open-mike poetry reading every Saturday, 9 to 11 p.m., at Coffee House on Broadway (2991 Broadway). Free. 619-557-0156. Free. (GOLDEN HILL)

Local Author Emel Kay hosts hula show, signing, and discussion for her new book, *KeAloha — The Keeper,* Sunday, May 29, 10 a.m. to noon, at open-air market at La Jolla Elementary School (1111 Marine Street). Free. 858-454-1699. (LA JOLLA)

"Big Blues Benefit" for Karen Lee (who suffered a stroke in March) and drummer Ric Lee, with music by the Committee, Bayou Brothers, Boogiemen, Texas Twisters, Michele Lundeen, Lafayette and the Leasebreakers. Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 30, in Humphrey's Lounge (2241 Shelter Island Drive). Donation. 619-224-3577. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Renowned Poet and Performance Artist Jerome Rothenberg is featured artist for Avant-Garde Summer Performance Series, Tuesday, May 31, 7 p.m. Reception begins at 6:30 p.m. in Nasatir Hall room 100 at San Diego State University. $5. 619-594-4426. (SDSU)

Jazz Great Jimmy Cheatham Is Retiring, and the UCSD Jazz Ensemble plans a concert in his honor on Wednesday, June 1, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Performers include David Borgo, Anthony Davis, Mark Dresser, George Lewis, Cecil Lytle, and Charles McPherson. $8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Senior Discrimination, Abuse, and Health Care addressed when Pat Estelle, author of *The Stigma of Growing Old in America,* signs and discusses her work on Wednesday, June 1, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Vintage Strings perform for First Wednesday series on June 1, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: free, available on a first-come, first-served basis. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Jazz in the Park, Shelly Berg and Frank Potenza Quartet, featuring Carmen Bradford, perform for concert series on Wednesday, June 1, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. $17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry Unlimited showcases Molly Lipsher's poetry and paintings on Wednesday, June 1, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Musicians are singers Joana Skvarka, Jim Wakefield. Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Music of the '40s, '50s, and more may be heard when vocalist and pianist Lisa Hightower-Kibbe and composer and guitarist Peter Sprague perform for First Thursday Concert on June 2, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine

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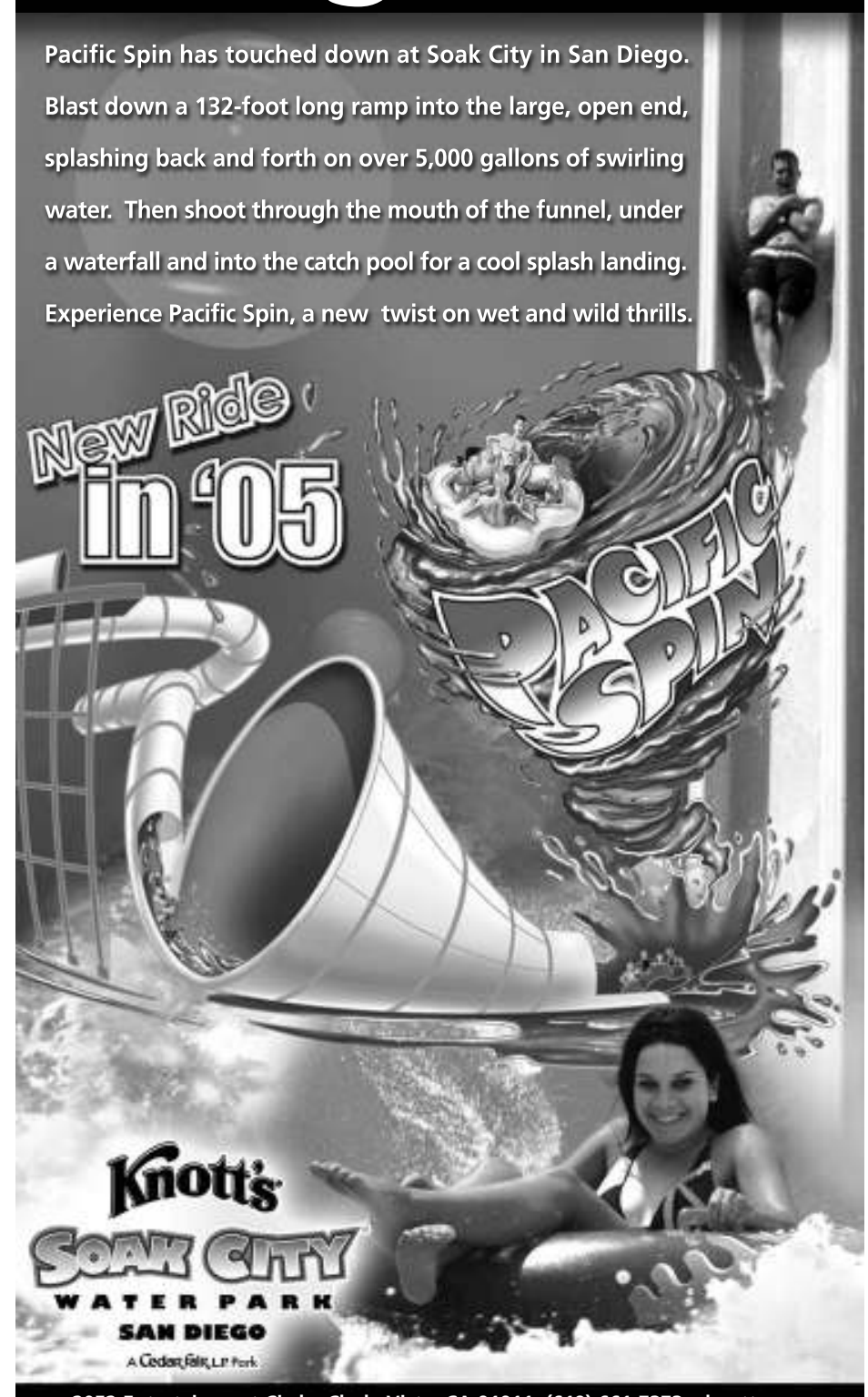

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Fourth Annual TNT Spring Reverb — a festival of original music, dance, and visual art presented by Trummerflora Collective — is promised for Thursday Night Thing on June 2, at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Donation: $3. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

San Diego Padres are in Arizona for a game against the Diamondbacks on Thursday, May 26, 6:40 p.m. Road trip continues with games against Giants in San Francisco, May 27–29, at 7:015 p.m. on Friday, 1:05 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Pads head home to host Milwaukee Brewers in Petco Park, Monday through Wednesday, May 30–June 1, at 7:05 p.m. each night. Chicago Cubs arrive for games June 2–5, at 7:05 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, at 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

Dinner Paddle hosted by Aqua Adventures on Saturday, May 28, 6 to 9 p.m. Participants meet at Shelter Island boat ramp, embark on leisurely paddle to Anthony's Fish Grotto, paddle back to start. No experience necessary. Fee: $45 with kayak rental, $25 with own kayak. Bring money for dinner, flashlight. Reservations: 619-523-9577. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Pine Valley Loop bicycle ride hosted by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society on Saturday, May 28. The 50-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at Alpine Fire Department (exit I-8 at Tavern Road). Free. 619-426-8192. (ALPINE)

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

Region One Arabian Horse Show runs 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, June 1–5, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. 619-445-5520. (DEL MAR)

June Jamboree Festival Horse Show runs June 2–5 at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

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)

Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Huck Jam hits IPayOne Center Sports Arena, Thursday, June 23, 7 p.m. Expect "best in skate, BMX, and moto" by Hawk, Andy MacDonald, Lincoln Ueda, Mat Hoffman, Dennis McCoy, Chad Kagy, Brian Deegan, Dustin Miller, many others. MC is Rick Thorne, music by DJ Aero. Village opens at 4:30 p.m. Tickets: $25 to $85, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Julian Classic Motoring Show at Menghini Winery, May 29 (see Special)

SPECIAL

"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)

Veterans for Peace honor U.S. military who have died in Iraq since March 2003, 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 lit in front of each cross at sundown. Free "Arlington West" event includes reading of names of the U.S. war dead. 619-233-0671. (OCEANSIDE)

Valley Center Western Days, May 27–29, at Community Hall (on Lilac Road). Parade, food, games, country music. "Mayor's shoot-out and rodeo" on Friday, 5 p.m. to midnight. Parade and rodeo on Saturday (7 a.m. to midnight); Sunday promises rodeo and exhibits (noon to 5 p.m.). 760-749-8472. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Through the Looking Glass," Fern Street Circus presents its annual "mixture of fantasy, drama, and comedy" in Balboa Park, May 27–29. Professional circus performers work with after-school circus skills students.

Run away to circus at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way, on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; with matinees at 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: $14 adults; $7 kids 12 and under. 619-235-9756. (BALBOA PARK)

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society on Friday, May 27, 6 p.m., at San Diego Campus for Animal Care (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other canines. Dog-friendly trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm and civilized while around distractions such as food, people, other canines. Donation: $10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (MISSION VALLEY)

Spirit West Coast — Christian music festival runs May 27–29 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Concerts on nine stages by over 50 artists (Newsboys, Audio Adrenaline, Third Day, more); teachers and speakers, children's activities and ministry, motorcycle stunt show, more.

Hours: 1 p.m. to midnight on Friday, 9 a.m. to midnight on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets available for single days, in packages. 831-443-5399. (DEL MAR)

Art Glass Guild hosts second semi-annual patio show and sale with work by over 30 glass artists, Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Spanish Village Art Center. All forms of art glass featured — including blown, fused, torch worked, stained glass, cast, etched, mosaic. Admission is free. 619-479-6081. (BALBOA PARK)

Help Construct a Straw Bale Building that will become home of Begole Archaeological Research Center in Borrego Springs. Events held Saturdays and Sundays, May 28 and 29, and June 4 and 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on all days. Days begin with short workshop providing overview of process for newcomers; volunteers help build walls of structure. Free. Required advance registration: 760-767-4063. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

"This Is Not a Photograph: The Sound and Fury of San Diego Sonic Photography (Part 2)," a group exhibition of concert and music-related photography shot in San Diego and its environs, is on view on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, 6 to 10 p.m., at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Requested donation: $2. 619-238-5263. (OCEAN BEACH)

Bromeliad Study Group offers botanical show on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

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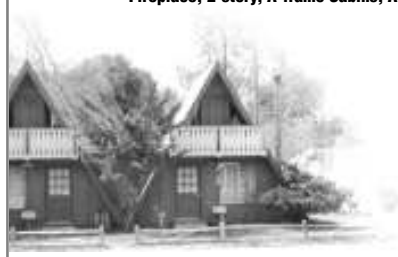
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Art Glass Guild show and sale in Spanish Village, May 28 and 29 (see Special)

30th Anniversary Jazz Festival hosted by KIFM, Saturday, May 28, 1 to 10 p.m., on streets and in clubs on Island Avenue between Fourth and Seventh Streets). Performances by Fattburger, Norman Brown's Summer Storm, Jazz Attack, others. $35. 619-543-1401. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Palm and Cycad Sale hosted by Palm Society, Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Included in garden admission. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Camp Season opens with activities, lectures, demonstrations, Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association (2975 Washington Circle). Labyrinth walk, artisan booths, psychic readings, aura photography, more. Admission: free. 760-745-9176. (ESCONDIDO)

California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on North American gray wolves every Saturday at 2 p.m. Programs include slide show, visit and tour with resident wolf pack. Tickets: $8 general, $5 for seniors, $4 for children ten and younger. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF. (JULIAN)

Julian Classic Motoring Show is Sunday, May 29, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., among apple trees at Menghini Winery (1150 Julian Orchards Drive). Vintage sports cars, classic touring cars, recreated and replica vehicles. Spectator fee: $3. 760-765-1984. (JULIAN)

Ethnic Food Fair featuring food from 30 nations, Sunday, May 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at International Cottages of the House of Pacific Relations. Native costumes, ethnic music, songs, and dancing. Admission: free. 619-435-3631. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Folk Song Society meets on Sunday, May 29, 7 p.m., in Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Everyone welcome with instruments and voice, beginners to experts. Free. 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

105th Memorial Day Program at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery is Monday, May 30, 9:30 a.m. Remembrances of Iraqi dead, music from MCRD Marine Corps Band, rifle salute, singing by Heritage Kids of San Diego, more. 619-553-2084. (POINT LOMA)

Decoration Day was original name for Memorial Day, honoring Civil War dead. Period dress, reenactments, floral tributes, and more promised (1 p.m.) on Monday, May 30, at Mount Hope Cemetery (3751 Market Street). Day begins with opening remarks (10 a.m.), dedication of Japanese-American Veterans Memorial, color guards, chants, interfaith service. Free. 619-527-3400. (SAN DIEGO)

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. Friday through Sunday, until 8 p.m. on Thursday. $25. 619-533-7355. (GOLDEN HILL)

15th Birthday Bash for San Diego Auto and Cycle swap, show, sale, is Monday, May 30, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). View vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." Admission: $5 general, kids under 12 free. 858-484-9342. (EL CAJON)

Memorial Day Book Sale on Monday, May 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Kensington/Normal Heights Library (4121 Adams Avenue). 619-533-3974. (KENSINGTON)

One of a Kind! Annual spring crafts sale — of ceramics, blown glass, and jewelry created by UCSD faculty members, students, and independent artists — runs May 31–June 3. Hours: 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, at Crafts Center at UCSD (on Revelle College campus, off Eucalyptus Grove Lane). 858-534-2120. (LA JOLLA)

Open Studio with Live Model — offering artists a chance to pursue life drawing and painting — every Tuesday, 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). No formal instruction, no preregistration; $10. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Weekly Writers' Group convenes on Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Kung Food (2949 Fifth Avenue). Inspire others, share your work. Free. 619-578-7471. (HILLCREST)

Novelty/Fun Dog Show planned Saturday, June 4, at Tom C. Dyke Park (1000 Tavern Road). Classes include "saddest-looking dog," "dog who ate New York," more. Registration at 8 a.m., competition at 9 a.m. Show proceeds "will be used toward the purchase of a guide dog." Spectators free; entry fee is $5 per class, $15 for four classes. 619-445-6201. (ALPINE)

Slaves in Texas didn't learn of the Emancipation Proclamation until June 19, 1865, two and a half years after its signing. Celebrate Juneteenth on Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at San Diego Civic Center (202 B Street). Live musical entertainment in variety of styles, poetry, historical presentations, art exhibits, food and merchandise booths, kids' fun zone. Free. 619-262-8384. (DOWNTOWN)

Construction of Bamboo Fences (two types), stone pathway, and water basin promised during gardening seminar hosted by Toshiba International Foundation on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Fee: $75 for one day, $135 for both. Reservations: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"Kenneth Capps: Backyard" includes nine works with strong minimalist sensibility, on display through Thursday, June 30, at Carlsbad Arts Office (2955 Elmwood Street). 760-434-2920. Free. (CARLSBAD)

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That deep-browed Homer ruled as his demesne;
Yet did I never breathe its pure serene
Till I heard Chapman speak out loud and bold:
Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
When a new planet swims into his ken;
Or like stout Cortez when with eagle eyes
He stared at the Pacific – and all his men
Looked at each other with a wild surmise –
Silent, upon a peak in Darien.

– John Keats

The Shield of Achilles

She looked over his shoulder
For vines and olive trees,
Marble well-governed cities
And ships upon untamed seas,
But there on the shining metal
His hands had put instead
An artificial wilderness
And a sky like lead.

A plain without a feature, bare and brown,
No blade of grass, no sign of neighborhood,
Nothing to eat and nowhere to sit down,
Yet, congregated on its blankness, stood
An unintelligible multitude,
A million eyes, a million boots in line,
Without expression, waiting for a sign.

Out of the air a voice without a face
Proved by statistics that some cause was just
In tones as dry and level as the place:
No one was cheered and nothing was discussed;
Column by column in a cloud of dust
They marched away enduring a belief
Whose logic brought them, somewhere else, to grief.

She looked over his shoulder
For ritual pieties,
White flower-garlanded heifers,
Libation and sacrifice,
But there on the shining metal
Where the altar should have been,
She saw by his flickering forge-light
Quite another scene.

Barbed wire enclosed an arbitrary spot
Where bored officials lounged (one cracked a joke)
And sentries sweated for the day was hot:
A crowd of ordinary decent folk
Watched from without and neither moved nor spoke
As three pale figures were led forth and bound
To three posts driven upright in the ground.

The mass and majesty of this world, all
That carries weight and always weighs the same
Lay in the hands of others; they were small
And could not hope for help and no help came:
What their foes like to do was done, their shame
Was all the worst could wish; they lost their pride
And died as men before their bodies died.

She looked over his shoulder
For athletes at their games,
Men and women in a dance
Moving their sweet limbs
Quick, quick, to music,
But there on the shining shield
His hands had set no dancing-floor
But a weed-choked field.

Homer

A ragged urchin, aimless
and alone,
Loitered about that
vacancy; a bird
Flew up to safety from his
well-aimed stone:
That girls are raped, that
two boys knife a third,
Were axioms to him,
who'd never heard
Of any world where
promises were kept,
Or one could weep because another wept.

The thin-lipped armorer,
Hephaestos, hobbled away,
Thetis of the shining breasts
Cried out in dismay
At what the god had wrought
To please her son, the strong
Iron-hearted man-slaying Achilles
Who would not live long.

– W.H. Auden

From *The Shield of Achilles* by W. H. Auden, published by Random House.

located near Aerospace Museum. Admission: $3 for children, $4 seniors, $5 general. 619-544-9203. (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)

Passport to the World, a program of dances from Korea presented by dancers from Escondido Adult School on Saturday, May 28, 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 through May 29 in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Saturday, at 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: $12–$16. Reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

The Puppy Story *Wiggles* by Christopher Loupy is read for story time on Thursday, June 2, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Dubble Bubble National Bubble-Blowing Contest takes place Saturday, June 11, starting at 11 a.m., at every Wal-Mart store. Competition is for kids 12 and younger, whose bubbles will be measured "using an official Dubble Bubble Bubble Meter." Five finalists will be selected for finals competition in August. 800-WAL-MART. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

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

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)

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

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

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

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Extension showcases "Cloisonné: A Perfect Fusion," with over 35 pieces of animal forms and domestic objects. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North.

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Reading

Rules for Old Men Waiting

Peter Pouncey

Random House, 2005; $21.95; 210 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET: A brief, lyrical novel with a powerful emotional charge, *Rules for Old Men Waiting* is about three wars of the 20th Century and an ever-deepening marriage. In a house on the Cape "older than the Republic," Robert MacIver, a historian who long ago played rugby for Scotland, creates a list of rules by which to live out his last days. The most important rule, to "tell a story to its end," spurs the old Scot on to invent a strange and gripping tale of men in the trenches of the First World War.

Drawn from a depth of knowledge and imagination, MacIver conjures the implacable, clear-sighted artist Private Callum; the private's nemesis Sergeant Braddis, with his pincer-like nails; Lieutenant Simon Dodds, who takes on Braddis; and Private Charlie Alston, who is ensnared in this story of inhumanity and betrayal but brings it to a close.

This invented tale of the Great War prompts MacIver's own memories of his role in World War II and of Vietnam, where his son David served. Both the stories and the memories alike are lit by the vivid presence of Margaret, his wife. As *Hearts and Minds* director Peter Davis writes, "Pouncey has wrought an almost inconceivable amount of beauty from pain, loss, and war, and I think he has been able to do this because every page is imbued with the love story at the heart of his astonishing novel."

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

BookPage: The bittersweet juxtaposition of love and loss, of a life fiercely lived that is now slinking away, makes for a deeply moving, elegantly told story.

USA Today: The novel moves seamlessly among MacIver's remembrances. He realizes he's making "some kind of tally of his memories, as though completing the inventory might tell him what his life amounted to."

He relives his part of World War II and ponders a character in the story he's writing:

"This is a man who is never fully himself unless he's at war. (Yes, MacIver thought: We still meet his kind, and often we admire him. God help me, sometimes I admire him, not his general so often, but the expert fighting man himself.)

"Three thousand years and more after the Trojan War, it's still possible to show an Achilles at home guiding his reluctant men through his own private Hades."

The novel is as layered as the richest wedding cake but far more nourishing. Pouncey reminds me of Norman MacLean (*A River Runs Through It*) and Wallace Stegner (*Crossing to Safety*), two other scholars who knew how to tell powerful stories that stick with you long after the last page.

Publishers Weekly: Starred Review. Begun in 1981, this slender, unpretentious, lyrical, and deeply moving novel...was more than two decades in the making. The year is 1987, and octogenarian Robert MacIver is alone, in failing health and debilitated with grief over his wife's recent death, hiding out in the dead of winter in a remote, unheated Cape Cod house "older than the Republic." ...He wants to live out his remaining days – however few in number – with dignity. Thus resolved, he formulates his Ten Commandments for Old Men Waiting, the seventh of which is "Work every morning." And so he decides to write a short story about an infantry company in "No Man's Land" in WWI, which will draw on the interviews he conducted with victims of poison gas that he used for his first book, the well-received oral history *Voices Through the Smoke*.

Sunday Times of London: The novel's title refers to a list drawn up by Robert MacIver. Terminally ill, mourning his recently deceased wife, he huddles inside their snowbound country retreat as supplies of food and fuel run low. The rules, gradually broken, include keeping himself clean, eating regularly, and doing some writing. He once wrote a book about the use and effects of gas in the First World War, and he now starts to work on a short story set on the Western Front. As this story unfolds, it is interspersed with a description of MacIver's physical disintegration (mirrored by that of the house) and recollections of his own past. We learn about his childhood in rural Scotland; the death of his pilot father in the First World War; his relations with his wife, a painter he met in New York; the naval action he

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"Let the story declare itself, and the characters and events take me down among them and draw the words out of me."

For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x4116. (CARLSBAD)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, *Children Around the World* videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. Free. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Founding Parents of Lemon Grove" details first 30 years of Lemon Grove's existence as a product of "second gold rush" (rise of citrus industry). Photos of original homes (many still standing), artifacts, documents, and furnishings show late-Victorian world of transplanted Midwestern farmers and orchardists.

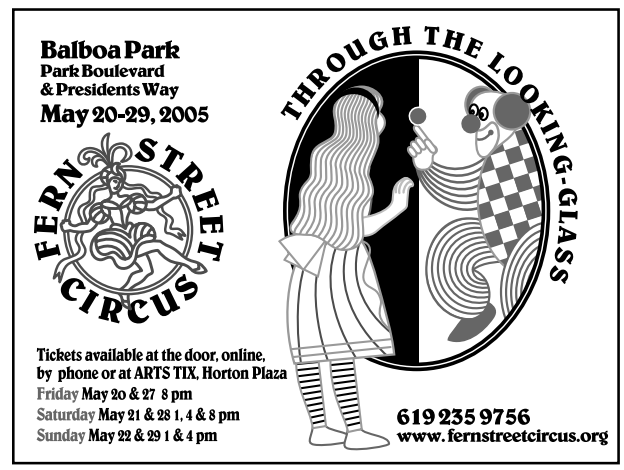
"From the Kumeyaay to the Treganzas: Art Across Time" juxtaposes large wall murals of Kumeyaay life in late Stone Age in Lemon Grove with art of local Treganza family, whose creations in brass, copper, iron, and wood between 1896 and 1936 show their mixed Cornish, Spanish, and Mexican Indian heritage.

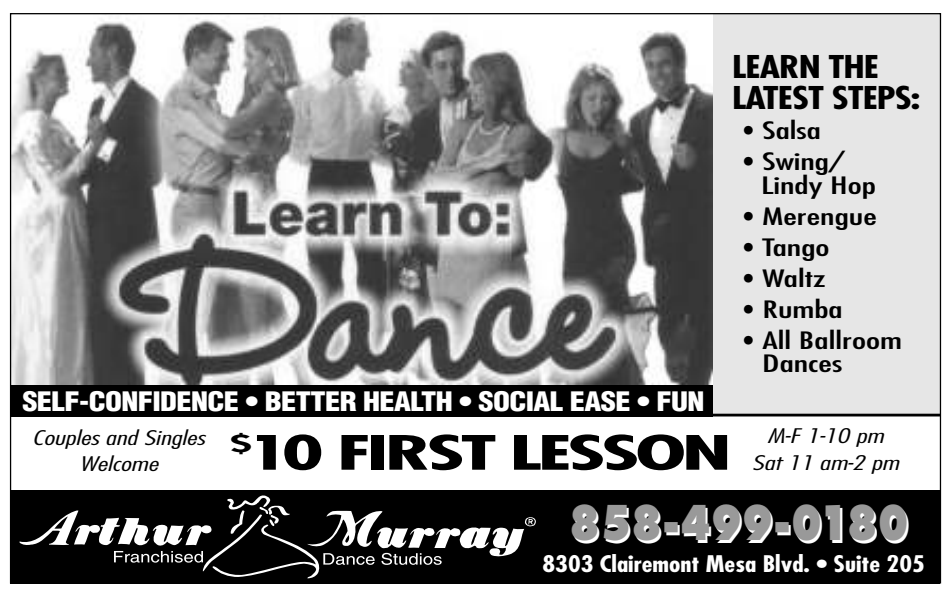
Both continue through Saturday, July 23. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "Einstein and the Miraculous Year" commemorates 1905, known in the world of physics as the *annus miribilis* (the miracle year). During that year, Einstein wrote five revolutionary scientific papers. Exhibition features images, text, hands-on exhibits exploring some of Einstein's revolutionary ideas.

"ExploraZone 5," on view through Sunday, June 5, explores "what you *think* you see." The 38 exhibits use visual perception, thought, language, magnetism to test visitor's senses and abilities. Exhibit includes "Hoop Nightmares," "Cheshire Cat," "Black Sand," "Speech Dissector."

Ongoing exhibitions include "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," "TryScience!" and "Skyscapes." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and





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saw in the Second World War; and the death of his son from wounds received in Vietnam.

When limbering up to begin his war story, MacIver writes: "I said to my soul, Be still, and watch the small trickling beginnings ease towards flood. Let the story declare itself, and the characters and events take me down among them and draw the words out of me. I have tried to possess my soul in patience, I have gathered all the hungers of my past in readiness, to spell out the missing syllables of my life."

Time: Dignity and honor during a century of war are the more obvious themes in this exquisitely detailed first novel.... The story that MacIver struggles to complete is a morally vexing tale about infantrymen in World War I; his telling is made more poignant by his service in World War II and the loss of his son in Vietnam. An evocative writer, Pouncey limns characters with such grace that to read this novel is to understand not just MacIver's loves, joys, and losses but our own as well.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Peter Pouncey was born in 1937 in Tsingtao, China, of English parents. At the end of World War II, after several dislocations and separations, the family reassembled in England, and Pouncey was educated there in boarding schools and at Oxford. Pouncey came to the United States in 1964, teaching for three years at Fordham University in the Bronx. A classicist, former dean of Columbia College, and president emeritus of Amherst College, Pouncey lives in New York City and northern Connecticut with his wife. This is his first novel.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: "How did you sit on this story for so long?"

"There was a mess of fragments. I've been an academic, doing ancient history. Then I was a college president at Amherst. For too long entirely – ten years. I would write bits of fiction, but really not with a novel in mind. I just dropped my pages into this small wooden chest. I got well over 1200, but it was never in the first 20 years, I would say, pointed towards a particular novel. And then I got a psychic boost that somehow I ought to try to do something with coherence in it.

"But in a couple of the pieces you see my worst person."

"Sergeant Braddis. He is terrible. He is wonderful. He is dreadful."

"He sprung as his own man. And then, I went back and I said, 'Take the old Scot and make him the central figure of the whole,' and then it came very fast. I wrote it in a concentrated burst from the day after Christmas in 2003, English Boxing Day, and I wrote the whole thing in seven weeks. I finished on February 17."

"Wow."

"So it came as though a giant bung was taken off. It came with a rush. I'm halfway through another one, totally unrelated. But it's this release into trying to think connectedly in fiction, this is the release I'm feeling. That I can put together events and characters and dialogues which have some connection to each other."

Knowing the story of Mr. Pouncey's writing of *Rules for Old Men Waiting*, I said, I wondered if during all those years he *didn't* write the book if he used it as an imaginative play toy, something to dream over as one went to sleep or dawdle in during meetings.

"Yes, very much. I think the hassle, the small-mindedness, the arbitrating of the silly, petty feuds in this or that sector of a college contributed. The fiction seemed somehow more innocent – it was on its own ground and you could shape it."

The name "MacIver," how did he come by it?

"I never met him. But most of my career has been at Columbia in New York. And in the Columbia political science department – so not my department at all – there was a wonderful, old, crusty Scot, who I think must have died around 1960, '65, called Robert MacIver. And his accent never gave way.

"He was a Scot to the end. He was always slightly curmudgeonly but always right. I looked on the name, although I never met the man, with affection. And my affection for this particular character that I never met was known, and somebody once gave me... there was a Greek lyric poet, Pindar – very difficult to read because it's in a dialect. The Pindar was the Greek text, and there were MacIver's corrections in it. So that I felt another bond with the man, even though he was a political scientist. He knew his Latin and Greek."

In a self-interview, Mr. Pouncey wrote that the writer whose influence on him had been largest was Thucydides. Other works have exerted their magic on him, he noted, "Homer and Herodotus perhaps most of all."

"Your book," I said, "with MacIver presiding over it, has the feel of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*."

"Oh, yes, good for you. You're the first person who's said that. Part of the ache in the book is the ache of fading powers. So it *is* Prospero-like in that sense, very much so."

"There is," I suggested, "also the presence of the inspirational Ariel who urges MacIver on to finish his beautiful fiction."

"I think you've got pretty much what I was intending. It's the pull of the love story, the lighter touch in the episodes at the end. All that pulled it up. The man keeps himself going, the way we would all want to go. He is intensely involved until the very end. He rescues himself.

"And the other thing that he is very blessed with is that he's had someone who understands him perfectly. So those two are wonderful blessings on an old man at the end, it seems to me."

One rule MacIver makes for himself is that he will cook himself a meal every day.

"You can't say he triumphed on the observation of that particular rule, that he was going to cook himself something every night. I like it when he more or less dispenses with menus and concocts

storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "The View from Otay Mesa: Cultural Landscapes through Time" features archaeological artifacts revealing "many new and fascinating facts about the southernmost region of San Diego County." Visitors see artifacts from the oldest dated site on Otay Mesa, the 10,000-year-old Remington Hill Site, as well as photographs and historic items. Through May.

The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "Automotive Styling — The World's Most Beautiful and Memorable Cars" are showcased through Monday, July 25. The exhibit includes a 1936 Rolls-Royce Merlin V-12, 1938 Bentley, 1936 Packard, 1963 Corvette Stingray, 1935 Lincoln Model K, many others.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, "Shades of Greatness" is a 35-piece art exhibit on loan from Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City, highlighting history, lessons of Negro League baseball. Exhibit includes paintings, statues, other works.

Additional exhibits include "World's Largest Collection of Olympic Medals," featuring medals from as early as 1896. The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day" features a "now and then"-style view of San Diego. Exhibit "illustrates the changes to our built and natural environments over a long period of time." Thirty contemporary photographs by Chris Travers are accompanied by historical images from Booth Historical Photograph Archives and text by Will Chandler.

"Corridos sin Fronteras, a New World Ballad Tradition," on exhibit through Monday, September 5, celebrates the narrative songs known as *corridos.* Exhibition made possible through generous support of Smithsonian Latino Initiatives Fund.

"Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India,* the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley,* and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea.* The H.M.S. *Surprise,* used in film *Master and Commander,* is permanently on exhibit. See artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Cuando Hablan los Santos: Contemporary Santero Traditions from Northern New Mexico" continues through Monday, September 26. Exhibit documents the past, present, and future of this tradition. Highlights include a San Ysidro by José Benito Ortego, painted images by José Rafael Aragón, contemporary section with work by 13 of New Mexico's *santeros* (saint makers), pieces by 22 children and grandchildren of featured *santeros.*

"Generaciones" is an exhibit of photographs, mementos, and art projects by families who created art interpreting the ways that families maintain their traditions and family ties. Continues through May.

Historic and symbolic role of weapons from around the globe examined in "Weapons of the World: Art, Technology, and Symbolism," continuing through May. Collection showcases more than 150 weapons of all shapes and sizes, including blades, shields, spears, bows, most from private collection of Joseph Jessop, who purchased the items from collectors and traders.

"Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Age" explores how humans survived the extreme cold, how their cultural and social behavior was affected by climate, and how artistic expression became part of their daily lives. Exhibit in-

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Reading

this mass cookie gruel. It's also a point in the novel when his body is sinking back to nature; to the same thing that he's feeding it. The fact is that it's dishonest if you have the man clearly sinking to his end, to leave him somehow untouched by mortality until it happens. I think he has to be in the toils of dying. Which makes his telling of the story so all the more impressive, that he holds himself to it."

MacIver, of course, knows that he is dying. He gazes at his body in a mirror. He watches the tumor on his side grow as, at the same time, he notes his loss of flesh. "His acceptance," I said, "of his death's inevitability kept the progress of the book from being a progress of decline."

"Good. You are my ideal reader. William Pritchard, the critic, an old friend, said about the book that although it's not depressing, it is kind of heartbreaking."

How, technically, did Mr. Pouncey put together the story of MacIver and the story MacIver is writing?

"I imagined him making up four characters, and at first, having them labeled A, B, C, D. Then he produced, out of that A, B, C, D, some actual names – Alston, Braddis, Collum, Dodds. He saw the A, B, C, D as four pieces of himself brought into conflict. He has lots of violence as Braddis does, but he is passionate about art as Collum is, and the person who brings it all to its gentle rest is Alston, who loves nature the way MacIver does – that is, as an observer, not as an abuser of it.

"My notion was that it's interesting to follow someone in the pull between his memory and his imagination. What he is making up for himself pulls him back to things that actually happened to him."

"His study of these four aspects of himself also has a way of being a deathbed examination."

"I think so. I think I more or less say that, but it's the way he comes to know himself indirectly. Instead of being self-pitying or worrying about his growing illness, he goes out into his imagination and he sees these facets of personality and recognizes them as parts of himself."

"But it seems to me that as he works through these people, he's also asking forgiveness and being redeemed by his willingness to look at parts of himself."

"Exactly that," Mr. Pouncey said.

"You can see the mind of a classicist behind this."

Mr. Pouncey agreed. "I think that's so. The oddball thing, it only occurred to me after I'd finished, that there is the imagined life that MacIver makes up, and there is the remembered life of his boyhood and his meeting Margaret and so on. But then it's important to realize there is the continuing diminishing life that goes on day by day. You see him trying to sustain himself while he writes and while he remembers and while he imagines."

"It's wonderful how you get on paper MacIver's memories of his late wife's fabulous dinners – how the fresh broccoli looked, how the house smelled when he walked through the front door."

"I have stepped into some derelict old people's homes where it has been a while since they've been taken care of or that someone was caring for them. So many people slide away into a kind of depressive getting-through-the-day and don't even notice their surroundings."

The book opens with MacIver's memories of the couple's younger days. They would go to the pond near their old Connecticut home and swim and bathe.

"I live in an old house myself. That more or less started when we bought this old house – it's about as old as MacIver – up in northern Connecticut. Someone warned me, 'It's a lovely old house, but just remember from this day on, there will be no day at all on which there is not something that needs doing.' That has turned out to be very, very true."

Mr. Pouncey never quite lets the reader know of what it is that the MacIvers are dying. Why did he decide not to offer a diagnosis?

"I think they both have two different kinds of cancer. But I certainly didn't want to get into the diagnostic thing because I wanted to be free to imagine sequences of developments in the illness for myself rather than being medically correct.

"Also, I wanted to see him on his way. I was with my mother when she died, and she was a great stoic; she was a wonderful, graceful old lady, but she got tinier and tinier. This fact that you hardly make a bump in the bed because you are so emaciated was very much my mother's state. I came in on the end of that. I was with her four days until the end came. I more or less started Margaret at the same point."

My father, I said, "used to say to me that it was important to furnish your mind well, that there was nothing as wonderful, particularly, as one got older, as having a well-furnished mind. I thought about that about you and your retirement. You are never going to be bored."

"That's true. Actually I'm sure many of us reach the same point. That one shouldn't wait until the very end to do what you always wanted to do. But necessities impose themselves on you, and then there's a moment when you allow yourself to dictate the way it will be. That's the final liberation, to do what you want to do."■

– Judith Moore

cludes casts of rare Ice Age animal fossils, cast replica of complete Neanderthal skeleton, Ice Age artifacts and ceremonial objects. Through January 2006.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, *Backyard Monsters,* a bug's eye view of life. Robotic insects, 11-feet high, 22-feet wide; interactive learning displays; specimen collections; giant-screen film (*A Rainforest Adventure).* Opens May 28 through January 2006. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Refugees in Darfur, Sudan, benefit from concert planned by members of Small Opera of San Diego on Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m., at St. Francis Catholic Church (525 West Vista Way). Soprano Therese Holladay, pianists Aaron Goen and John Danke, other vocalists will perform dramatic and comic arias. Offering. (VISTA)

UCSD Chamber Orchestra performs Friday, May 27, 8 p.m., in Erickson Hall (B210) at UCSD. $8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Juilliard Music Students, including local musician Chelsea Chen and eight other instrumentalists and vocalists, plan a concert on Saturday, May 28, 6 p.m., at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (16275 Pomerado Road). Donations benefit the "Juilliard 8." 858-487-2159. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

A Church Choir Conference is underway, culminating in concert on Saturday, May 28, 7 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). $25. 619-482-2171. (DOWNTOWN)

Spring Concert featuring boys' and girls' choirs, the men of the choirs, strings, and solo quartet, singing Haydn's "Missa Sancti Nicolai" following 5 p.m. evensong on Sunday, May 29, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Tickets: $10, $25. 619-237-3095. (MIDTOWN)

A "Corpus Christi Concert," celebrating the "Year of the Eucharist as proclaimed by John Paul II," is Sunday, May 29, 5J p.m., at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (1638 Polk Avenue). Listen for selections by Mozart, Fauré, Vivaldi, Gregorian chant, traditional hymns. Offering. 619-291-1660. (HILLCREST)

Preview *Edith Wharton: A Self-Portrait* when composer Myron Fink and librettist Donald Moreland discuss and present their neo-Romantic opera on Sunday, June 12, 4 p.m., at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). In the piece, the Pulitzer Prize-winning woman of letters reflects back on her life.

Singers participating include Patricia McAfee (soprano), Chad Frisque (tenor), Philip Larson (bass), Deborah Davis (soprano), Ava Liss (mezzo soprano), Mark Goros (tenor). Discussion and reception with creators follows. $20. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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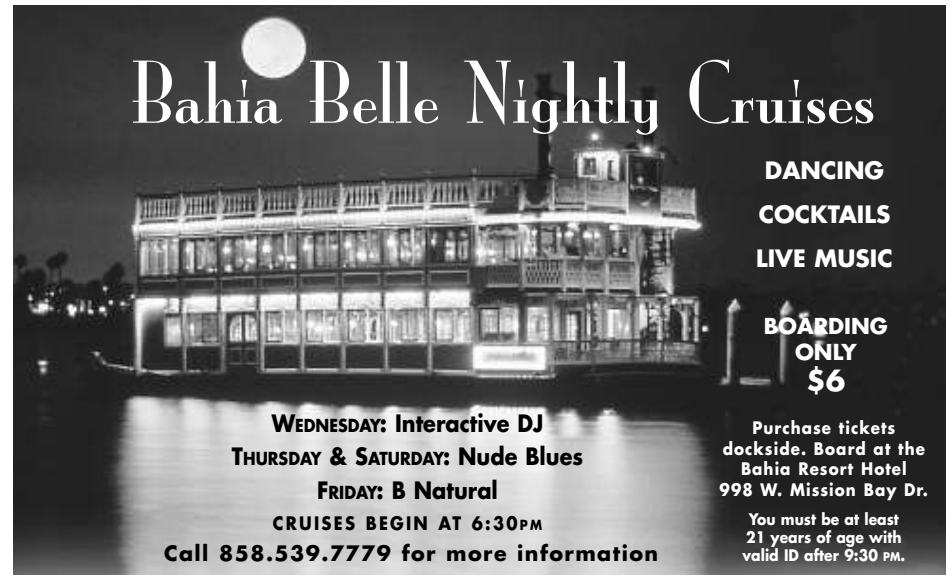

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These gigantic, sawed-off chunks of plate metal look like beached sea wrack of a faraway culture.

REVIEW
W.S. DI PIERO

In the photos Lewis Hine made in the 1930s of the Empire State Building under construction, the workers he called Skyboys (many of them Mohawks, who had an extraordinary gift for working high steel) stand at the ends of girders 40 stories high, where heaven starts, grinning with brash, ingenuous pride. Look what we can do, Ma! Hine's Left Coast counterpart was Peter Stackpole, who recorded the building of the Golden Gate Bridge, the suspension bridge with the tallest towers of its time, as the Empire State was the tallest building. One image of a welder shinnying up a stanchion has comic, mythic force: he's climbing toward Paradise, or at least the Industrial Revolution's version of it. Those Daedalean projects and pictures were produced during the Depression. Out of such loss, winged ambition. Other kinds of manufactured glories have long since been corroded by age, misuse, neglect, waste, and obsolescence, which in turn have become the salient subjects of more recent photographers of industrial landscapes. The most dazzling and ambiguous poet of postindustrial landscapes is the Canadian photographer Edward Burtynsky, whose large views of quarries, rail cuttings, oil refineries, shipbreaking yards, and other industrial sites are on view at the Museum of Photographic Arts. I promise it will be the most ravishingly unsettling show you'll see this season.

Albert Speer, Hitler's architect, devised a notion he called "the architecture of ruins." He wanted to build structures that, once destroyed, would possess their own memorable sort of wrecked classic beauty. Burtynsky's pictures suggest that we've seeded the creation of our own industrial landscapes with a similar notion. The locales we've carved up, scraped down, scooped out, and shoved around to accommodate consumerist needs, in their grotesquely ruined or deteriorated conditions, possess a savage beauty. The most overwhelming pictures of Burtynsky's pictures are of shipbreaking yards, tidal shelves in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and other corners of the third world where obsolete single-hull tankers are beached then carved up and either sold for scrap or used by local culture for their own new-industry needs. These gigantic, hectic-red, sawed-off chunks of plate metal look like beached sea wrack of a faraway culture. One imagines a preindustrial civilization's puzzlement: What could people have used such things for? (They also look like maquettes for Richard Serra sculptures.) The light, especially twilight, lies softly on the twisted, chopped surfaces of these huge, broken molars and picks its way along the details of the serrations and breakages.

When British photographers journeyed to India and Egypt in the 1800s to photograph ruins scattered throughout the Empire, they placed a human figure in the scene to establish the awesome scale of ancient temples and monuments. Burtynsky, in his own way, honors that tradition: Near the jagged hulks of sun-rusted steel are hundreds of footprints in the sand. We're far from Crusoe's discovery of Friday's footprint on the island. The prints remind me of lines in a poem

Shipbreaking #49, *Chittagong, Bangladesh, 2000*

Manufactured Landscapes: The Photographs of Edward Burtynsky
Museum of Photographic Arts, *1649 El Prado, Balboa Park*
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Rock of Ages #15, *Barre, Vermont, 1992*

Oxford Tire Pile #8, *Westley, California, 1999*

by G.M. Hopkins: "And all is seared with trade, bleared, smeared with toil; / and wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil / Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod." We see some sort of human print — usually left by industrial extractions — in most of Burtynsky's images. The pictures aren't polemical, but they remind us, to our sadness and shame, that we haven't traveled lightly through our world. The ship carvings look like huge, diseased broken molars or specialized machinery for disassembling big things.

And we see Hopkins's bare soil in Burtynsky's pictures, too, especially those of rail cuttings razored across the side of a mountain or rockface. In the 19th Century, Carleton E. Watkins and William Henry Jackson gave us the first pictures — and great pictures they are — of new railroad routes being carved through the west. The rails were nearly always photographed moving away from us into an unseeable distance, into promise and future and expansion. Burtynsky, who, like Watkins and Jackson, uses a big view camera that requires long exposures, photographs railroad-track cuttings flat on, horizontally. They end where the image ends. There's no futurity in the vision, just a hypothetical repetition of ruined soil and infinitely elongated cuttings.

Burtynsky's technique encourages the ambiguity that gives his work its visual and moral complexity. Thanks in part to the view camera's capacity to absorb masses of visual information in hairline detail, he corrals enough for us to meditate on how the human hand has created these new landscapes (often by destroying or reforming old ones), but the pictures make no judgments and engage in no special pleading. He can achieve in one image a deep focus that mysteriously creates a stand-up sheeted-ness that presses forward to coat the picture plane. The parched, low-ceilinged, epic expanses of California oil fields cant toward us, though they're at the same time overrun with rigs that look as if they go on forever, continuing their jackknifing extractions beyond the horizon.

Burtynsky's pictures of granite and marble quarries in Vermont, India, and in Carrara, Italy (where Michelangelo and Canova found their materials), are particularly disorienting, because often there's no real point of view, so flatly and evenly the pictorial contents are spread and impacted up and down and across the picture plane. A couple of overhead shots of Carrara gave me the Jimmy Stewart jitters: my head spun a little because Burtynsky makes depth seem like a blocky expanse coming *up at you.* The first quality of beauty is that it surprises with the familiar: one beautiful winter shot of a granite quarry in Barre, Vermont, makes the pit look like a sci-fi version of a library in deep freeze. One question his pictures raise has to do with the "second nature" manufacturing debris creates. He photographs ferrous bushings to look like fallen leaves or tree bark or sea shingle. Such pictures suggest not so much that we've ruined nature as that we've been for centuries in the act of trying to create a second one, a manufactured support system of life.

As I mentioned, Burtynsky is no Jeremiah. He's making images of processes that happen to entail the biggest job of all — earth stewardship. There's wit in the enterprise. A close-up of what looks to be a telephone dump made me gag because the wires and handsets and busted dial pads look like entrails dropped by some great plastic beast. Among the most stunning things industrial culture has produced are those bales of junkyard scrap metal we usually see in noble exile at the edges of our cities. (I confess to a special affection for these gaudy, blockhead jewels.) And have you ever seen a levee or ridgeline of discarded tires that didn't stir in your heart some mixed affection (and disgust)? Burtynsky is carrying on the tradition of recording the American vernacular that so possessed Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange, and Paul Strand. One difference between then (the 1920s and 1930s) and now is that the planet has since been gouged and drilled to within (possibly) an inch of its life. Burtynsky's pictures of nickel tailings — the ambiguity of his work lies in the ravishing beauty of the ravishment of resources — the streaming tangerine-red runoff from mining operations looks like a liquid underground fire that has surfaced, still afire, running fast, whose course once begun can't be stopped. ■

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"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 Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Threshold: Byron Kim, 1990-2004," opening Friday, May 27, focuses on the artist's significant body of easel paintings, presenting four major bodies of paintings. Color, "as signifier and as metaphor," dominates Kim's work, and "he has maintained a steadfast commitment to exploring the potential content of abstract painting."

"Location, Location, Location," also opening on May 27, highlights architectural drawings and photographs from architects and landscape architects, as well as painters and photographers who focus on aspects of the built environment from the 1950s to the present. Exhibit includes works by Richard Neutra, Frank Gehry, Robert Irwin, and Lawrence Halprin.

Both exhibitions close on Sunday, September 4. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, photographer Ed Burtynsky has highlighted intersection between environment and technology for past 20 years. "Manufactured Landscapes: The Photographs of Edward Burtynsky" showcases his large-scale color photographs examining "the unorthodox beauty along with the ecological devastation of manufacturing sites." Closes Sunday, June 5.

"Steve McCurry: Photographs of Asia" highlights history and faces of places the artist has visited as *National Geographic* photographer. McCurry is most famous for *Afghan Girl,* the portrait of a refugee that appeared on magazine's cover in 1985. View the images Sunday, May 29, through Sunday, September 25.

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.

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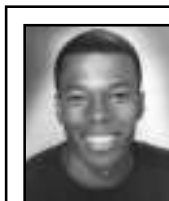

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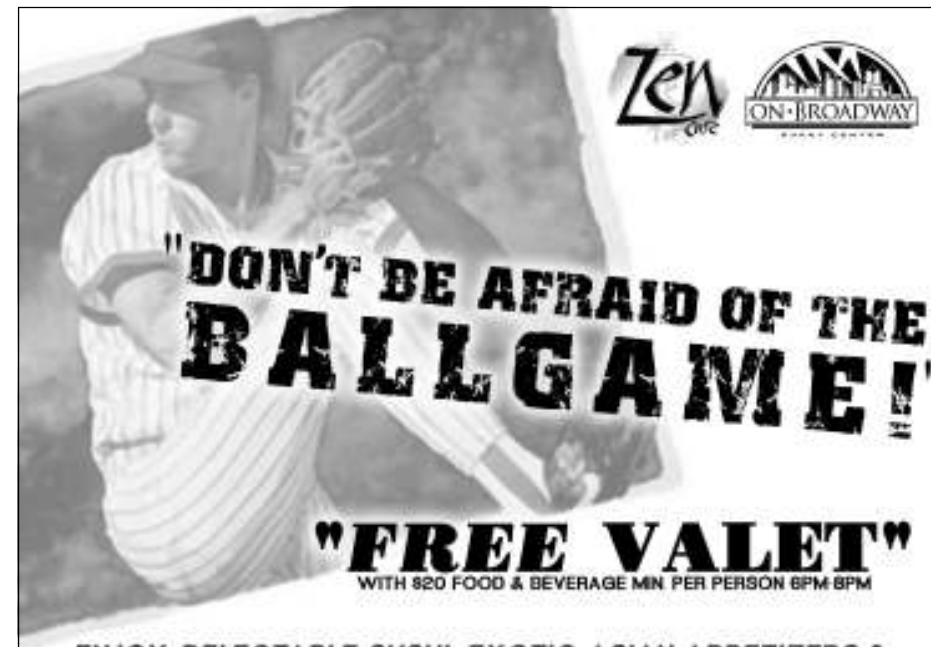

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blurt the inside track

Slaves' Wages "The reason is vocal soreness," says Interscope Records spokesman Chris Lehman as to why the Audioslave show was canceled last week. Yet, the day after the cancellation, posters went up along El Cajon Boulevard promoting the band's appearance on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* later that same day.

PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

...WHERE SKUNKED SD FANS SAW AUDIOSLAVE

Audioslave's May 17 show would have been House of Blues' first rock concert by a big-time band. Tickets sold out immediately when they went on sale May 1. The new downtown venue has a capacity of a little over 1000.

"I predict when Audioslave comes back it will be at [SDSU's] Open Air Theatre," said one insider who suggests the band could pack the 5000-seat outdoor venue. In addition to Cox Arena and Coors Amphitheatre, House of Blues Concerts controls booking at the Open Air Theatre.

Reportedly, Audioslave would have been paid $75,000 for their appearance. Ticket sales brought in about $40,000. When their San Diego show is rebooked, the bottom line for the band and HoB will likely increase if held at a larger venue.

The band's agency, CAA, said where the band plays in San Diego is up to House of Blues Concerts. HoB talent buyer Candace Mandracia and general manager David Swift didn't return calls.

The band's management, the Firm, referred questions about the San Diego make-good date to Interscope Records. Interscope's Lehman said the band will play San Diego, but he did not say when or if it would be at the House of Blues.

In January 2003, the Used was booked to play a sold-out show at the Scene, a now-defunct all-ages nightclub in Kearny Mesa. The band claimed a "family emergency" forced them to cancel their Scene show…yet, they appeared the next day on MTV's *TRL*. When the Used came back to San Diego, they played Soma, which is three times larger than the Scene was.

— Ken Leighton

No Toking, Please When the Steve Miller Band plays Embarcadero Marina Park South on Saturday, May 28, the band's lounge should be stocked with six grilled chicken breasts ("cold, sliced thin"), one gallon vegetarian soup ("homemade"), one whole melon ("cantaloupe, honeydew, water, casaba, etc."), tortilla chips ("one bag unsalted, two bags salted"), a pint of guacamole ("no supermarket prepackaged"), a "bunch" of fresh cilantro and "twelve cloves fresh garlic." Drinks must include a half case of Corona beer, a half case of Coors Light, a half case of Heineken, a half case of "local microbrewery," a six-pack of nonalcoholic beer ("prefer Haake Beck or Clausthauler"), and "one quart acidophilus milk." Miller "requires that no Styrofoam products be used in any application" and asks that the staff "act in an environmentally sound fashion."

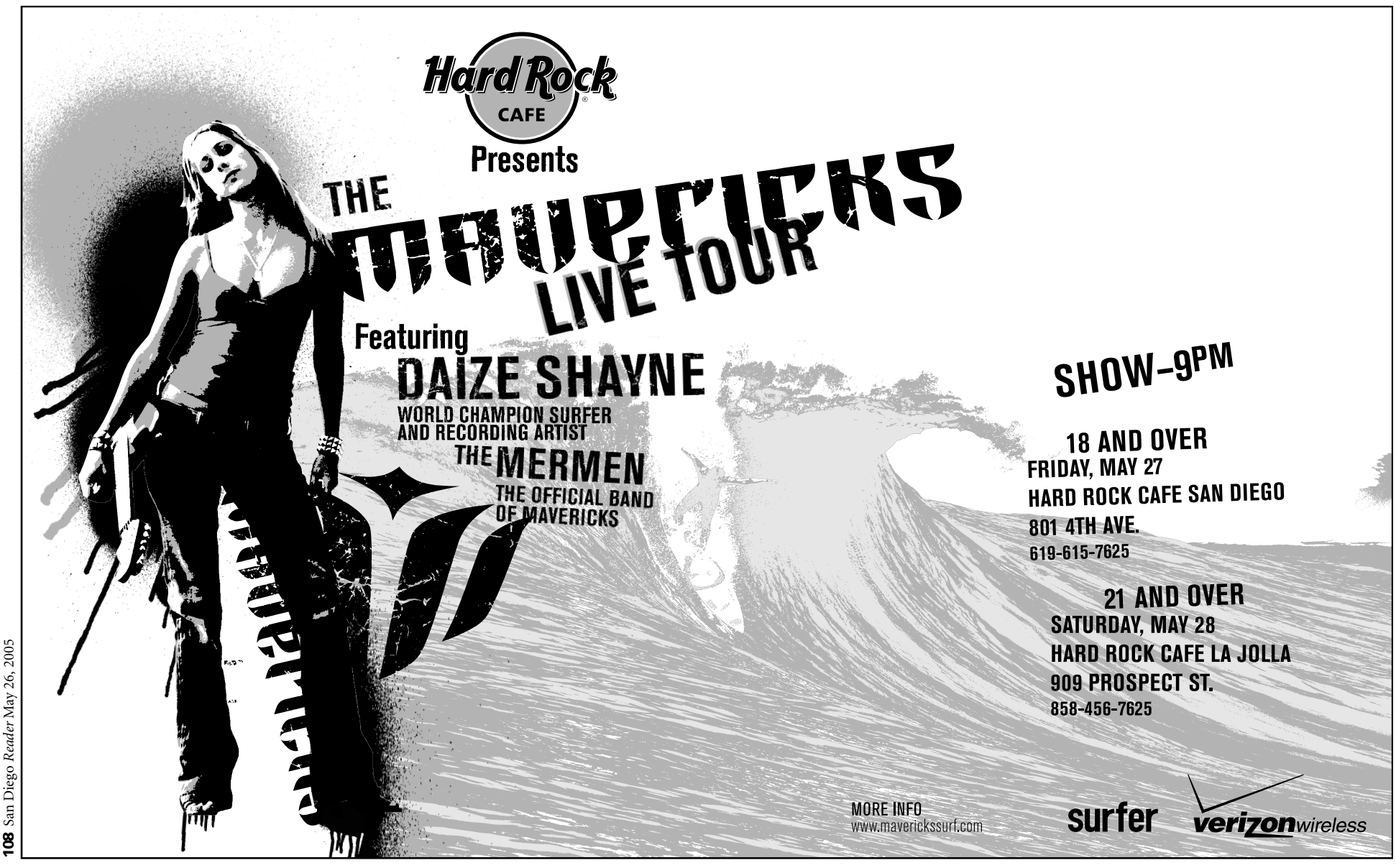
Space cowboys should act with decorum because "Any member of the audience who is openly drunk [or] under the influence of illegal substances…is to be ejected from the venue immediately." If you have crappy seats, note that "The crowd may approach the stage during the last two songs…prior to the encore and during the encore."

KELLOGG'S AND CORNSTARCH... "VERY IMPORTANT"

When Nine Inch Nails appears at Soma May 30 and 31, they want their hospitality room provided with "proper place settings to include linen napkins, china plates, bowels [*sic*], cups, saucers and real silverware for fifteen people." Libations: 12 bottles of Budweiser beer, 12 Bud Lights, 12 cans of Red Bull, 12 assorted Snapples, a box of soy milk, and "two bottles of very good wine (Cabernet Sauvignon, no Merlot)." Munchies: eight power bars, one box of granola bars, a pint of plain unflavored yogurt, two packs of Altoids mints, a variety pack of Kellogg's cereals, and two boxes of cornstarch are listed as "very important." Also noted as "important" is a "very large selection of washed, uncut vegetables (beets, carrots, celery, spinach, etc.) for juicer." (From *thesmokinggun.com*)

— Jay Allen Sanford

Death Cheated at Casbah "I started feeling sick right as I was walking off the stage at the Casbah on April 12," says 7th Day Buskers guitarist/banjoist Shawn Rohlf. Severe chest pains landed him at his doctor's a few days later.



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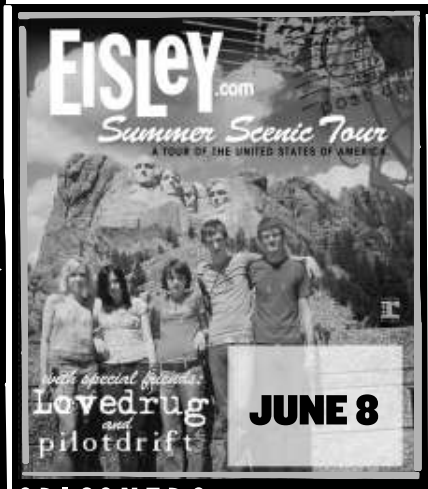

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"She called me back that night and said my heart enzymes were so high they were off the charts and to get to the emergency room immediately. I was at risk of having a massive heart attack at any second. Once in the ER, I was hooked up to IVs, heart monitors, oxygen, and they were squirting nitroglycerin under my tongue…isn't that the stuff they used to blow up bridges with in the old John Wayne movies? A few hours later, a cardiologist came in and told me I'd already had a heart attack."

Rohlf's doctors say he should recover in about three months and that he must take heart medication for at least half a year.

"This all happened one week before my 39th birthday," continues Rohlf. "I'm normally in good health and rarely get sick at all, so it was a bit of a shock…. I certainly had a moment of thinking that this might be the end of the road when I was lying there all hooked to stuff and my heart was fluttering and flying all over the place. It became a moment of analyzing where I've been and what I've done or haven't done yet and actually deciding I'm not really ready to give this all up yet."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Vinyl Fever Flare-Up Hillcrest's Off the Record closes its door on Fifth Avenue tomorrow (…to reopen June 4 on University Avenue in North Park). About a block away, record junkies can still get a fix. Thirsty Moon Records opened a month ago.

"Everyone was tired with what they were doing," says Mike Eginton. "Jeff [McDaniel] worked for the city. Mario [Rubalcaba] worked for skateboard.com. I didn't have a job. I needed

PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

EGINTON, MCDANIEL FIX RECORD JUNKIES

something to do…. We basically bought what we like — '60s psychedelic, kraut rock, garage funk, and soul."

That music mix sounds a lot like the *Swami Sound System* show heard Saturdays at 10 p.m. on FM-94/9.

"He's bought some records here," Eginton says of Rocket from the Crypt founder John Reis (a.k.a. Swami). "He's done a little advertising on his show for us." Shop partner Rubalcaba drums for Rocket…and for Hot Snakes *and* plays in Earthless with Eginton (a bass player).

Eginton says Thirsty Moon has about 2400 units — half vinyl, half CDs.

"Vinyl has always been there. It never really left. It outlived cassette tape and eight-track and, now with MP3s, it may even surpass CDs."

Don't look for any Thirsty Moon in-store appearances.

"We couldn't fit a band in here," says Eginton. "If we did, there wouldn't be any room for anybody else…. We have a much smaller store [than Off the Record]. We're, like, 350 square feet. It used to be a vintage clothing store." Thirsty Moon is between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, behind Rite Aid.

— Ken Leighton

Mega-Conscience Dave Mustaine, who has lived in Fallbrook since late 2004, is organizing a Lollapalooza-type tour he calls Gigantour. At this writing, 16 dates had been announced.

"I wanted to have the first stage be powerful and the second stage be a glimpse into the future bands that are either influenced, fans, or friends of mine and Megadeth," he recently posted in the forums section of Megadeth's website. "I am still interested in Dry Kill Logic, Overkill, Dead New Day, Re:Ignition, Life of Agony, Children of Bodom, the Agony Scene, Diecast, Symphony X, Otep, and believe it or not, Anthrax and

MUSTAINE WON'T PLAY WITH SATANIC BANDS

Testament…."

One band you won't see on Gigantour is Rotting Christ. Mustaine is threatening to cancel Megadeth's two June festival dates in Greece because Rotting Christ is on the bill. (The band once teamed up with Mayhem for the "Fuck Christ Tour.")

"I said that I was not really interested in playing with satanic [bands]," Mustaine posted, "and that is because I changed my outlook on life and my spiritual beliefs over three years ago. I became a Christian, yes…. We will just have to pass and play Greece another time or place. I have informed my management, and they know what I feel."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Kids, Kids A 22-year-old Marine, who said a 22-year-old sailor "disrespected" him at Club Metro, was convicted May 2 of second-degree murder for the death of that sailor.

Myron A. Thomas and two other Marines were accused of getting into an argument with some sailors at the 32nd Street Naval Station nightclub in November 2003. Roderick Little was later shot from a passing car while he stood at a nearby Del Taco. He died. Three other people were wounded.

Thomas admitted during his trial that he fired the shots from an AK-47 assault rifle but claimed he acted in self-defense. He said he was high from a "marijuana cigarette treated with formaldehyde" when he saw one of the sailors he'd argued with reach for a gun in his waistband. Thomas's attorney said his service in Iraq had left Thomas "emotionally distraught" and "prone to arguments." Why the defendant had a loaded assault rifle was left unexplained.

Thomas faces 40 years to life in prison at his July 29 sentencing. Another defendant, 20-year-old Kenneth Hall, was acquitted of driving the vehicle. A third man, 19-year-old Bernard Jones, pleaded no contest to being a post-murder accessory for hiding the weapon's shell casings. He was sentenced to time already served and released.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

Gregory Page is everywhere. You can see this London transplant gigging or collaborating with Jane's Hands, Steve Poltz, Tristan Prettyman, Itai Faireman, and Susie Suh. If he's not onstage singing and strumming, he's behind a soundboard producing and recording. He has more than 20 albums out, from solo projects to compilations to his work with the Hatchet Brothers and the Rugburns. His music has been heard on the TV show *Felicity* and the movie *The Big Empty*.

Page's mother was a member of one of the first UK girl bands, the Beatchicks, who opened for two Beatle shows in Spain, 1965. "I was a small chap sitting on Paul McCartney's knee," says Page. "Mum knew all along I was going to grow up and become a musician." He studied classical guitar at London's Trinity College of Music.

"I am a full-time dreamer, and if dreams can come true then someday I hope to find myself in heaven playing music with my grandpa and John Lennon."

TRICKIEST MUSICAL PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

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INSTRUMENTS/EQUIPMENT USED?

"My pal Ed Douglas at the Double Eagle Music Store in Normal Heights found an old Mexican nylon string guitar in a back alley trash can. He gave it to me, and that evening I was eager to play it at an open-mike night. During my first tune I looked down to see a huge, hairy black spider crawling out of the sound hole — I screamed like a little girl and the thing disappeared back into the guitar — I sing through an old Shure bullet microphone, which adds a unique shitty quality to my voice. I also play a turn-of-the-century field pump organ, which adds to the religious experience."

BEST BRUSH WITH SOMEONE FAMOUS?

"During my tour of duty with the Rugburns our biggest groupie was Weird Al Yankovic. At the Troubadour in Los Angeles, before our show, I was talking to this beautiful girl at the bar when Weird Al came up and asked me for my autograph. I think I got laid that night."

WORST BRUSH WITH SOMEONE FAMOUS?

"At a Belly Up show, when I opened for Jerry Jeff Walker, the audience was very rude and they began to shout insults while I was singing. I drank a bottle of red wine onstage and played a ten-minute version of the slowest, saddest song I had written. [Later] I could hear Jerry's band rocking onstage, so I crept into his dressing room to borrow a bottle of his wine, and he walked out of the bathroom and caught me red handed and proceeded to yell and scream at me. I grabbed a banana from his fresh fruit bowl and shouted, 'Back off, Mr. Bojangles!' The security guys were cool about it, but I had to leave the building."

Gregory Page

WORST ENCOUNTER WITH FANS?

"At one of my Lestat gigs, this very tall man walked up onto the stage while I was playing. It startled me at first because I could tell that he was high on something. I jokingly asked him if he wanted to make a special request and shook his hand; he mumbled something and then stood at attention in front of the room full of people. I politely asked him to get off the stage, but he just stood there like a statue. I said, 'Hey, buddy, see what that bronze plaque says on the wall? It says The Gregory Page Stage — now get the fuck off my stage.' He was ushered out by Louie the sound man, and I believe he was arrested later for hassling people outside." ■

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Peter Murphy: House of Blues, Thursday, May 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

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. 619-232-4355.

Nikka Costa *[600]*: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, May 27, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead and **International Noise Conspiracy:** 'Canes, Saturday, May 28, 3105 Ocean Front Walk. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Waybacks: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, May 28, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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, San Diego. 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.

MONDAY

Nine Inch Nails *[285]*: Soma, Monday, May 30, 8 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

Collective Soul *[536]*: House of Blues, Tuesday, May 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Nine Inch Nails *[285]*: Soma, Tuesday, May 31, 8 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

JUNE

Rosie Flores: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, June 3, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Bad Religion *[297]*: House of Blues, Friday, June 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Bad Religion *[297]*: House of Blues, Saturday, June 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Winwood *[596]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, June 4, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Rick Springfield *[581]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 4, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bad Religion *[297]*: House of Blues, Sunday, June 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Beach Boys *[599]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Go-Go's: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Bryan Adams *[582]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, June 6, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bad Religion *[297]*: House of Blues, Tuesday, June 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

George Benson *[620]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Wayne Newton: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, June 10, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Faint and **Bright Eyes:** Soma, Saturday, June 11, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Eve Selis *[410]*: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, June 11, 7:30 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Moody Blues: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Tony Bennett: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

ZZ Top *[586]*: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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Fairport Convention: Acoustic Music San Diego, Tuesday, June 14, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Al Green *[964]***:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, June 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

La Ley: House of Blues, Wednesday, June 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Lucinda Williams *[848]* and **Lisa Sanders** *[893]***:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Slaid Cleaves: Acoustic Music San Diego, Wednesday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Mother Hips: The Casbah, Thursday, June 16, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Static X: House of Blues, Friday, June 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

REO Speedwagon *[587]***:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 17, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Chesney *[780]***:** Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, June 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Jewel *[882]* and **Jackie Greene:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, June 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Steel Pulse *[730]***:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, June 18, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Jewel *[882]* and **Jackie Greene:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Robert Earl Keen *[774]* and **Guy Clark:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 20, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Luciano *[732]***:** House of Blues, Tuesday, June 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Foreigner *[477]***:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Merle Haggard *[783]***:** House of Blues, Wednesday, June 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

"1970s Soul Jam" featuring the **Stylistics** *[621]***,** the **Chi-Lites,** the **Delfonics, Heatwave, Peaches & Herb,** and the **Persuaders**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Daryl Hall & John Oates *[588]***:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 22, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Babyface: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, June 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Spin Doctors *[594]* and the **Gin Blossoms:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 23, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Cesaria Evora *[885]***:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 23, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Bo Diddley *[967]***:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 23, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Neville Brothers and **Shemekia Copeland:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 24, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, June 24, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Lowen & Navarro *[286]***:** Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Wallflowers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Buddy Guy *[960]* and **Eric Johnson:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Journey: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, June 29, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Kelly Clarkson: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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Chris Isaak: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

"Warped Tour 2005" featuring the **Offspring** *[244]***, Thrice** *[491]***, My Chemical Romance,** and more: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, June 30, noon, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 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.

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Jaguares *[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.

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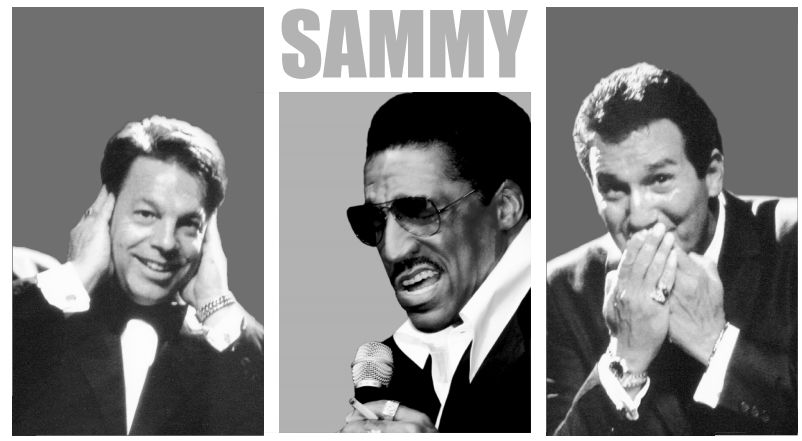

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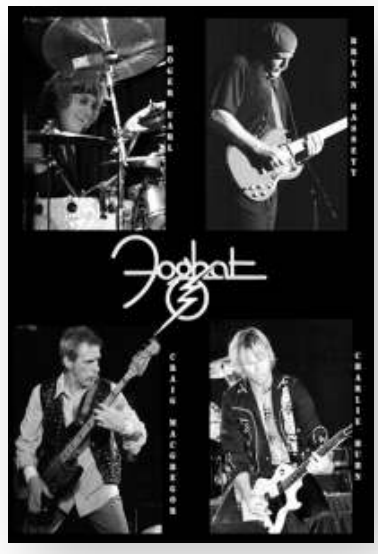

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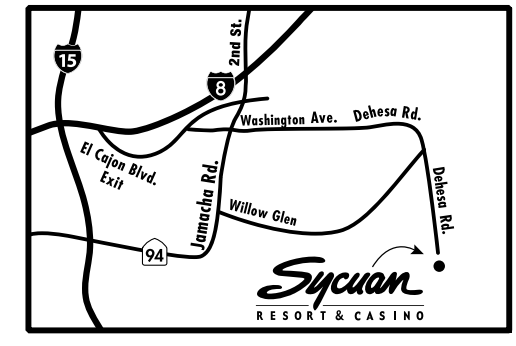

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Billy Corgan: Soma, Monday, July 11, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, July 15, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 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.

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.

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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.

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.

Trey Anastasio and **Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals:** Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, July 27, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 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 Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In the early '90s a friend talked me into going to see **Peter Murphy** play at Great America, an amusement park in San Jose. Although it was the age of grunge and Murphy's old band had been defunct for many years, there were still enough Bauhaus fans around to crowd the outdoor theater, which, sadly, was directly under the flyway of the nearby airport. And although Murphy had recently enjoyed the biggest success of his career with his solo hit "Cuts You Up," the audience seemed to be made up entirely of longtime Bauhaus fans. In the sunny afternoon before the show you could see them scattered across the park, anywhere there was shade, fixing their eye shadow and keeping their black clothes out of the bright sun. Murphy toyed with these fans, letting his band play the intro to Bauhaus's beloved goofball Goth anthem "Bela Lugosi's Dead," but otherwise sticking to his solo work.

PETER MURPHY

The next time Murphy put out an album, the chiseled-cheekbone singer chose a cover photo that made him look as if someone had just punched him in the face. He tracked down a critic who had once suggested that Bauhaus should be shot and hired him to write his press bio.

But all that was a long time ago. Murphy has made peace with his past. Bauhaus reformed in 1998, and at Coachella last month Murphy hung upside down over the stage like a bat to sing "Bela Lugosi's Dead." That doesn't mean Murphy has given up on his solo career. After brief infatuations with trip-hop and world music, Murphy is touring in support of a new album, *Unshattered,* which finds him in a pop/rock mood.

PETER MURPHY, House of Blues, Thursday, May 26, 9 p.m. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-9407. $20.50.

AUGUST

Marc Cohn and **Suzanne Vega** *[469]***:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 1, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Chaka Khan: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 2, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

"B.B. King Blues Festival" featuring **B.B. King** *[969]***, Kenny Wayne Shepherd** *[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.

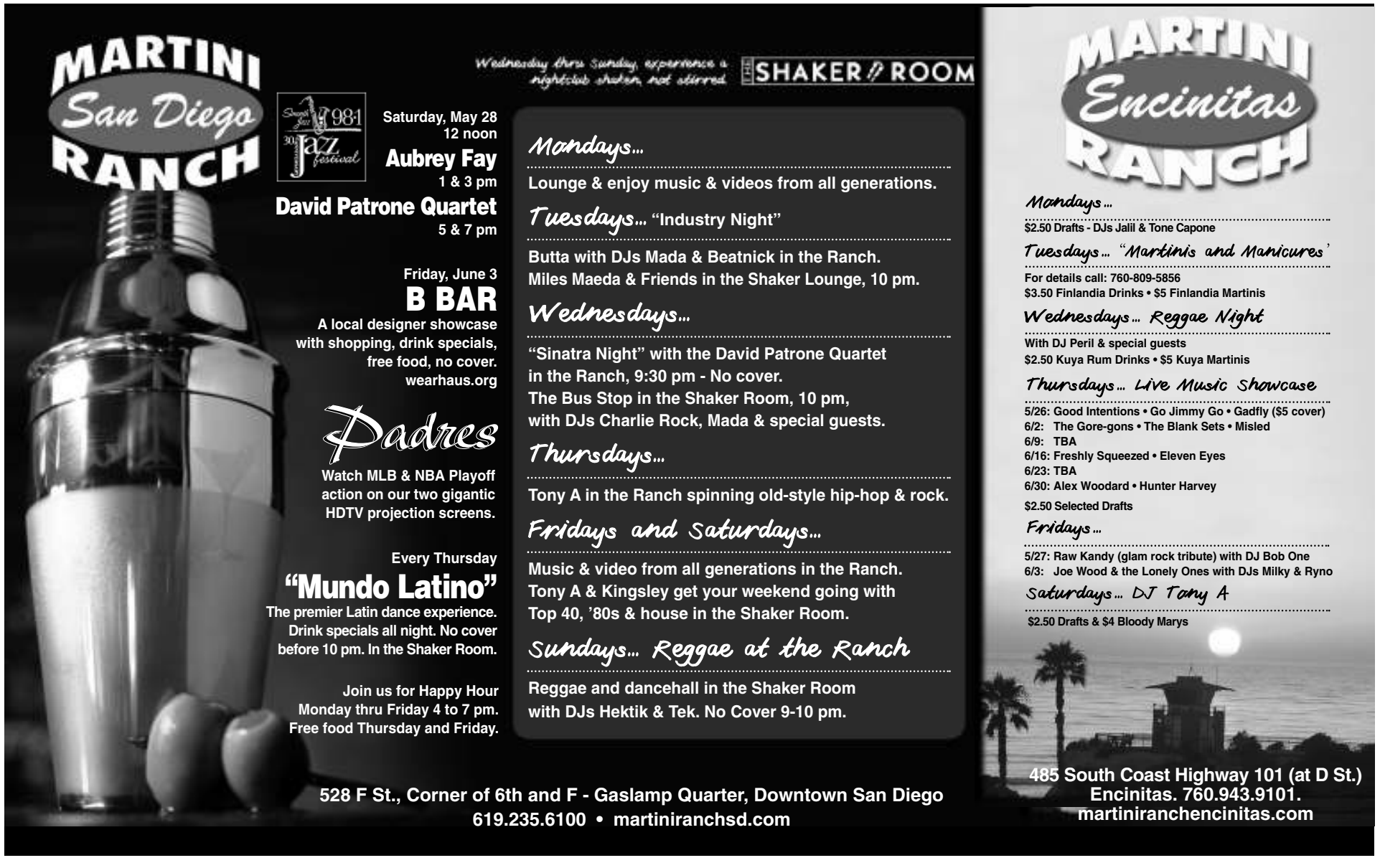
Lonestar *[763]***:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 5, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Clint Black *[778]***:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 7, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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.



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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 *[683]* **& 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 Osbourne** 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.

"Trio!" featuring **Stanley Clarke, Béla Fleck,** and **Jean-Luc Ponty**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 23, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy *[674]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 26, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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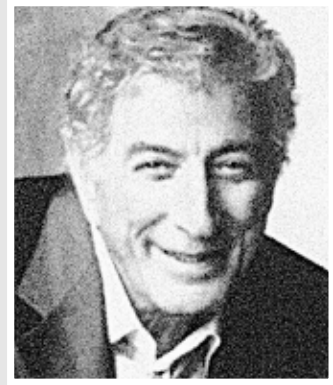

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The Johnny Clegg Band and **Taj Mahal** *[958]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 29, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Jefferson Starship: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 31, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

SEPTEMBER

Susan Tedeschi and **Blind Boys of Alabama** *[953]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Devo: House of Blues, Friday, September 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Earth, Wind, and Fire and **Chicago**: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Friday, September 9, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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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Aretha Franklin: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos *[523]* and **Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra *[819]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Jim Brickman *[862]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Pat Metheny Trio *[656]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 23, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

"Rockin' Blues Review" featuring **John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers** *[933]* and **Robben Ford & Eric Bibb:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 27, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Dead Can Dance *[817]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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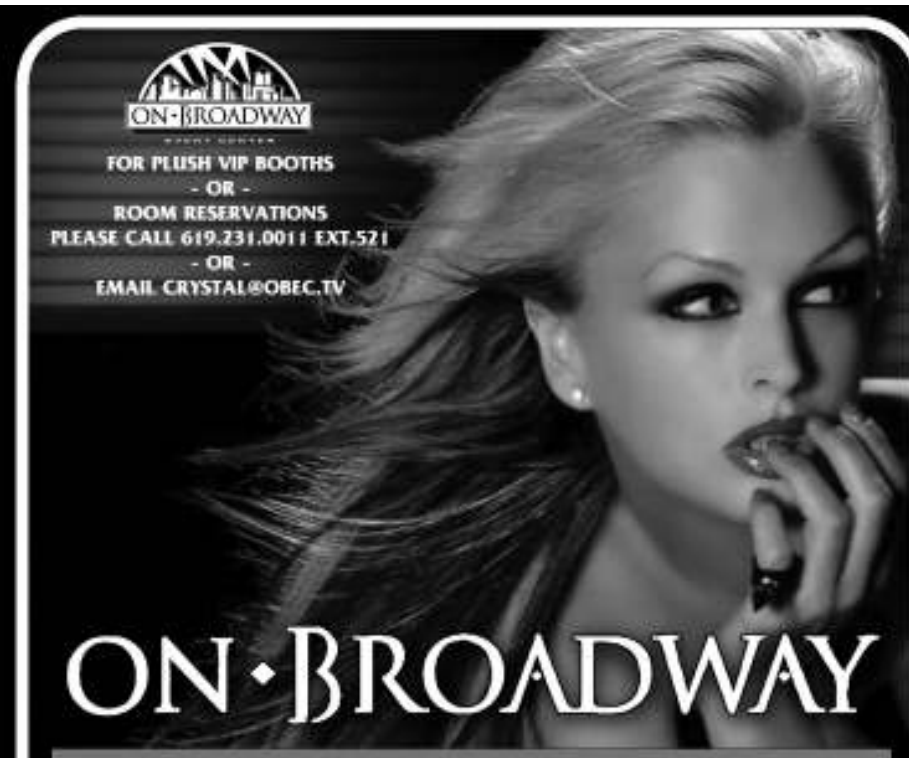

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ALTERNATIVE

...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead: 'Canes
The Archons: The Casbah
Before Today: Soma
Brick Bath: The Jumping Turtle
Broken View: Dreamstreet
Curbside Manor: Dreamstreet
Da Limelite: Dreamstreet
Darker My Love: Soma
Dat Politics: The Casbah
Deadbolt *[114]*: The Kensington Club
The Deathflowers: Soma
The Defilers: The Casbah
Dialogue: Dreamstreet
Diamond Mind: Longshot Saloon
Difficult Henry: The Jumping Turtle
The Displaced *[104]*: The Kensington Club
The Dog Rockets: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Downtown Money Wasters: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Dramarama: Brick By Brick
The Dresden Dolls: Soma
Drowning Pool: House of Blues
Dry Kill Logic: House of Blues
Elenchus: The Jumping Turtle
The Empire State: 'Canes
Fono *[148]*: Brick By Brick
Gadfly: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
H2O *[281]*: Soma
Heavy Rotation: The Jumping Turtle
High on Fire: The Casbah
Human: The Jumping Turtle
The Icarus Line: Soma
Idiot Pilot: Soma
Ignite: Soma
The Inside: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The International Noise Conspiracy: 'Canes
The Itals: Blind Melons
Jack the Original: Surf N'Saddle
Junkies & Thieves: The Jumping Turtle
The Kinisen: Soma
The Kobbs: Blind Melons
Like Warrior Poets: Soma
Little World: 'Canes
Loaded: Dreamstreet
The Loons: The Casbah
Low Cloud Cover: The Kensington Club
Lower Definition: Soma

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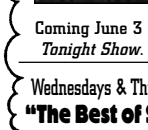

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Saturday, May 28
ATOMIKA
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Sunday, May 29
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Wednesday, June 1
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THE LAST BUCKLEY'S
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Malachi Crunch: The Jumping Turtle
Marshmallow: Dreamstreet
Meet the Richter: Blind Melons
Misty & the Mobys: Bub's Whiskey Dive
Mondae: Belly Up Tavern
Motalio: Dreamstreet
Mother Mae I: The Jumping Turtle
Peter Murphy: House of Blues
The Mutes: Soma
Nancy: The Kensington Club
Narsil: The Jumping Turtle
Nine Inch Nails *[285]*: Soma
No Regrets: Blind Melons
Not Since Reagan: Blind Melons
Open Hand: Soma
Opiate for the Masses: House of Blues
Out Hud: The Casbah
Outlett: 'Canes
Patient Zero: The Jumping Turtle
Plastic Explosive *[270]*: The Kensington Club
Point Line Plane: The Casbah
Pretendo: The Casbah
Reserved 16: Lestat's Coffee House
The Rugburns *[263]*: The Casbah
The Ruined: Dreamstreet
The Rule of 3rds: 'Canes
Sabotawj: Dreamstreet
The Satelliters: The Casbah
The Scarlet Symphony: Soma
Shaggin' Wagon: Blind Melons
Simple Method: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Slewfoot: 'Canes, The Jumping Turtle
Spacehorse: The Casbah
The Spiders: Dreamstreet
Spoken Gun: Winstons
The Supermodels: Dizzy's
Superunloader *[208]*: Blind Melons
Sustained IA: The Jumping Turtle
Sweet Tooth: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Those Dang Robinsons: Blind Melons
Tussle: The Casbah
Uncle Jesus: Dizzy's
Underminded *[272]*: Soma
VIII Fraud: The Jumping Turtle
Wasting June: The Jumping Turtle
Year Future: The Casbah
Yellow Stain: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Zincs: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Atomika: Dreamstreet
The Beat Junkies: House of Blues
Bermuda: Epicentre
Blue Floyd: Belly Up Tavern
Buckley's Ghost: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
Rip Carson: Tio Leo's Lounge
Collective Soul *[536]*: House of Blues
Concord: Surf N'Saddle
Criminal Funk: Island Sports & Spirits
Disposable Income: Blind Melons
The Downbeat Theory: Blind Melons
John Eddie: Belly Up Tavern
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Fail for Fun: Longshot Saloon
Fish & the Seaweeds: Danky's, Danky's
The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken
Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub
FZ13 *[479]*: Fannie's Nightclub
Eric Garcia: Blind Melons
Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports & Spirits
Go Jimmy Go: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Good Intentions: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Hawnay Troof: The Casbah
Hera's Olive *[461]*: Dick's Last Resort
Hijos de la Maliche: Brick By Brick
The Horse Thieves: Dreamstreet
Hot Buttered Bread: Winstons
The Jackels: Dreamstreet
Jivewire: The Casbah
The Joey Show: Tio Leo's Lounge
Kemosabe: The Greek Sombrero
La Cruz: Brick By Brick
La Gente de Goma: Brick By Brick
Led Zeppagain: Brick By Brick
The Life of Brian: 'Canes
Loose Canyon: Surf N'Saddle
Danielle LoPresti & the Masses *[452]*: Dizzy's
Low Millions: House of Blues
Brian McKnight: 4th & B
Modular: Over the Border
Mother Funk: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
The Nicky Jam: 4th & B
The Old Highway 80 Band: El Rancho Grande Bar & Grill
Steve Orr: Monterey Bay Canners
Phenomenon: Brick By Brick

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Music for stoners: that's **Nine Inch Nails**, or NIN as they are sometimes known, with the last *N* turned backwards. **Trent Reznor**'s hard ragas are ingenious, but for the most part you can't print his lyrics for lurid content, and his videos are equally pleasant — that is, if you enjoy scenes of masochism, torture, and dismemberment. There are odd musical reminders of Jimmy Page afoot, but Reznor takes the elder rocker's weirdness to an extreme. Page nailed that whole demon-rock thing with spooky layerings of unholy electronica that are fundamental to NIN's sound, but Reznor can write sweeter music than Page ever dreamed of. Disagree? Listen to "Hurt," the version covered by Johnny Cash, and see if you can imagine something that good coming out of Page's soggy head.

TRENT REZNOR

Trent Reznor was once a Boy Scout. He spent a lot of time fishing with Grandpa in Mercer, Pennsylvania, and he loved his dog. Toured with a dog, in fact, until it fell from a balcony one year. I've no idea if he replaced the pet, but his friends were happy. "He writes his best music when he's depressed," they told a reporter. Otherwise, not many from his hometown are buying into Reznor's prince-of-darkness-and-evil image.

I do. It is precisely these same golden-childhood types that either show up in a tall building with a firearm or who exorcise their inner demons with art. The weapon of choice here is alternative industrial rock. His limited output includes some of the most complex, difficult passages ever recorded in that genre. Each of his albums is a little masterpiece; one of them earned him a Grammy. The music draws a mix of goths and punks, and why not? NIN is brain-splitting loud and fueled with dark images. It's been a good living, although these days Reznor is claiming poverty; last week, he was in court to accuse his long-time manager of fleecing pretax millions.

*(To hear a sample of **Nine Inch Nails**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4285.)*

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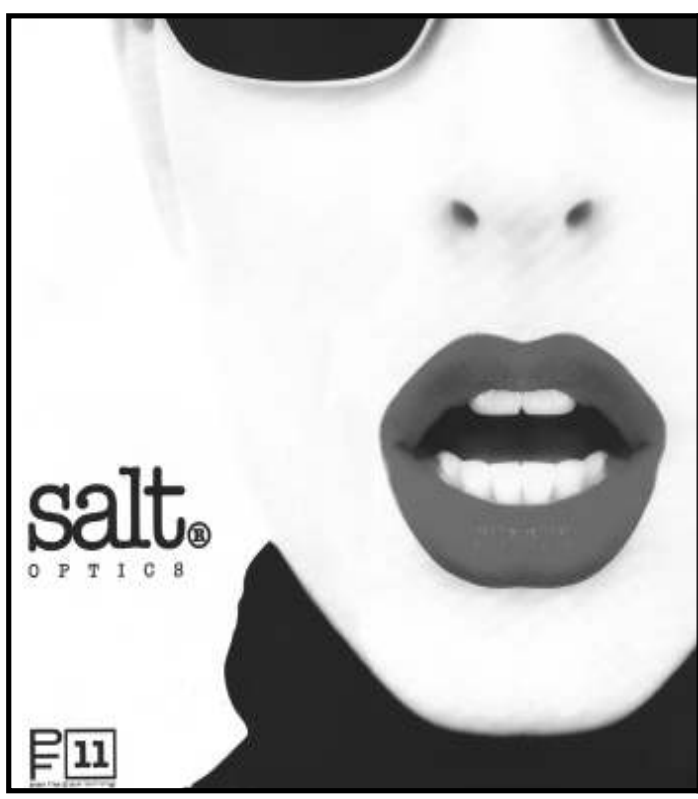

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Robert Earl Keen/ Guy Clark
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with guest host **Jimmie "J.J." Walker**
Wednesday, June 22 • 7:00

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Thursday, June 23 • 7:30

The Neville Brothers
with special guest **Shemekia Copeland**
Friday, June 24 • 7:30

The Wallflowers
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Saturday, June 25 • 7:30

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featuring **The Tosca Strings**
with special guest **The Extra Action Marching Band**
Monday, June 27 • 7:30

Buddy Guy
with special guest **Eric Johnson**
Electric Band
Tuesday, June 28 • 7:30

Chris Isaak
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Thursday & Friday, June 30 & July 1 • 7:30

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Lyle Lovett & his Large Band
Sunday, July 3 • 7:30

Indigo Girls
with special guest **Girlyman**
Wednesday, July 6 • 7:30

Julio Iglesias
Thursday, July 7 • 8:00

Chris Botti
with special guest **Steve Oliver**
Friday, July 8 • 7:30

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Boz Scaggs
Tuesday, July 12 • 7:30

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Wednesday, July 13 • 7:30

Ladysmith Black Mambazo/ Richard Thompson
Thursday, July 14 • 7:30

Clay Walker
Friday, July 15 • 8:00

Heart
featuring **Ann & Nancy Wilson**
with special guest **Anne McCue**
Sunday, July 17 • 7:30

Lila Downs
Monday, July 18 • 7:30

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Wednesday, July 20 • 7:30

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Bruce Hornsby
Thursday, July 21 • 7:30

Sinbad
Friday, July 22 • 8:00

Poco/Richie Furay/ Venice
Sunday, July 24 • 6:00

Linda Eder
Friday, July 29 • 7:30

the B-52's
Sunday, July 31 • 7:30

august

Marc Cohn/ Suzanne Vega/ Jesse Winchester
Monday, August 1 • 6:30

Chaka Khan
Tuesday, August 2 • 7:30

B.B. King Blues Festival
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featuring **B.B. King, Kenny Wayne Shepherd & Joe Bonamassa**
Wednesday, August 3 • 6:30

Michael McDonald
Thursday, August 4 • 7:30

Lonestar
Friday, August 5 • 7:30

Air Supply
with special guest **Firefall**
Sunday, August 7 • 7:00

The Temptations
with special guest **LeRoy Bell**
Wednesday, August 10 • 8:00

John Hiatt/ Shawn Colvin *Solo Acoustic*
Thursday, August 11 • 7:30

Dana Carvey
Friday, August 12 • 7:00 & 9:00

Cecilio & Kapono
Sunday, August 14 • 7:30

Cowboy Junkies
with special guest **Dar Williams**
Monday, August 15 • 7:30

Bobby McFerrin & Chick Corea
Tuesday, August 16 • 7:30

Judy Collins/ Richie Havens
Wednesday, August 17 • 7:30

John Legend
with special guest **Lyfe**
Thursday, August 18 • 7:30

Dave Koz & Friends
featuring **Jeffrey Osborne, Marc Antoine & Praful**
Friday, August 19 • 7:30

Hot Summer Nights
starring **Al Jarreau, The Rippingtons** *featuring* **Russ Freeman & Cassandra Wilson**
Monday, August 22 • 7:00

TRIO!
featuring **Stanley Clarke, Béla Fleck & Jean-Luc Ponty**
Tuesday, August 23 • 8:00

America
with special guest **Pure Prairie League**
Thursday, August 25 • 7:00

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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
Friday, August 26 • 8:00

Doobie Brothers
Sunday, August 28 • 7:30

The Johnny Clegg Band/Taj Mahal
Monday, August 29 • 7:00

Jefferson Starship
featuring **Paul Kantner & Marty Balin**
Wednesday, August 31 • 7:30

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Susan Tedeschi/ Blind Boys of Alabama
Thursday, September 1 • 7:30

SHeDAISY
Wednesday, September 7 • 7:30

Johnny Mathis
Thursday, September 8 • 7:30

Keali'i Reichel/Na Leo
Friday & Saturday, September 9 & 10 • 7:30

Aretha Franklin SOLD OUT!
Wednesday, September 14 • 7:30

Los Lobos/Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes
Thursday, September 15 • 6:30

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra
Sunday, September 18 • 7:30

Tony Bennett
Tuesday, September 20 • 7:30

Jim Brickman
with special guest **Vienna Teng**
Wednesday, September 21 • 7:30

Pat Metheny Trio
featuring **Christian McBride & Antonio Sanchez**
Thursday, September 22 • 7:30

Tower of Power
Friday, September 23 • 8:00

Dead Can Dance
Tuesday, September 27 • 7:30

Rockin' Blues Revue
featuring **John Mayall & The Bluesbreakers, Robben Ford & Eric Bibb**
Thursday, September 29 • 7:00

Etta James
Friday, September 30 • 7:30

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Thursday, October 6 • 7:30

"Hills of Home"
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Leo Kottke
Friday, October 7 • 7:00

Celtic Woman
Sunday, October 9 • 7:30

Jesse Cook
Thursday, October 13 • 7:30

Daniela Mercury
Friday, October 14 • 7:30

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Sunday, October 16 • 7:30

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Private Domain *[489]*: Dick's Last Resort

Reaganomics: Blind Melons

Red Handed: Dreamstreet

The Rockin' Blues Hounds: Fannie's Nightclub

Rookie Card *[539]*: Brick By Brick

Roxy Monoxide: Tiki House

Section 8: Epicentre

Seismic: Winstons

Eve Selis *[410]*: Acoustic Expressions

Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

Shakedown: Blind Melons

Shoestring Strap: Winstons

The Siers Brothers: Dick's Last Resort

Silver Side: Longshot Saloon

Sockatuna: Tiki House

The Stampede Band: Etta's Place

Steam: Belly Up Tavern

The Steely Damned: Humphrey's

Stereo Total: The Casbah

The Stilettos: Second Wind (Santee)

The Storrow Band: Lestat's Coffee House

Strive: Surf N'Saddle

The Tall Dudes: Don's Cocktail Lounge

Tapwater: Humphrey's

The Taz Taylor Band: Dreamstreet

34 Below *[437]*: 'Canes

Two for Thirty: 'Canes

Undecided: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

David Paul Windham: Danky's

Link Wray: The Casbah

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Nikka Costa *[600]*: Belly Up Tavern

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Heroes: Viejas Casino

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Liquid Blue *[606]*: Viejas Casino

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort

Patrick Quillin: Benihana

The Ratz Pack: La Scala

Y3K: Boars Cross'n

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe

The B-Side Players *[649]*: 'Canes

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Sacha Boutros Quartet: Pasquale on Prospect

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain *[703]*: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

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)

Dora Hall: Aurora Trattoria

The High Society Jazz Band: The Inn Suites, Tio Leo's Lounge

Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: Neimans Bar and Grill, 'Canes

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

Jazilla: Turquoise Cafe

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet *[660]*: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

The Larry Morgan Jazz Quintet: La Bocca Ristorante

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

Nova: Aurora Trattoria

Sue Palmer *[641]*: Martini's Bar & Grill

Pieces: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

Pocket: The Kava Lounge

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Primo: Sevilla

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Sambajazz: Scalini Restaurant

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

Slimman: Jimmy Love's

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Peter Sprague *[643]*: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Brian Stevens: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

The Swingtime Orchestra: Viejas Casino

Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado

The Jaime Valle Quartet *[704]*: Tutto Mare

Vintage Vegas: Martini's Bar & Grill

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Don Carlos *[746]*: House of Blues

C.O.I.: The Calypso Cafe

The Devastators *[731]*: Winstons

The Fabulous Rudies: Dizzy's

Apple Gabriel: Belly Up Tavern

Groundation: Belly Up Tavern

Irieside: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Semisi & Fulabula *[747]*: The Calypso Cafe

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Coyote Moon: Mulvaney's

Rondavous: Renegade Inn

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

An Carraig: The Ould Sod

Fred Benedetti: Acoustic Expressions

Berkley Hart *[857]*: Lestat's Coffee House

Annie Bethancourt: Lestat's Coffee House

John Bosley: Crossroads Cafe and Coffeehouse

Tom Boyer: Crossroads Cafe and Coffeehouse

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Amelia Browning: Turquoise Cafe

Alicia Champion: Dizzy's

Chelsea & the Dreamcatchers: Blarney Stone Pub

The Coyote Problem: Lestat's Coffee House

Tommy Edwards: Blind Melons

Sarah Fimm: House of Blues

Lavonne Foxworth: 4th & B

Free Martin: Coyote Bar and Grill

Allison Gill: Blarney Stone Pub

Zac Harmon: Winstons

Harmony Road: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Harold & Chris: Blarney Stone Pub

Joey Harris: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Grant Langston: Dizzy's

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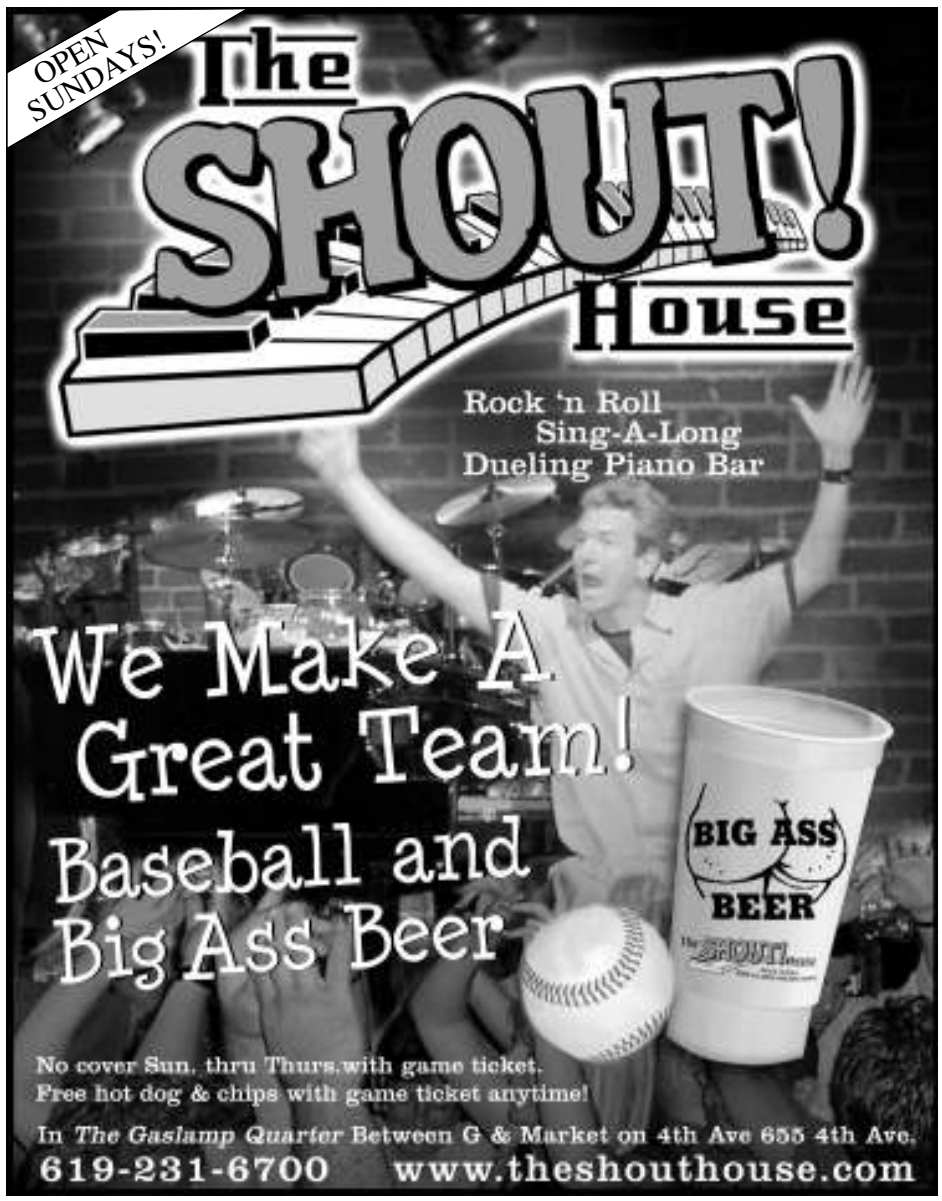

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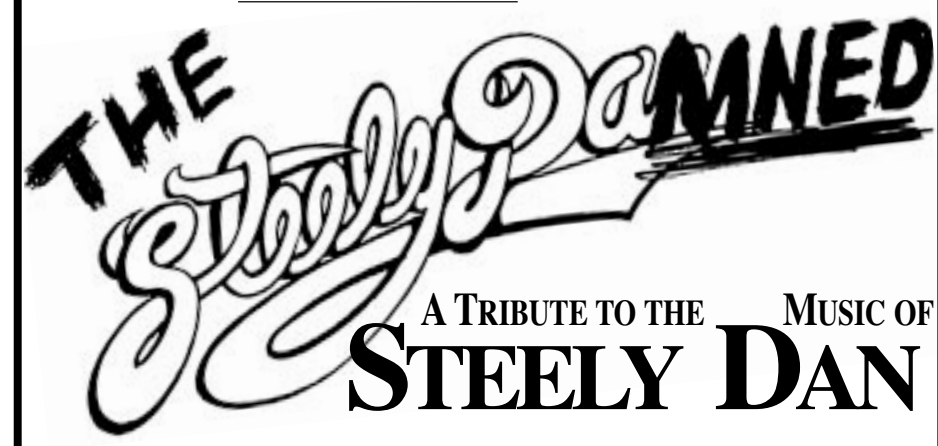

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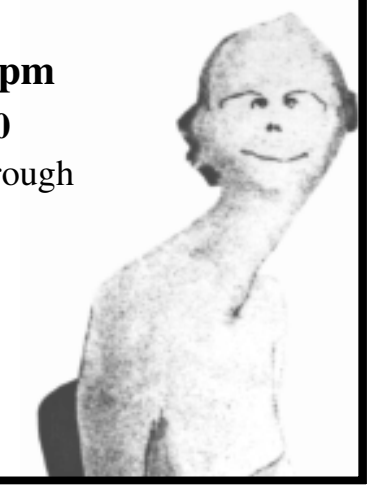

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Blitzkrieg Bop: Mondays, punk, indie, and rock 'n' roll with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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.

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Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, *Saturday Night Mix*, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

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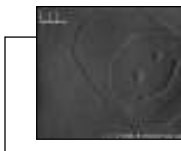

Album name: *Plastic Explosive* (self-titled) (2004)
Artist: Plastic Explosive
Label: self-released
Songs: 1) Cowboys and Indians 2) Do Your Worst 3) Two One 4) Fault 5) Leave Me Out 6) Saving Grace 7) Can't Wait 8) The Plague 9) We're Not in Jail 10) Lau Luau 11) Terminal
Price/Where Available: *www.plasticexplosivemusic.com* for $10 (including shipping and handling)
Names of band members: Ray Argyle (vocals, guitar), Brandon Burlington (guitar), Ryan Flach (drums), Kevin Lau (bass).
Extra Info: After a string of shows in Hollywood, Plastic Explosive will play the Ken Club later this month. Date and time TBA. Twenty-one and up.
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Skewed melodic sensibility puts Plastic Explosive's full-length debut a cut above the rest.

With vintage riffs and infectious beats twisted into melody lines that are reminiscent of the Smiths' ethereal meanderings, the foursome's sound wavers between pop and rock. Opening with a stinging rebuke of the U.S. political system, frontman Ray Argyle soon abandons his stream-of-consciousness soapbox utterances for more streamlined wordplay, with lines like "You'll fall in line if you know what's good for you." The words are inspired without being too ambiguous as Argyle's throaty inflections strive for intensity.

The album never repeats itself. The fusion of pop melodies and chaotic vocals propelled by intricate guitar riffs showcase how well the band blends elements of pop and psychedelic rock. Ryan Flach on drums draws upon garage rock to create a driving sound — heavy, with a nu-metal feel — and guitarist Brandon Burlington follows suit with the standard three chords.

In "Leave Me Out," Argyle sings, "We'll just wait till we're drunk enough, our excuses ready-made, and we'll make our confessions the acceptable way." While the sardonic lyricism undercuts the flimsy pop residue that permeates most of the chorus, the song doesn't capture the dynamism the band is capable of. Cuts such as "The Plague" and "We're Not in Jail" fall victim to the same fate, lost in a mix of talent that is cluttered by the acoustic strains of melodic pop trying to sound heavy.

Occasionally, the songs seem choppy, as the instrumental focus is on being loud. The disc falters when Plastic Explosive takes on "Can't Wait" and "Fault" with little regard paid to rhythm or structure; on both songs, the band exploits the maximum amount of notes and beats. Still, the debut is legitimate in a genre stigmatized by redundancy.

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Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

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CLUBS BY AREA

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers,* Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Blue Floyd,* rock. Friday, 9 p.m., *Nikka Costa,* pop, and *Steam.* Saturday, 9 p.m., *Leon Russell* and *the Swingin' Kings,* blues. Monday, 9 p.m., *Apple Gabriel* and *Groundation,* reggae. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Mondae* and *the Zincs,* alternative. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *John Eddie* and *Maia Sharp.*

Benihana, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-929-8311. Friday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Patrick Quillin,* classic rock and pop covers.

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., *Cory Wilkins,* blues, 9 p.m., rock. Sunday, 2 p.m., *Irieside,* reggae. Monday, rock. Wednesday, country.

Boars Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Y3K,* dance/pop rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Pieces,* jazz.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Misty & the Mobys,* alternative rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *C.O.I.,* reggae. Friday and Sunday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith,* blues. Saturday, *Semisi & Fulabula,* reggae. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin,* folk.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *West of Memphis,* blues.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson,* harmonica blues. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Theo & the Zydeco Patrol,* Lousiana blues. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Free Martin,* folk rock, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Ruby & the Red Hots,* swingin' blues. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Good Cooks,* 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Peter Sprague,* jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues.*

Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Performances are on the patio. Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Fabulous Pelicans,* classic rock. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *David Paul Windham,* acoustic rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Fish & the Seaweeds,* classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Mother Funk,* rock.

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The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/heavy rock unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Sustained IA, Wasting June* and *Junkies & Thieves.* Saturday, *Brick Bath, Elenchus, Heavy Rotation,* and *Patient Zero.* Sunday, *Slewfoot, Narsil, Malachi Crunch, Difficult Henry, VIII Fraud, Mother Mae I,* and *Human.*

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *3 EZ Pieces,* blues. Friday, *Flat Out Liars,* classic rock. Saturday and Sunday, *Blues Brokers,* blues. Monday, *Charles Burton Blues Band.*

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, 9 p.m., *Diamond Mind,* indie rock. Saturday, *Fail for Fun* and *Silver Side,* rock.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Good Intentions, Go Jimmy Go,* and *Gadfly,* rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers,* country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, live Dixieland jazz. Friday, live music.

Monterey Bay Canners, 1325 North Harbor Drive, Oceanside. 760-722-3474. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., *Steve Orr,* country rock.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra,* jazz.

North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner,* acoustic rock.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop,* jazz/variety.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

Scalini, 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-259-9944. Thursday through Saturday, live jazz. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Sambajazz,* American and Brazilian jazz.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, 9 p.m., *Loose Canyon* and *Jack the Original,* rock/alternative. Saturday, *Concord* and *Strive,* rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Powell,* blues/jazz.

BEACHES

Aurora Trattoria, 1025 Prospect Street #250, La Jolla. 858-551-8554. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Bradley Leighton* and *Dora Hall,* jazz standards and contemporary. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Nova,* Latin jazz/flamenco. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Bruce Cameron,* jazz/Latin.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Kobbs* and *Meet the Richter.* Friday, *Superunloader, Eric Garcia,* and *Not Since Reagan.* Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Shakedown,* 9 p.m., *Shaggin' Wagon, Those Dang Robinsons,* and *No Regrets.* Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Reaganomics,* 9 p.m., *the Itals.* Monday, open mike featuring *Tommy Edwards.* Wednesday, *Disposable Income* and *Down Beat Theory.*

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Outlett, Slewfoot, Empire State,* and *the Rule of 3rds.* Friday, *Reaganomics.* Saturday, *…And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead* and *the International Noise Conspiracy.* Sunday, *the B-Side Players* with *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra,* jazz. Wednesday, *the Life of Brian, 34 Below,* and *Little World.*

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is heavy rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Da Lime Lite, Dialogue, Sabotawj,* and *Motalio.* Friday, *Loaded, Curbside Manor, the Ruined, the Taz Taylor Band, Red Handed,*and *the Horse Thieves.* Saturday, *Atomika, Broken View, the Jackels, Marshmallow,* and *the Spiders.*

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain,* international dance music.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Wednesday, live jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Wednesday, *Buckley's Ghost,* hard rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, *NZ Rough,* reggae.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Ratz Pack,* American classics. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Salvador & Cesar,* opera.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich,* jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross.*

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson,* solo jazz guitar.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, *the Sacha Boutros Quartet,* jazz.

RT's Longboard Grill, 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030. Tuesday, 11 p.m., *Hugh Gaskins,* blues.

Sandbar Sports Grill, 718 Ventura Place, San Diego. 858-488-1274. Call club for information.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Sockatuna,* rock. Saturday, *Roxy Monoxide,* rock. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis,* acoustic.

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 Browing.* Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Jazilla.* Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, *Fred Heath & the Slidewinders,* blues. Monday, Greek and Turkish music. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., live traditional Irish music.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Spoken Gun,* alternative. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Shoestring Strap,* rock, 9:30 p.m., *Agua Dulce,* Latin jazz. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Super D,* 9:30 p.m., *the Devastators,* reggae. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Zac Harmon.* Monday, *the Electric Waste Band,* rock. Tuesday, *Hot Buttered Bread* and *Seismic,* rock.

NightSpotting

CLUB RECOGNIZE
4746 El Cajon Blvd.
College Area
619-521-4747

MUSIC ➤ rock, alternative, hip-hop, electro, new wave, reggae

SPECIAL NIGHTS ➤ live fire-dance performances that include belly dancers; every Thursday is "House of Rep," with underground hip-hop

CLIENTELE ➤ 21 and up; average age mid-20s; 75 percent Caucasian, 15 percent African-American, 10 percent Asian on a night with alternative music

COVER ➤ $5 on Friday, sometimes on Saturday, never on weekdays

HOURS ➤ Monday–Thursday, 9:00 p.m. until midnight; Friday and Saturday, open until 2:00 a.m.

DRINKS ➤ no happy hour, but great drink prices; $3 buys Heineken, Budweiser, and wells; Long Island iced tea costs $5; eight beers on tap (including Yellow Tail); Friday drink specials include $5 shot of absinthe and $4 Blue Berry Old Town Nut Brown

FOOD ➤ none, but lots of restaurants and fast food in area (Domino's, Jack in the Box, and 7-Eleven across the street); lots of Vietnamese restaurants in area

ACCESS ➤ from I-8 take College Avenue to El Cajon Boulevard; minutes from SDSU and other freeways; small parking lot in back, but lots of street parking available

DRESS ➤ casual; a few guys in collared shirts, but mostly T-shirts ("Eat Beaver," "Jack Daniel's," "DKNY")

DANCE FLOOR ➤ 20' x 200'

BATHROOMS ➤ men's had two urinals and one stall; murals painted in a graffiti style; women's had two stalls, walls painted baby blue, and flowers in a vase; both had flyers for upcoming shows, lists of drink specials, one sink, and were clean and graffiti-free

CAPACITY ➤ 200

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ two benches out front for smokers, but the area where the band plays is uncovered and has couches, so smoking is allowed (but it's too loud to sit there when a band is playing)

FURNISHINGS ➤ 25 seats at the bar, ceiling fans, two huge booths, one mirrored wall, flames painted on the walls, a few small tables, four candles on the bar, steel flames behind the bar, and two Oriental rugs hanging from the ceiling

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 116 when Continental Kit played

WEIRDEST BAND NAME ➤ Spatuland

QUOTABLE ➤ "My eyes are all fucked up, dude."

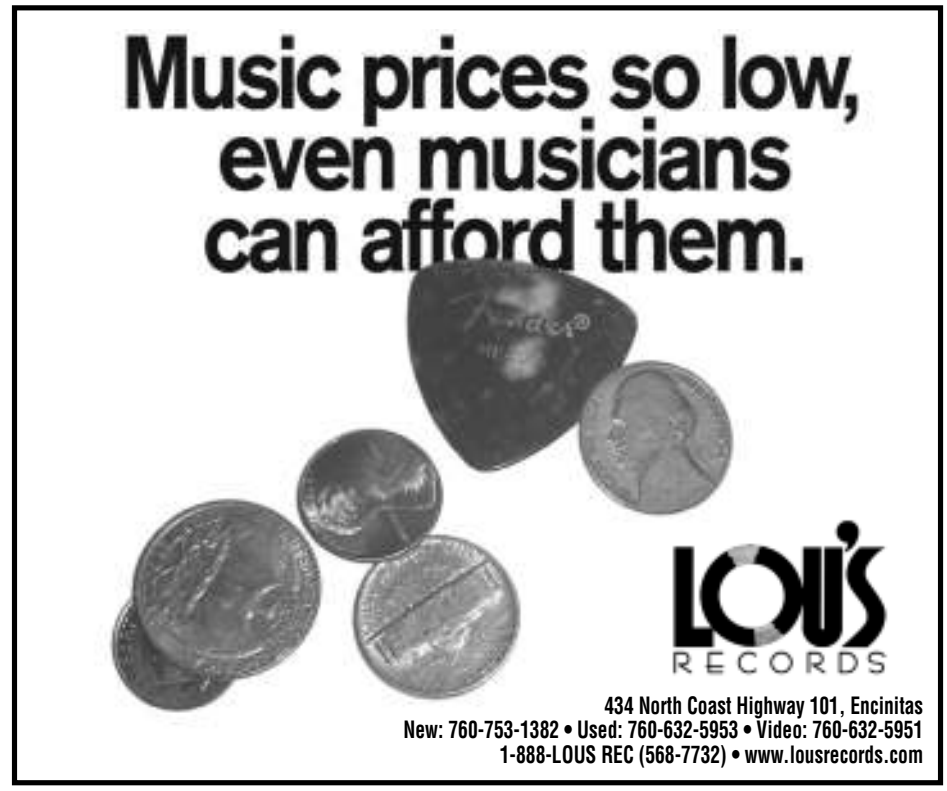
I liked the murals on the walls. The bartender told me local guys Chris Elliman and Brian Principato did the work. One mural behind the bar was a nude woman. There were more abstract, vibrant colors painted on the wall behind the stage.

I was talking to four guys about this joint. They said, "There's nothing special about this bar. It's a dive bar, just like the rest we hang out in. It depends on what music is going on. On Saturdays, they have more of a drum-and-bass thing going, which we like. And I was here when the band Lord had an after-party. That was cool."

When I glanced at the flyers, I saw a sign on the wall that read, "Spatula Girls Wanted: The band Spatuland is looking for girls. Want to make extra cash? We need slightly naughty ladies willing to spank or be spanked with a spatula – for tips. Must have your own spatula, outgoing personality, and a sexy apron."

Good work if you can get it.

– Josh Board



SAN DIEGO

Acoustic Expressions, 2852 University Avenue, San Diego. Friday, 8 p.m., *Robert Wetzel* and *Fred Benedetti,* classical guitar. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Eve Selis,* roadhouse rock.

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Call club for information.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., *David Timothy Smith.*

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural,* pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues.*

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Harold & Chris,* Irish and American folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, *Sean O'Donnell* and *Allison Gill.* Wednesday, *Chelsea & the Dreamcatchers,* folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *La Gente de Goma, La Cruz,* and *Hijos de la Malinche.* Friday, *Phenomenon* and *Led Zepagain.* Saturday, *Dramarama, Fono,* and *Rookie Card.*

Chuey's Bar and Grill, 1901 Main Street, San Diego. 619-234-6973. Friday, 8 p.m., *Chet & the Committee,* blues.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Bermuda, Section 8,* and guests. Saturday, live bands, call club for information.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Stampede Jam,* classic rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Chet & the Committee,* blues/swing.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Brian Stevens,* jazz.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Saturday, 5 p.m., *Hugh Gaskins,* blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *Peter Murphy* and *Sarah Fimm.* Friday, *Don Carlos,* reggae/ska. Saturday, *the Beat Junkies.* Sunday, *Master P.* Tuesday, *Collective Soul* and *Low Millions,* rock. Wednesday, *Drowning Pool, Dry Kill Logic,* and *Opiate of the Masses,* alternative.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Tapwater,* original rock. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Steely Damned,* rock. Saturday, *Loudon Wainwright III,* folk. Sunday, smooth jazz. Monday, live blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players,* Chicago blues.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon,* pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.*

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, 9 p.m., *Blue Rockit,* blues/rock.

The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-543-0933. Thursday, 9 p.m., *I.O.S.* Saturday, 10 p.m., *Pocket,* soul jazz.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Friday, *Plastic Explosive, the Displaced, Nancy,* and *Low Cloud Cover.* Saturday, *Deadbolt.*

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Storrow Band, Brian Mitchell,* and *Reserved 16.* Friday, *Annie Bethancourt.* Saturday, *Berkley Hart* and *the Coyote Problem.* Sunday, *Steve Poltz* and *Samantha Murphy.* Monday, open mike.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Music is rock/alternative. Friday, *Sweet Tooth* and *Downtown Money Wasters.* Saturday, *The Inside* and *the Dog Rockets.* Wednesday, Simple Method and *Yellow Stain.*

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, *Ritmo Caliente,* salsa.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Ed Repaci,* piano.

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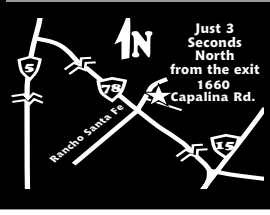

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REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

George Bernard Shaw was such a thorn in their side it's a wonder miffed Edwardian aristos didn't put out a hit on him. Listen to Shaw: "You will find in England plenty of rich families with little more culture than their dogs and horses"; to parents: "If you must hold yourself up to your children as an object lesson (which is not at all necessary), hold yourself up as a warning and not as an example."

One more: "Though the popular conception of heaven includes a Holy Family, it does not attach to that family the notion of a private nursery, or kitchen, or mother-in-law, or anything that constitutes the family as we know it."

These salvos come from Shaw's preface to *Misalliance*. The play isn't about bad *Survivor* strategy. It's May 31, 1909, in Surry, England. Hypatia Tarleton, assertive daughter of the wealthy underwear magnate, is engaged to Bentley Summerhays, neurotic son of mighty Lord Summerhays. Hypatia fears Bentley's family will deem the marriage a misalliance. She's talking social class: nouveau riche Tarleton vs. aristocratic, possibly broke Summerhays. But the couple's a bad fit all around: Hypatia wants to live fully, to have adventures "drop out of the sky"; while Bentley, "a little squirt of a thing," is all mind, no body.

Theirs isn't the only misalliance. John Tarleton, the magnate, is a freethinker. Son Johnny's a philistine who only reads for plot. Daughter Hypatia resists the culture's demand for submissive, self-sacrificing women. Lord Summerhays, back from India where he ran an entire country, Jinghiskahn, all but disowns son Bentley, whom he could never govern. If you came into the middle of Act One unannounced, you'd swear the children of the two families were either switched at birth, or the acorns fell far from the trees.

Tarleton's given up: "Parents and children! No man should know his own child. Let the family be rooted out of civilization!" To which daughter Hypatia replies, "How jolly! You and I might be friends then."

Misalignments are also internal. Everyone's alienated from a dream. Tarleton sees himself as a double failure: as a father and as a human. He'd burn his riches if he writes. Hypatia doesn't want to live "always on the shrink." Lord Summerhays rues his lost youth. Mrs. Tarleton's so subservient to her husband-king you wonder what feelings she represses (especially when you watch her take command of things). The Tarletons call their estate "Hindhead." To prove it's aptly named, into this jumble of cross-purposes — which, Shaw implies, is the condition of British society — the playwright inserts an alien invasion.

Two, actually: one from the streets, one from the sky. Imagine *Christmas Carol*'s Bob Crattchit with a revolver in his hand, *Das Kapital* in his pocket, and murder in his heart. Called John Brown, Julius Baker, and Gunner (multiple names suggesting he is legion), the poor young clerk terrorizes Hindhead and vows to shoot Tarleton, who seduced the young man's mother.

In "The Womanly Woman," Shaw says one of civilization's biggest abominations is "forcing self-sacrifice on a woman under pretence that

Dylan Chalfy, Oliver Wadsworth in Misalliance

Misalliance, *by George Bernard Shaw*
Old Globe Theatre, *Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park*
Directed by Stephen Wadsworth; *cast: Dylan Chalfy, Mary Bacon, Oliver Wadsworth, Sarah Brooke, Nicholas Hormann, Jeff Steitzer, Jeremy Webb, Lise Bruneau, Adam Stein; scenic design, Kevin Rupnik; costumes, Anna R. Oliver; lighting, Joan Arhelger; sound, Paul Peterson*
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she likes it; and, if she ventures to contradict the pretence, declaring her no true woman." Mrs. Tarleton's an example. The opposite, Lina Szcepanowska, arrives *deux ex* plane crash. A Polish acrobat/aviatrix, Lina declares she's "all that a woman ought to be" and is compelled by family honor to risk her life daily. Around her the men act as goofy as Bottom — with the head of an ass — wooing Titania.

"Most of our characters will bear a little careful dusting," says Tarleton, "but they won't bear scouring." Gunner and Lina bookend *Misalliance.* They make real in Act Two what had been halfhearted questions and complaints in Act One. They expose, scour, and finally render the denizens of Hindhead speechless.

The word on *Misalliance:* gabby text (Shaw called it "A Debate in One Sitting") crammed with, perish the thought, challenging ideas. On the page and in performance, however, it bustles with activity. To let the ideas sink in, Shaw intersperses discussion with incidents, many of them farcical.

Often during patches of exposition, directors give the speakers something to do. At the Old Globe, for example, as they bring the audience up to speed, Hypatia and Mrs. Tarleton stretch candy-striped coverlets over two sofas. But the production doesn't stop there. Director Stephen Wadsworth treats the entire script as deadly exposition. Everyone — except for Nicholas Hormann's stately Lord Summerhays — is in near-constant motion, chasing around (and over) the sofas. Their movements feel mechanical, pre-set. When they stop, they pose, or freeze in group tableaux. And when they speak, they sprint, often in staccato monotones. They also play front, as if to rouse an audience they fear might fall asleep.

This nervous, stagy approach may be an attempt at a period style. But it feels imposed and, for many in the cast, artificial. When not given to shrill readings, Mary Bacon's one-note Hypatia pouts and parades by the numbers. As young Bentley, Oliver Wadsworth's lines and gestures are calculated and overcooked.

Misalliance calls for a pre-Method, flamboyant style. But — like Stephen Wadsworth's excellent staging of *Don Juan* last year at the Globe — it should be fluid. Those who pull it off make the ones who don't look like marionettes.

Jeff Steitzer gives Tarleton, the autodidact/underwear magnate, the right size. The role's a Rabelaisian sprawl (some compare it to Falstaff). Steitzer fills Tarleton with acres of optimism, human foibles, and advice: "Read Ibsen!" he shouts. "Read Whitman" — and, one would add: read Shaw's "Preface to *Misalliance*"! Sarah Brooke's Mrs. Tarleton has subtle depths beyond her veneer of "self-sacrifice." When Brooke's onstage, she creates momentary stays against chaos. When she exits, misrule returns.

Adam Stein won a Craig Noel Award for his performance as Don Juan last year(and his mother deserves a Noel for her unforgettable acceptance speech). Stein plays the gun-toting, proletarian intruder. He speaks and moves, with awesome physicality, at a pace the others can't match, and is so twitchy he could pull the trigger by mistake.

Kevin Rupnik's handsome set, the Tarletons' spacious living room, has almost enough vertical stripes to suggest a cage, or even prison bars. The arrival of Lise Bruneau's Lina, the *über-frau,* enhances this impression. Both women are independent: Lina of all regulations (though her daily risk-taking smacks of macho compulsion); Bruneau of the production's rampant style. She is freely bold, in fact as bold as Shaw, who said of his vegetarianism, "A man of my spiritual intensity does not eat corpses." ■

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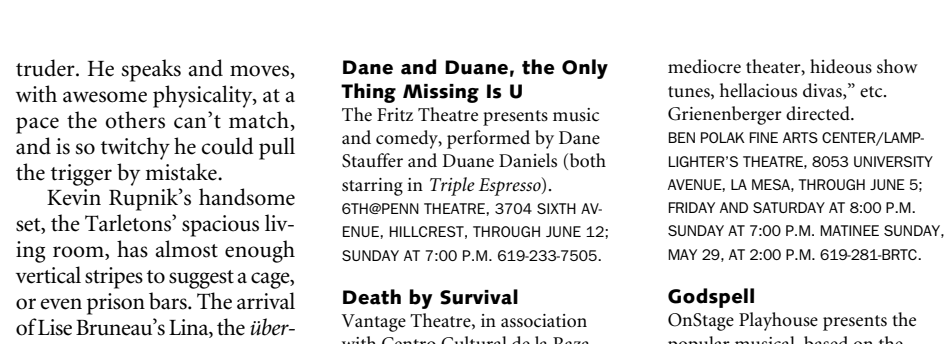
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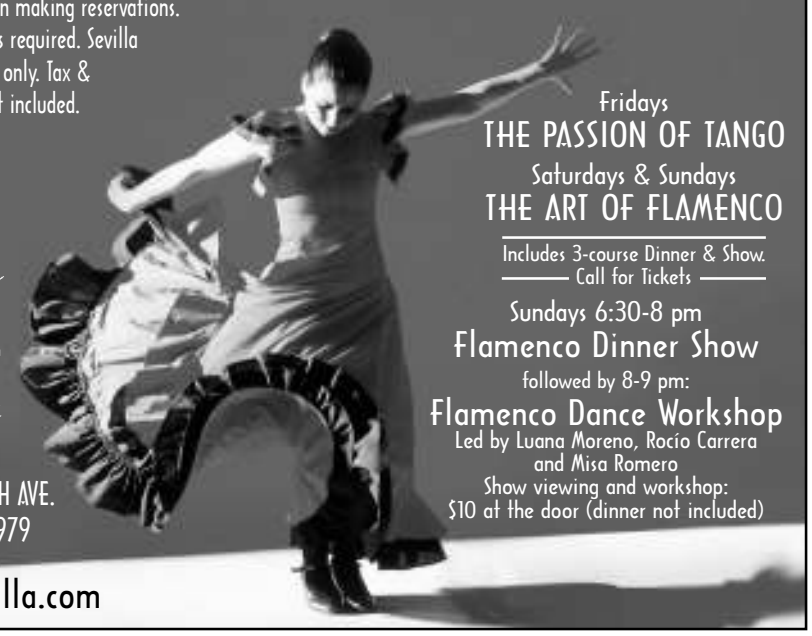

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The Poor Players give their "no holds Bard" approach to Shakespeare's comedy of mistaken identity. Richard Baird directed.

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Misalliance

Reviewed this issue.

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National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional 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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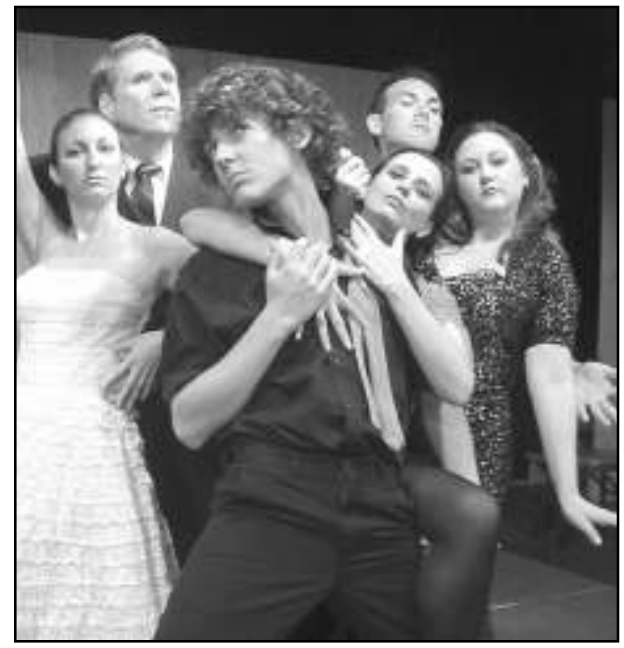

The Pajama Game

Nunsense

The Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular musical about the Sisters of Hoboken and their need to raise funds fast. Ray Limon directed.

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The Pajama Game

Patio Playhouse presents Adler and Ross's musical about love and labor in a Midwestern pajama factory. Deborah Zimmer directed.

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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.

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Return Engagements

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Ricky Dean and the Doo Wop Girls

Poway Performing Arts Theatre hosts Randall Hickman's new musical, set at Herbert Hoover High, about a "girl group" performing to save the auditorium from destruction. Hickman directed.

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San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."
Worth a try.

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The Tale of the Allergist's Wife

Laguna Playhouse stages Charles Busch's comedy about a depressed doctor's wife reunited with a mysterious childhood friend. Joel Bishoff directed.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH JUNE 26; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)
Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

Viburnum

The Fritz Theater presents Doug Field's drama, which asks the question "Is an entire life measured by the presence of a man?" Katie Rodda directed.

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A View from the Bridge

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Arthur Miller's drama about longshoreman Eddie Carbone. He "holds family and honor above all else and betrays both." Martin Benson directed.

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The First Nobu

As a relative newcomer to San Diego, I held some misconceptions about both Solana Beach and Nobu. The first wrong idea was that the town was some snooty rich folks' enclave just a notch below nearby Rancho Santa Fe. The second assumption (rising from the first) was that Nobu Japanese Restaurant was one of New York/Malibu superchef Nobu Matsuhisa's famed temples of fusion cuisine. I'd only glimpsed the town en route to and from Encinitas, peering through an ochre haze of endless road construction; perhaps poor visibility clouded my perceptions.

The road repairs are finally finished (at least to government standards), the air has cleared, and my first visit to Nobu, on my first evening in the area, blew away both illusions. I found a spacious, newly remodeled dining room, with an uncarpeted floor, unclothed tables, and large and handsome booths. A sushi bar runs along one wall; four chefs were plying their craft on a weeknight. The customers' dress code seemed to be "come as you are." (Was that lady really wearing pajama bottoms?) I guess you can't judge a town by its real estate prices.

Nobu draws a family crowd: In a side banquet room (the Tatami Room), a dozen schoolkids and their parents celebrated a birthday. The sushi bar was more than half full a mere thirty minutes after opening, each chef drawing his own set of fans. Halfway through our second round, Nobu himself bounced in, fashionably late, and set up his sushi station at the far right side of the bar. The seats in front of him were filled instantly by those in the know. Small and energetic, he looked nothing like the photographed face on the cover of *Nobu: The Cookbook*. Turns out, the famous Nobu's surname is Matsuhisa; our Nobu's is Tsushita. What's more, our Nobu was in business for nearly a decade before the fusion guy opened the New York branch that made him famous.

If you come here for sushi (and you should), you'll find four menus to bring you up to the minute: There are two chalkboards above the sushi bar, a printed menu, and a printed specialty menu of several rolls of particular extravagance. The regulars, of course, hardly bother with the written lists — they order a few favorites, then improvise a dance with their favorite chef. One evening, our sushi chef was teaching a little girl the Japanese names for her rolls, clearly not for the first time.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

The child wanted shrimp. "That's two letters — *A…*" he prompted. The girl had forgotten. *"A-B* — Ebi!" he said.

When you sit down at the sushi bar, a server brings hot wet towels to clean your hands and a bowlful of Japanese-style cole slaw. (At the end you get chilled orange slices.) My partner and I began, as always, with an order of *uni nigiri* (sea urchin) as a general quality check. Our sushi chef (chosen at random) told us it had come in just a few hours earlier, and he wasn't lying. The pouf of spongy meat was sweet tasting (albeit a slim portion for $13), resting atop sushi rice with both perfect texture and perfectly balanced sweet-sour seasoning — with a tilt toward sweet.

Also at market price ($13) was *toro,* well worth it for two slivers of genuine (and — sorry — endangered) fatty bluefin belly, silken-smooth over rice ready-seasoned with a touch of wasabi. "No *ama ebi* tonight," said our chef. "They're seasonal, still too small. Maybe next week." A spicy scallop handroll was gorgeous: You could smell the toasting of the nori wrap. The scallops were like butter, while the mayo mixture was a fine balance of creaminess and spice, with garnishes distributed all through the roll.

REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

We didn't love everything — least, the rolls with deep-fried seafood (e.g., soft-shell crab), which were heavy going — but we delighted in all the raw rolls. We could see why the locals return so faithfully.

If you choose to sit at a booth, you're given a food menu listing a vast selection of soups and appetizers — traditional Japanese dishes, hold the fusion. The house miso soup is more purely Japanese than most: It's made from tangy white miso that's cloudy rather than clear, with a substantial mouth-feel and powerful taste. The lunch menu includes several versions of ramen, the noodle soup celebrated in the movie *Tampopo* and seldom found at local eateries.

At any meal, you can enjoy *Chawan mushi* (another rarity), one of my fave-raves when done well. It's a tender egg-custard soup based on *dashi* (dried bonito) broth. Spoon in, and the custard breaks up into clouds, revealing hidden treats: gingko nuts, shrimp, and delicate slices of pink-edged Japanese fish cake (of excellent flavor, unlike many). Just be aware: The custard takes 15 minutes to cook and arrives in the hot ceramic cup it was baked in. It takes another quarter-hour before it's cooled enough to sip safely. Order it at the beginning of the meal and savor as a palate-cleanser midmeal.

With 22 appetizers to choose from, you can easily make a meal (and we did, one evening). My favorite was *ankimo,* a velvety pâté made from

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monkfish livers, similar in texture to foie gras terrine. (Monkfish don't have to be force-fed; their livers are fatty naturally, to cope with cold waters.) The dense pâté is garnished with lemon slices and delicate slivers of seaweed, served over a base of lemon juice and Asian chili sauce.

A quartet of oysters on the half shell are also garnished with a bracing mixture of lemon juice and chili sauce (this one with more chili), resembling the first stage (minus quail eggs, tobiko, etc.) of "Honeymoon Oysters," a reputed aphrodisiac available from the special sushi menu. *Hamachi no kama* offers a broiled, prized cut of the "collar" or cheek of yellowtail, shaped like a teardrop the size of a child's fist. The deeper inside the charred exterior you probe, the softer and richer the meat. For dipping, there's a puckery ponzu sauce.

The baked black mussels in "special sauce" are actually that sushi-bar cliché, "dynamite" (swathed in a sauce of Japanese Kewpie mayo, citrus juice, and Asian hot sauce). Here, imitation "krab" enters the mixture, and I wish it didn't, since the shreds harden into tough strings that fight the creamy mussels. Broiled salmon *misoyaki* brings a modest piece of a small Norwegian salmon, marinated in miso and sake and seared on the grill. Our piece tapered sharply, with a tender center and a slim tail end that, for better or worse, was charred through.

The entrée choices are, alas, of the "cookie cutter" style that afflicts so many local Japanese (and other ethnic) restaurants in Southern California — you see the same dishes on nearly every menu. Here, the selection consists of the usual tempura, katsu, teriyaki, sukiyaki, etc. Entrées come with miso soup and/or salad. The house salad offers spring greens and red cabbage in a tangy ginger dressing on the pleasing side of sweet.

We found the shrimp and veggie tempura bland and a little greasy. On the *katsu* (cutlet), where you have your choice of pork (our selection), chicken, squid, or beef, the panko-and-egg coating was heavy, as though the normally fluffy Japanese-style crumbs had been crushed to concentrate them into supermarket bread crumbs. The dipping sauce was a glutinous soy-and-plum mixture touched with citrus. Next night, as we were snacking at the sushi bar before meeting friends elsewhere, a neighbor ordered *yosenabe.* It was a huge bowl of assorted-seafood soup, and when its aroma wafted over, we realized *that* was the dish we should have ordered for our dinner.

Desserts are an assortment of exotic-flavored ice creams (green tea, ginger, plum wine), served naked, tempura-battered, or drizzled with fruit liqueur. We tried the interesting plum wine ice cream, which included chunks of candied plum. Its texture was icy and even thicker than gelato.

Sushi bars are coming to rival whiskey bars as neighborhood gathering places. Solana Beach must be the county's secret Sushi Central, offering more relaxing first-class alternatives to the long, crowded waits and high prices at the exalted Ota in Pacific Beach. Nobu's sushi was fabulous, but a mile or so east, Nobu's alma mater proved equally thrilling. Tune in next week for details.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Nobu looks years younger than his age of 71, despite cooking professionally for 55 years. "My family moved from Hokkaido, across from Russia, in the far north of Japan, to Tokyo. I finished high school then and had to find something to do next. I decided to become a chef, because that was the work that attracted me." I asked him if there was any pressure from his parents to enter that apprenticeship, as is often the case. "No, it was what I wanted to do in life," he answered.

"I went to work in restaurants and learned both in the kitchen and as a sushi chef. I loved Japanese traditional food. I came to the United States because a customer invited me to move to Los Angeles. I stayed there for 6 years. The owner of Samurai Restaurant tasted my food in Los Angeles many times and told me over and over, 'Come here and work for me.' So I moved to San Diego 28 years ago." After a dozen years at Samurai, he saved up the money to open his own restaurant about 16 years ago.

His chefs alternate between the kitchen and the sushi bar, so they all have the chance to experience both areas. The fish Nobu uses comes from the East Coast, Northern Europe, and Japan. Japanese-owned sushi bars are rarely "equal opportunity employers," given the extensive training required of aspiring chefs born this side of the pond. "All the chefs here are very experienced, trained in Japan," says Nobu. He's horrified whenever he sees chefs at newer sushi bars violating the stringent disciplines of the profession, which include cutting hair and fingernails rigorously short, in keeping with traditional rules of hygiene. "We are working with *raw fish,"* he says. "If you are not perfectly clean, you can make people sick!"

At this stage in his career, Nobu can afford to take some time off. His passion? Golf. He recently abandoned the restaurant for a week to attend the Augusta National. "I'm just crazy about golf," he says. ■

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Monster Stuff

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TIN FORK
ED BEDFORD

So, I'm hoofing my way up 30th. One foot in front of t'other, heading for University. I'm supposed to be meeting up with Carla and her friend Linda around eight. But here's the rub: Linda wants to "go vegan" tonight. Hee hee. Just the thought of Carla picking through a plate of nuts and twigs keeps me sniggering for at least three blocks.

That's when I spot this little ribbon of lights, strung down a lean-to canopy that reaches out over the sidewalk at Myrtle. A whole bunch of people sit cheek by jowl, faces warmed by the light from inside. Lotsa laffs, burble of talk. The sight gives me such a, well, fillip, I go onto autopilot. Suddenly I'm part of the line of folks waiting to get in. "Lefty's," says the sign above the forest-green canopy. The sidewalk crowd is all set up with blue-and-white tablecloths, pizzas on pedestals, wine, beer — full-on chew, chow, cheer. "Chicago-Style Pizza," the sign says. "Home of the Golden Crust."

The line shuffles nearer the door.

"Is it good?" I ask this gal Rosemary. She and her husband Allan and a couple of other friends are sitting outside, chomping away and sipping beers.

"Well, tonight was the test," she says. "We're from Chicago. We ordered a simple sausage-and-mushroom pizza to see if they measured up."

"And?"

"They do," says Allan. "Next time we're going to order the deep-dish. We've tried that elsewhere here in San Diego and" — he makes a face — "well, we're from Chicago."

The line shuffles forward. Inside, a wide pic of Michael Jordan blasts across the back wall. Posters of Chicago's waterfront, ballparks, stadiums, players, and ex-players cover the rest of the mustard-colored walls, though I don't see the Fridge anywhere. "Welcome to the friendly confines," says a sign reproduced from Wrigley Field. Of course, Vienna brand hot dog-sponsored posters are everywhere too, picturing their dawg chock-filled with sport peppers, relish, pickle, tomatoes, all the things that would make a Yankee traditionalist see red.

Ah. A menu. "Lefty's is an independent, family-operated pizzeria," it says. I wonder if there actually is a Lefty. I can see guys doing their pastry-twirling thing in front of a rack of pizza ovens. They all seem to be right-handed. Two ceiling-mounted TVs blast a Padre game. They've got a couple of tables and a counter with long-legged chairs. A cabinet displays $2.00 slices of thin pizza and $3.00 slices of deep-dish pizza.

Now, Morals 101. Should I cheat and do a pre-fill here, just in case the celery sticks don't do it for me tonight?

I'm looking at the pizza side of the menu. They have it thin and crispy (16-inch cheese, $13.00; "specialty" — any of eight meat 'n' veggie combos — $17.00), Deep Dish ($18.00/$22.00), and — I like the sound of this one — the Stuffed. "The king of all pizzas." This is a 14-inch, *eight-pound* monster that needs one hour's "make and bake" time. It's $20.00 for cheese, $24.00 for specialty.

So, heck, to eat or not to eat? Then a thought: a masterstroke! A care package for Carla. She's gonna be desperate up there at the Garden of Eatin' place on University.

"Here, or to go?" says this gal Jamie behind the counter. "Yes," I say. "Uh, both." I'm looking, looking. Appetizers, salads, Lefty's Caesar with chicken, $7.25, Chicago hot dog with fries, $3.50, char burger with fries $4.75…

I ask around. "Any ideas? What's most popular?"

"The Italian beef au jus," says this guy in line, Bruce. "Or pizza by the slice," says another guy, Chris. "Or Lefty's carbonara." That's spaghetti, eggs, bacon, Parmesan, and cream ($7.25).

Maybe Lefty can help.

"So, is Lefty real or just a commercial gimmick?" I ask.

"He's real," says Jamie. "Lefty!"

She points to a guy working away on the left side of the dough line. About 30, I'd say. "Try the Italian beef," he suggests. "We roast it ourselves." I spot it: "Classic Italian Beef, $6.25."

"Fine," I say, "I'll have it for here. And to go, gimme a char burger with fries [$4.75] and a slice of thin-crust pizza [$2.00]."

Two minutes later I have a cardboard plate in my hot little hands, loaded with a long, cut bun stuffed with steaming slices of roast beef, sweet peppers, hot peppers. It's all drooling with au jus.

Au yes.

I down the first half in two minutes. The second in three.

The crowd has eased off a little. Lefty and I chat while my "to go" stuff is cooking. His wife Lauren and their two-year-old daughter Matisse come in to help. Turns out he's ex-Navy, a Chicagoan, and he's worked in kitchens since his first busing job at 11 years old. His pièce de résistance is definitely the Stuffed. "It's four inches thick," he says. "You should try it stuffed with one of the specialty combos, like 'Monster of the Midway' — Monster's what we call the Chicago Bears — sausage, pepperoni, hot giardiniera (pickled vegetables), elephant garlic, and a ton of Minnesota cheese. Or the Great Sausage Pie. We put a whole layer of Italian sausage in there. Good for four. You won't make it through more than two slices, guaranteed."

That I'm definitely going to try. But at $24.00, some other time. I grab my sandwich, chow down on a mouthful of the Chicago fries that come with it. Oh, Lord. Skins. Garlicky! Not crisp, but bendy and full of flavor. Exceptional.

I head out for University. Seaweed Medley, here I come. ■

The Place: *Lefty's, 3448 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-1720*
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MATTHEW LICKONA

If a picture is worth a thousand words, how much more precious must it be when that picture moves? And if it talks…then you've got something special. Then you've got a movie. Then you've got the Sideways Effect on the world of wine. It's not just the rise of Pinot. All that stuff the wine press has been nattering about for ages — there's more to wine than Chard, Cab, and Merlot; Chardonnay need not always taste like butter; ripeness is not always all, there's also acid and food-pairing; what about Riesling? — may actually be getting a hearing, now that it's been placed in the mouth of a depressive, middle-aged onscreen oenophile.

"For a while," says Region restaurant's manager/sommelier Scotty Johnson, "I had this incredible Pinot Noir selection. All these wines from Oregon." Now he's down to seven, all Californians. "I'm waiting on the next vintage, because everything's been bought up. I would sit on the Pinots; I would have to force it down people's throats. Then, all of a sudden, it became cool to drink Pinot Noir again."

But wait — there's more. "It's broken the Cab-Merlot rut. People are willing to try Cote du Rhones; they're willing to try Spanish varietals. And it's actually broken people out of their Chardonnay ruts. I'm seeing people who drink Chardonnay all the time say, 'I'd like to try something that's still rich, but a little crisper, a little lighter.' I take them to this Virgilus, this Viognier out of Australia. Or this Villa Russiz Pinot Grigio out of this co-op in Northern Italy. It's got the voluptuous glycerin component, the weight that a lot of people attribute to Chardonnay, but it's got crisper, brighter nuances of pear and fig and apple, with a nice burst of acidity on the finish."

Johnson still carries Chardonnays, four of them. One of them is even big and oaky. "Some people, that's what they want. They're not going to budge." He recommends the Jarvis but notes that "It's still very elegant. It's expensive — $59 — but it's dynamite wine. I don't like cheap Chardonnays. I'd much rather drink a lower-end cool varietal like Greco di Tufo [$47]. To my palate, cheap Chards have a bitterness at the end of the flavor that is horrible with food." And if Johnson doesn't like it, Johnson doesn't buy it. He doesn't feel obliged to carry something he thinks is bad just because he suspects a customer may like it. "Every so often, I'll come across a great Chardonnay that I can sell at $40 and blow out." But those are the exceptions, and he takes flack for his lack. "I say, 'If it's any consolation, the Chateau Talbot is $75 downtown, and it's $50 here. The $65 Piero is $90 downtown.' I mark up 2.3 times on things I can reorder fast and 2.5 on things that are limited allocation. I want people to drink wines and enjoy them; I don't want you to look at the wines and marvel at my ability to build a 500-bottle list."

Johnson is suspicious of super-sized lists — how can good things not get lost in the shuffle? — though he does admit to checking Babbo restaurant's wine list online at least once a week. "It's just cool; he's got so many great varietals, all Italian." (Italy is where Johnson, now 29, got his start in wine, back at the tender age of 14. "My parents figured that either I'd start drinking wine and talking about it with them or I'd sneak off base. I remember some terrible wine, and I remember some really great wine.") His own list is a mere 44 bottles long, with prices ranging from $25 to $110, and most bottles under $70. "I think it's the perfect size for what we want to do with our restaurant, which is to get people to enjoy wine with food."

And not just any wine. "There are reps I won't work with, because all they have in their portfolio is big-production stuff. If a wine has 13,000 bottles produced, I'll say, 'Why did you even bother bringing this to me? Yeah, it's good, but what's the point? You've got this in Vons.' My favorite thing is when people come in and say, 'I don't know a single thing on this list. What should I drink?' I think that's phenomenal; it means I actually get to do my job, which is to take you into a new world. Like this Domaine Santa Barbara Syrah [$35]. It's a Brander project, only 100 cases produced. I kind of look at it as my job to turn people on to those things. There's a lot of study; I have a satchel just for my wine catalogs."

It's not that he's in love with being different; just now, Johnson has no fewer than eight Cab/Merlot/Meritage wines, including the less-than-esoteric Justin Isosceles. And it's not that he wants to take you where you don't want to go. He wants to take you where you *do* want to go; he just thinks you don't know you want to go there yet. "We call it 'diversion.' Everybody's palates are so sensitized to sugars and high citric acids and manipulated foodstuffs. If you keep giving them hedonistic Parkerphile Cabernets, they're never going to know what real Cabernet fruit tastes like. They're always going to think the vegetal component of a Cabernet is bad, but when it's in harmony with the rest of the wine, it's not bad. It's a beautiful thing, and it accentuates the food. If a person wants a big, bad wine, I'll say, 'Get the Justin.' But if you talk to people, and they become comfortable with your knowledge, and you give them the promise, 'If you don't like it, I'll take the bottle,' " then you've got a shot at diversion. "Nobody ever says, 'This is terrible.

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In June, he'll begin a program of "Quartinos" to aid him in his efforts: you pay one-third of the bottle price, and you get one-third of a bottle of wine. "It allows people to try things without investing in a full bottle" but without paying the by-the-glass markup. "If there's lamb on the menu, I'll have three different Cote du Rhones you can try throughout your dinner." Babbo provided the inspiration. "Chef went there to eat, and when he came back, he said, 'I'd like to have a Quartino list.' "

"Chef" is Michael Stebner — Johnson followed him from La Jolla's 910 — and Region is his fairly explicit nod to Chez Panisse, Alice Waters' now-legendary temple to pure flavors. Preparations are often simple, with the emphasis on showcasing tip-top ingredients, be they carrots or chickens. (Posters for Chez Panisse's 10th and 31st birthday celebrations, one of them signed by Waters, adorn the walls at Region.) A chalkboard announces the (usually local) source of various foodstuffs in that evening's menu. Region is working with Morris High School in Lemon Grove to establish an organic garden that will feed the restaurant. For his part, Johnson looks for wines that have similarly "clean, pure flavors that are varietally correct and not manipulated. My Pinots don't taste like Syrahs, and my Syrahs don't taste like Cabernets." And just as the menu changes daily to reflect the market, he keeps the list changing to reflect the menu. "I have a lot of people who come in and don't even look at the list anymore. They just say, 'Scotty, what are we drinking today?' That, to me, is awesome." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** *below $10;* **moderate:** *$10 to $19;* **expensive:** *$20 to $24;* **very expensive:** *more than $25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.*

NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria,* where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita.* Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open breakfast and lunch; closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant" — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting

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dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu;* the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10 (Rancho Bernardo Town Center), Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. This very pretty restaurant in an attractive Asian-themed mini-mall offers South Vietnamese specialties rarely found in the North Inland area. Not all dishes on the lengthy menu are equally successful, though. Among the best are the "royal egg roll" wrapped around a shrimp, the pineapple-sweetened "tangy and sour" soups, the tender roast Cornish hen with Five Spices seasoning and the catfish clay pot with herbs. The crêpes are a good bet, too. In salads and stir-fried dishes, though, the kitchen may overcook red meats until tough, and sauces can be heavy with cornstarch. Incidentally, don't look for *pho* on the dinner menu — it's served at lunch only. Numerous vegetarian choices. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Three vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago,* tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M. (8/04)*

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo,* cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin.* Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

LA JOLLA

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/99)*

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are avail-

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able at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon,* luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W. (9/03)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/03)*

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for

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IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N. (12/99)*

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just $1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around $17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's *toute suite.* Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M. (9/04)*

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante,* and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass lookalikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M. (8/02)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weedends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera,* which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend

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Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalepeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Stone Ground Coffee Works 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-698-4217. If the odd ghost doesn't bother you, this light-fare eatery (located beneath a reputed ex-house of joy) is a great place to bring your book or laptop, slurp coffee, and munch. The food is basically sandwiches, soup, salad, but it's all good and homemade. Try the turkey, avocado and bacon sandwich on dark squawbread, or the toasted tuna melt with tomato, cheese, and avocado. Half-sandwiches available. Other pluses: the owner's arty (she painted the whimsical tabletops and plays the hammer dulcimer) and she has a resident lady ghost who's dying to meet you. Breakfast and lunch daily except Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

Village Garden Restaurant and Bakery 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* alongside applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka,* and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi.* For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas.* And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche,* ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

The Grill 420-E Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest (near Fouth, opposite Crest Café), 619-683-7725. You get no clue from the name that this tiny place is Armenian and comes with a live mesquite fire to cook everything from corn on the cob to *afi* (ground beef with onions, tomato, parsley, and garlic). Shrimp, mahi, salmon, filet mignon, and chicken are served up on beds of rice, in wraps, or on salads, along with "Mediterranean" standards like hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabbouleh. Don't leave without trying the delicious corn, cooked directly on the embers. Lunch and dinner seven days; closes at 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Also at 906 Market Street, Gaslamp, 619-595-0115. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegetarian-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., *saté,* beef salad) featuring a tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish accompanied by a garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and too many dishes are oddly bland (even when they're spicy). The flesh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — *E.W. (5/99)*

DOWNTOWN

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini.* You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girl's" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M. (3/04)*

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto,* may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas).* The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (11/02)*

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are

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well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

Rice Hotel W, 421 West B Street (at State Street), downtown, 619-398-3082. The "W" has dropped its corporate food-consultant menu and hired local chef Matthew Herter. His new menu features global flavors with an emphasis on small plates for sharing — perfect for the chic singles who pour in on weekends. The hard-surfaced room still roars like a TGIF party on the quietest weeknights — but now the food is tasty and unusually craftsmanly for a hotel kitchen: The fish is wild, the chicken is free-range, and even the spice blends are made in-house. (Try Herter's five-spice duck breast for a treat.) Reserve for weekends. Full bar. Open seven days, three meals, until 11 p.m. Moderate (grazing plates) to expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta,* albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. Chef Paul McCabe presents sparkling-fresh seafood in creative California-style treatments with organic, locally farmed produce. Mussel soufflé and seasonal *agnolotti* stuffed with Chino corn are among the delights you may find here, along with a long, interesting wine list offering some wonderful offbeat whites at moderate prices (along with the expected, exorbitant Chardonnays). Light eaters on a budget could make a luxury meal of any pair of appetizers. A recent renovation has given every table a clear view of the bay, but the price exacted by all that glass is a raucous noise level when full. Go early in the week for relative quiet. Service is friendly and knowledgeable. Valet parking fee; street parking feasible in cooler months. Reservations needed — the joint is jumping. Dinner only, seven nights. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/03)*

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef's tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a "sea spa" dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

Chula Vista Farmers' Market Center Street (between Del Mar and 3rd), Chula Vista, 619-237-1632. Most folks come here for flowers, fruit, lucky bamboo, and olive oil. But the food tents give the event its smell and soul. What's here varies, but try Argentina's national snack, empanadas, at the Argentinean Gourmet tent. They come with chicken, spinach, corn, or, of course, beef. Chicken-chutney tacos from Zia's (of Zia's Afghan Café) are rich. The savory California Super Crêpe (with bacon, avocado, and cheese) from Tunisian-run La Crêperie's tent fills you nicely. Also try their wicked "Summer Blush" strawberries and Grand Marnier crêpe. Cheaper here? No. Medieval market atmosphere? Definitely. 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

Miracle Mile Delicatessen 980 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6655. Back East meets Out West. New Yorker Jack Grodzinsky started the first Miracle Mile in Phoenix in 1949. The cream and maroon colors, the cafeteria tray-on-rails system, and the cabbagy-gravy smell tell you this is a cold weather comfort-food station. They're generous with dishes like meat loaf, stuffed cabbage, and roast chicken. The counter guys also make hot sandwiches (pastrami, corned beef, beef brisket, barbecued chicken) or cold (honey-cured ham, roast beef, tuna). Best deal? For many, the roasted turkey. A fresh-cooked bird arrives every evening except Sunday. Come right after 4 p.m. to get first carvings and tons of fixin's. Prices? For Coronado, pretty reasonable. Open lunch to early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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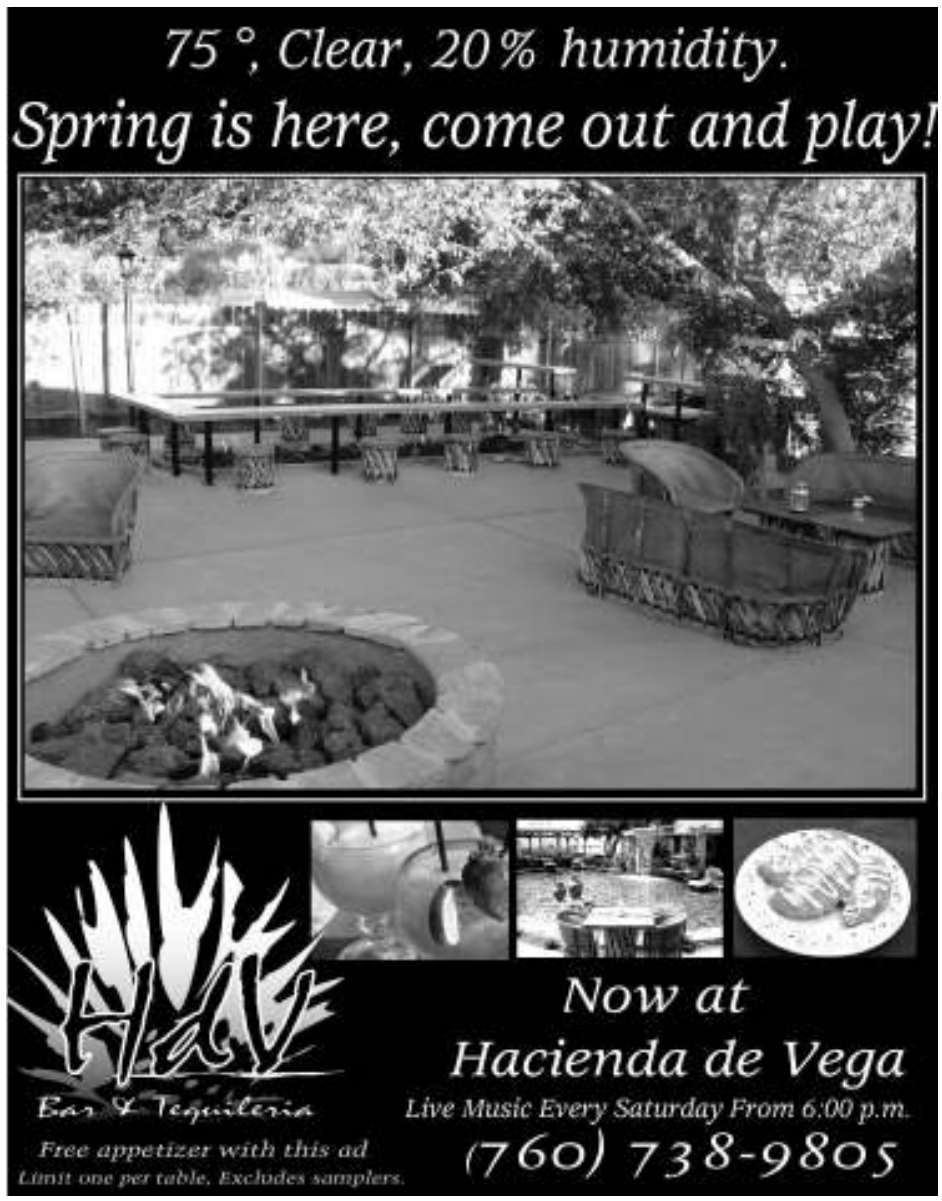

Calendar

RESTAURANTS

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Village Pizzeria 116 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. In the back, Mootime Creamery makes all its ice cream. In the front, Mootime owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones, pizza by the slice, and he sells Mootime ice cream cheaper than Mootime. Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to *ten*-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, *and* a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with *tarros* and pizza. *Tarros* are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — *E.B. (2/04)*

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

El Faro de Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — *E.W.*

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghastly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Hacienda de la Tia Juana Canaco Building, next to the Wax Museum, Avenida México (First Street), at Madero, downtown Tijuana. The elegance of this place, named after a border rancho, is a bit of a surprise. It's slap-dab in the middle of raucous (now-pedestrianized) First Street (also known as *Avenida México*), the route for those of us who have to walk from the border, surrounded by taco and beer joints eager to relieve you of your last buck. But here, under white umbrellas in the courtyard, you wouldn't be ashamed to bring your grandma. It's all filigreed wrought iron, triple-tier fountain, pigskin barrel chairs, quality flatware — with good value meals. A chorizo and potato omelet makes a great breakfast, as does the *poblano* omelet with chili and corn. Lunch and dinner food is *bistec ranchero* standard, but don't get picky. You're here for the feeling, to escape TJ as much as to visit it. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez), Río District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorvachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca.* It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada,* slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado…it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas,* from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's…San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — *N.W. (7/04)*

St. Tropez If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini.* Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 W. Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824; Sorrento Valley: 9450 Scranton Road, 858-202-0015. — *N.W. (12/04)*

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Brothers — Danish domestic drama dealing with the home-front repercussions of the war in Afghanistan, starring Connie Nielsen and Ulrich Thomsen, directed by Susanne Bier.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/27)

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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Brothers

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.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Downfall — Two-and-a-half-hour countdown to the end of the Third Reich. Bruno Ganz, digging into his meatiest role in years, looks and sounds fine as the Führer; and filmmaker Oliver Hirschbiegel's strict adherence to documented history, and to the precise design and décor of the infamous bunker, give the film some educational value, although the drab-to-dismal cinematography equates to a professorial drone. Entertainment value, meantime, rises no higher than sadistic pleasure at seeing Hitler have a bad fifty-sixth birthday and bad rest of his life: "No one understands me...." With Alexandra Maria Lara, Juliane Köhler, Corinna Harfouch, Ulrich Matthes. 2004.
★ (GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA, FROM 5/27)

Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room — Alex Gibney's documentary on the fall of a financial empire.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Hitch — An anonymous Date Doctor, working by personal referrals only, dispenses self-help slogans ("With no guile and no game, there's no girl") and empirical pearls of wisdom ("Eight out of ten women believe that one kiss will tell them everything they need to know about a relationship") to a select group of male clients carefully screened for their moral fiber and their honorable intentions. Yet the women in the movie, as the men intuitively fear they will, react to this newfangled advisor to the lovelorn, this better-dressed Cupid, as if he were the satanic spawn of Valmont and Mme. de Merteuil from *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. What, or where, is the beef? Will Smith tries to apologize for his insufferable air of overconfidence by way of a cartoonish depiction of a shellfish allergy (his face swelling like a battered boxer's), a flashback to his days as a collegiate nerd, and a genuinely funny bout of inarticulacy when pleading his case to his steamed girlfriend. Director Andy Tennant sees to it that the star gets his accustomed surplus of closeups. In fact he sees to it that the subservient support team — Eva Mendes, Kevin James, Amber Valletta, Julie Ann Emery — get more than their share of closeups, too. In fact he sees to little else. 2005.
● (GASLAMP 15)

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy — End-of-the-world science fiction as filtered through the sensibility of zany, nutty, Monty Python-y British humor. The trendy, youthy, culty Douglas

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Adams book, now a quarter of a century old, demonstrates itself to be less than timeless. With Martin Freeman, Zooey Deschanel, Sam Rockwell, Mos Def, and the voice of Alan Rickman as a clinically depressed robot; directed by Garth Jennings. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; VOGUE)

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.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; VOGUE)

Kingdom of Heaven

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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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celebratory chorus line after their mincing leader has felled a rival (felled him face-first 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.
★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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)

The Longest Yard — Adam Sandler and Chris Rock star in a remake of Robert Aldrich's 1974 prison-*cum*-football film, directed by Peter Segal.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/27)

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.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

Madagascar — Animated animal tale from DreamWorks, featuring the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer, and Jada Pinkett Smith.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/27)

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 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.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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)

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.
● (GASLAMP 15)

Roman Holiday — William Wyler's poor-little-rich-girl fairy tale — checked by a powerful and rueful sense of reality — about a savvy American journalist who shows a sheltered princess a good time on the town. The feminine role, possibly Audrey Hepburn's signature role, maximizes the actress's opposite sides, her outward, otherworldly refinement and her unsuspected capacity for fun. And Gregory Peck is less starchy than normal, too. With Eddie Albert. 1953.
★★★ (GARDEN CABARET, 5/26 THROUGH 29, 8:30 P.M.)

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

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Freaks and Geeks — This was a great TV show cancelled after its first year. The DVD set brings back every uncomfortable high school moment, along with great music and commentaries.

The Office — This terrific BBC show gets better with every viewing. Ricky Gervais's portrayal of the world's worst boss hits so close to home it's scary!

The Matrix — This was the first film I saw on DVD. It never disappoints.

FREAKS AND GEEKS (USA) 1999, DreamWorks
List price: $69.90

THE OFFICE: THE COMPLETE COLLECTION (England) 2001, BBC
List price: $59.92

THE MATRIX (USA) 1999, Warner Home Video
List price: $39.90

STACI TORGESON
Publicist, San Diego International Children's Film Festival

Baby da Vinci — Part of the Baby Einstein collection, this one seems to be my daughter's favorite. It teaches children ages nine months and up about the different body parts.

All By Myself: Getting Dressed — From a great DVD series produced by moms from Northern California to encourage and motivate toddlers to learn how to do common tasks.

Sesame Street: Sing Yourself Silly — We sing ourselves silly every time Ernie sings "Put Down The Duckie" along with the likes of Jeremy Irons, Jane Curtin, and Paul Simon. My favorite is James Taylor singing "Jellyman Kelly" with a very enthusiastic group of kids. Tons of fun for all!

BABY DA VINCI (USA) 2004, Buena Vista Home Video
www.babyeinstein.com
List price: $19.99

ALL BY MYSELF: GETTING DRESSED (USA) 2002, Ladybug Productions
www.allbymyself.com
List price: $15.95

SESAME STREET: SING YOURSELF SILLY (USA) 2005, Sony Music
www.sonywonder.com
List price: $12.98

MARYBETH GRASS
Publicist, Allied Advertising

Dirty Pretty Things concerns a human organ black market, which may not sound appealing, but it's very engrossing with a great cast, especially Chiwetel Ejiofor. It offers suspense, drama, romance, and some dark humor.

You Only Live Twice Special Edition includes "Silhouettes: The James Bond Titles Documentary" that's worth checking out. It focuses on Maurice Binder, the creator of many Bond opening-credits sequences. Some could argue they're more entertaining than the movies.

Normally I shy away from holiday-themed movies, but *Elf* was funny and sweet, and it's hard not to love Will Ferrell as a silly character played with sincerity.

DIRTY PRETTY THINGS (England) 2002, Miramax Home Entertainment
List price: $29.99

YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE SPECIAL EDITION (England) 1967, MGM Home Entertainment
List price: $49.90

ELF (USA) 2003, New Line Home Video
List price: $29.95

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.
● (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; VOGUE)

Sin City — Comic-book burlesque of the hard-boiled *film noir*, tougher than tough, cooler than cool, bloodier than bloody, sillier than silly. Robert Rodriguez adapted it — or more accurately, copied it — from Frank Miller's series of graphic novels; and he insisted, to the point of resigning from the Director's Guild, on sharing the directing credit with Miller (besides bringing in his buddy, Quentin Tarantino, as a "guest director" of unspecified

The Longest Yard

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.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

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; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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;

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Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room (Not Rated) Fri. (2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. (11:35) 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; **Kung Fu Hustle** (R) Fri. (4:35) 9:40; Sat.-Mon. (11:15) 4:35, 9:40; Tue.-Thu. (4:35) 9:40; **Ladies in Lavender** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Mon. (11:25) 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; Tue.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; **Nina's Tragedies** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (1:40) 7:10; **The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill** (G) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:25; Sat.-Mon. (11:45) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25; Tue.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:25

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)
Madagascar; **The Longest Yard**; **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**

Mann Hazard 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)
Crash (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 4:40) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 4:40) 7:20, 9:50; **The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:10, 1:40, 4:10); Wed.-Thu. (12:40, 3:40); **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:50, 10:00; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:00, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50) 6:40, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:30) 7:10, 10:30

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Madagascar; **The Longest Yard**; **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**; **The Interpreter**

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
The Longest Yard (PG-13) Fri. (3:05) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:25; Mon. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; Tue.-Thu. (3:05, 5:20) 7:50; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:20) 4:30, 7:00, 9:25; Mon. (12:15, 2:20) 4:30, 7:00; Tue.-Thu. (3:00, 5:15) 7:30; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri. (3:25) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Mon. (12:20, 2:40) 5:30, 7:45; Tue.-Thu. (3:25, 5:30) 7:45; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri. (3:45) 7:00, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:10, 7:15, 10:10; Mon. (1:00) 4:10, 7:15; Tue.-Thu. (3:45) 7:20; **Unleashed** (R) Fri. (3:35) 5:50, 8:05, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:10, 7:55, 10:15; Mon. (12:30, 2:45) 5:10, 7:55; Tue.-Thu. (3:35, 5:50) 8:05; **XXX: State of the Union** (PG-13) Fri. (3:20) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40, 9:45; Mon. (12:45, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40; Tue.-Thu. (3:20, 5:25) 7:35

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Holy Girl (R) Fri. (4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (4:35) 7:10, 9:45

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Roman Holiday, Thursday through Sunday

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Brothers (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. (11:55) 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; **Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (11:25) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Tue. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Wed.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 9:45; **Ladies in Lavender** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Mon. (11:35) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; Tue.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; **Layer Cake** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Mon. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Tue.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; **Millions** (PG) Fri. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Mon. (11:45) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55

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)
Adventures in Wild California (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.-Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00; **Ring of Fire (IMAX)** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Sky Tonight** Wed. 7:00; **Volcanoes of the Deep Sea** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 5:00

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.-Mon. (11:10, 1:55) 4:40, 7:25, 10:10; Tue. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; **The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 4:55) 10:15; Sat.-Mon. (11:35) 4:55, 10:15; Tue. (11:35, 4:55) 10:15; **House of Wax** (R) Fri. (11:00, 4:55) 10:50; Sat.-Mon. (11:00) 4:55, 10:50; Tue. (11:00, 4:55) 10:50; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri. (11:05, 11:40, 1:45, 4:25, 5:00) 7:05, 9:45, 10:20; Sat.-Mon. (11:05, 1:45, 11:40) 4:25, 5:00, 7:05, 9:45, 10:20; Tue. (11:05, 11:40, 1:45, 4:25, 5:00) 7:05, 9:45, 10:20; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:40) 7:35; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:35, 12:00, 1:45, 2:20, 2:45, 4:30, 5:10, 5:30) 7:15, 7:55, 8:15, 10:00, 10:40, 11:00; Sat.-Mon. (11:00, 11:35, 12:00, 1:45, 2:20, 2:45) 4:30, 5:10, 5:30, 7:15, 7:55, 8:15, 10:00, 10:40, 11:00; Tue. (11:00, 11:35, 12:00, 1:45, 2:20, 2:45, 4:30, 5:10, 5:30) 7:15, 7:55, 8:15, 10:00, 10:40, 11:00; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (11:05, 11:30, 12:00, 1:35, 2:00, 2:30, 4:05, 4:30, 5:05) 6:35, 7:00, 7:35, 9:05, 9:30, 10:05; Sat.-Mon. (11:05, 11:30, 12:00, 1:35, 2:00, 2:30) 4:05, 4:30, 5:05, 6:35, 7:00, 7:35, 9:05, 9:30, 10:05; Tue. (11:05, 11:30, 12:00, 1:35, 2:00, 2:30, 4:05, 4:30, 5:05) 6:35, 7:00, 7:35, 9:05, 9:30, 10:05; **Mindhunters** (R) Fri.-Tue. (2:15) 7:35; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 1:45, 2:20, 4:20) 7:00, 7:40, 9:35; Sat.-Mon. (11:10, 1:45, 2:20) 4:20, 7:00, 7:40, 9:35; Tue. (11:10, 1:45, 2:20, 4:20) 7:00, 7:40, 9:35; **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.-Mon. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:00, 12:15, 3:30, 12:45) 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 6:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45; Tue. (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; **Unleashed** (R) Fri. (11:25, 2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (11:25, 2:00) 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Tue. (11:25, 2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Cinderella Man (PG-13) Sun. 7:05; **Crash** (R) Fri.-Mon. (12:30, 3:00) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; Tue. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 7:55, 10:30; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:00) 4:35, 7:35, 10:00; Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:35, 10:10; Mon. (11:35, 2:00) 4:35, 7:35, 10:00; Tue. (11:35, 2:00, 4:35) 7:35, 10:00; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 7:25, 10:45; Mon. (1:10) 4:20, 7:20, 10:25; Tue. (1:10, 4:20) 7:20, 10:25; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:20, 1:55) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Tue. (11:20, 1:55, 4:50) 7:30, 9:55; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (10:35, 12:55, 3:30) 7:00, 9:20; Tue. (12:55, 3:30) 7:00, 9:20; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:15, 1:00, 3:45) 7:40, 10:20; Tue. (1:00, 3:45) 7:40, 10:20; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 11:40, 1:15, 2:15, 3:05) 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:50, 11:15; Mon. (10:00, 11:00, 11:40, 1:15, 2:15, 3:05) 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:50; Tue. (11:00, 11:40, 1:15, 2:15, 3:05, 4:30, 5:30) 6:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:50; **Unleashed** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:50, 3:20) 6:45, 9:35

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy (PG) Fri. (12:45) 4:20, 8:00, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:30) 4:20, 8:00, 10:25; Mon. (11:00, 1:30) 4:20, 7:30; Tue. (1:30, 4:20) 7:30; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35) 4:30, 7:20, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 3:15) 6:45, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (12:20, 3:15) 6:45; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:35) 6:40, 9:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:35) 6:40, 9:00; Mon. (10:45, 1:00, 3:35) 6:40; Tue. (1:00, 3:35) 6:40; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:30, 8:05, 10:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 3:00) 5:30, 8:05, 10:35; Mon. (12:00, 3:00) 5:30, 7:50; Tue. (12:00, 3:00, 5:30) 7:50; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (2:00) 4:15, 7:45, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 4:15, 7:45, 10:05; Mon. (11:25, 2:00) 4:15, 7:45; Tue. (2:00, 4:15) 7:45; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45) 4:25, 6:50, 9:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 1:45) 4:25, 6:50, 9:20; Mon. (11:35, 1:45) 4:25, 6:50; Tue. (1:45, 4:25) 6:50; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15) 4:05, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:25, 7:20, 10:00; Mon. (1:15) 4:25, 7:20; Tue. (1:15, 4:25) 7:20; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:15, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. (12:30, 3:45) 7:15

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
Cinderella Man (PG-13) Sun. 7:00; **Crash** (R) Fri. (10:50, 1:25, 4:05) 6:50, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 1:25) 4:05, 6:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (10:50, 1:25, 4:05) 6:50, 10:10; **The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (3:50) 10:50; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri. (9:45, 12:20, 3:05, 5:25) 7:55, 10:35; Sat. (9:45, 12:20, 3:05) 5:25, 7:55, 10:35; Sun. (9:45, 12:20, 3:05) 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (9:45, 12:20, 3:05, 5:25) 7:55, 10:35; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R)

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)

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 from a bottle of vodka (three bottles per shopping trip),

Monster-in-Law

and then from her next-door neighbor and new drinking buddy, a former Detroit Tiger and current talk-radio host. The daughters, three of them still residing under the family roof, are a persistent handful. Joan Allen, in something of a tour de force, and something also of a tour de farce, really does convey the juggling act, the balancing act, of multiple motherhood; and yet at the same time there's an element of circusy spectacle in the performance, aggravating the domestic disharmony, drowning out the accompaniment, hogging the spotlight. Evan Rachel Wood, Erika Christensen, Keri Russell, and Alicia Witt make up an attractive brood, even beyond mere appearance. And a slightly goofball Kevin Costner, a Detroit Tiger in *For Love of the Game* as well, has beneficially chased away his chronic clouds. The writer and director, Mike Binder, is a member of the cast, too, as Costner's radio producer, an average guy with average looks and average needs and average scruples, and in that role Binder is convincingly average. Behind the camera, he aspires to much more. (A good deal more, certainly, than in such undistinguished earlier credits as *Blankman* and *Indian Summer*.) Gripped by the American terror of dullness, keeping one eye on his cast of characters and the other eye on a hypothetically squirming audience, he maps out his plot and hones his dialogue as if he were racking up points on a pinball machine, with all attendant

Fri.-Thu. (12:25) 7:15; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (10:20, 11:10, 12:00, 1:20, 2:05, 2:55, 4:15, 5:00) 6:30, 7:10, 7:55, 9:25, 10:00, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 11:10, 12:00, 1:20, 2:05, 2:55) 4:15, 5:00, 6:30, 7:10, 7:55, 9:25, 10:00, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (10:20, 11:10, 12:00, 1:20, 2:05, 2:55, 4:15, 5:00) 6:30, 7:10, 7:55, 9:25, 10:00, 10:40; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (9:20, 10:00, 10:40, 11:30, 12:20, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 3:40, 4:30, 5:20) 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:40, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (9:20, 10:00, 10:40, 1:00, 11:30, 2:00, 12:20, 3:00) 3:40, 4:30, 5:20, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:40, 9:30; Mon. (9:20, 10:00, 10:40, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 3:40, 4:30, 12:20, 3:00) 5:20, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:40, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. (9:20, 10:00, 10:40, 11:30, 12:20, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 3:40, 4:30, 5:20) 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:40, 9:30; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 12:55) 6:45, 7:50, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45, 12:55) 5:20, 6:45, 7:50, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 12:55) 6:45, 7:50, 10:25; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri. (9:30, 9:55, 10:30, 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 3:30, 4:25, 5:05, 12:45, 4:00) 7:00, 7:30, 8:05, 10:05, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15; Sat.-Sun. (9:30, 9:55, 10:30, 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 3:30, 12:45, 4:00) 4:25, 5:05, 7:00, 7:30, 8:05, 10:05, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15; Mon.-Thu. (9:30, 9:55, 10:30, 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 3:30, 4:25, 5:05, 12:45, 4:00) 7:00, 7:30, 8:05, 10:05, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15; **Unleashed** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:45) 9:35

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

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)
Dominion: A Prequel to the Exorcist (R) Fri.-Thu. 4:30, 10:30; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (10:30, 12:45, 1:15, 3:30, 4:15) 6:00, 7:15, 9:30, 10:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15) 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 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 (10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; **Unleashed** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
Madagascar; **The Longest Yard**; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith**; **Dominion: Prequel to the Exorcist**; **Kicking and Screaming**; **Monster-in-Law**; **Unleashed**; **Kingdom of Heaven**; **House of Wax**; **Crash**; **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**; **The Interpreter**; **The Amityville Horror**

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
Cinderella Man (PG-13) Sun. 7:05; **Crash** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (1:45) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; Tue. (1:45, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:10) 7:30; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri. (10:10, 1:40, 3:40, 4:15) 7:05, 9:50, 9:55; Sat. (10:10, 1:40, 3:40) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50, 9:55; Sun. (10:10, 1:40, 3:40) 4:15, 9:55, 10:25; Mon. (10:10, 1:40, 3:40) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50, 9:55; Tue. (10:10, 1:40, 3:40, 4:15) 7:05, 9:50, 9:55; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri. (12:45, 4:05) 7:25, 10:50; Sat.-Mon. (12:45) 4:05, 7:25, 10:50; Tue. (12:45, 4:05) 7:25, 10:50; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (10:20, 11:05, 11:25, 1:20, 2:00, 2:20, 4:20, 4:50, 5:10) 7:20, 7:40, 8:00, 10:20, 10:35, 10:50; Sat.-Mon. (10:20, 11:05, 11:25, 1:20, 2:00, 2:20) 4:20, 4:50, 5:10, 7:20, 7:40, 8:00, 10:20, 10:35, 10:50; Tue. (10:20, 11:05, 11:25, 1:20, 2:00, 2:20, 4:20, 4:50, 5:10) 7:20, 7:40, 8:00, 10:20, 10:35, 10:50; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 11:45, 12:05, 2:00, 2:15, 2:35, 4:30, 4:45, 5:05) 7:00, 7:15, 7:35, 9:30, 9:40, 10:05; Sat.-Mon. (11:30, 11:45, 12:05, 2:00, 2:15, 2:35) 4:30, 4:45, 5:05, 7:00, 7:15, 7:35, 9:30, 9:40, 10:05; Tue. (11:30, 11:45, 12:05, 2:00, 2:15, 2:35, 4:30, 4:45, 5:05) 7:00, 7:15, 7:35, 9:30, 9:40, 10:05; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (9:55, 12:35, 3:50, 12:40) 6:55, 7:15, 9:40; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri. (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. (9:30, 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; Mon. (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; Tue. 10:00, 10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15; **Unleashed** (R) Fri. (4:20) 10:40; Sat.-Mon. 4:20, 10:40; Tue. (4:00) 10:40

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 6:00; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 10:30; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 8:15

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
House of Wax (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:35; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:05; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 12:30; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 11:45; **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. (2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; Tue. (2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00; **The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Tue. (12:40, 3:05, 5:30) 7:55, 10:20; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:50, 3:55) 6:45, 9:45; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri. (1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20; Sat.-Mon. (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20; Tue. (1:20, 3:35, 5:50) 8:05, 10:20; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 1:50, 2:50) 4:25, 5:25, 7:15, 8:00, 9:50, 10:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50) 4:25, 5:25, 7:15, 8:00, 9:50, 10:35; Mon. (11:10, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50) 4:25, 5:25, 6:50, 7:50, 9:15, 10:15; Tue. (12:15, 1:50, 2:50, 4:25, 5:25) 6:50, 7:50, 9:15, 10:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. 12:05, 1:30, 2:20, 3:45, 4:35, 6:00, 7:00, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 12:05, 1:30, 2:20, 3:45, 4:35, 6:00, 7:00, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30; Mon. 11:15, 12:05, 1:30, 2:20, 3:45, 4:35, 6:00, 7:00, 8:05, 9:05, 10:10; Tue. 12:05, 1:30, 2:20, 3:45, 4:35, 6:00, 7:00, 8:05, 9:05, 10:10; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; Tue. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri. 12:10, 1:10, 2:10, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:40, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 12:10, 1:10, 2:10, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:40, 10:40; Mon. 11:00, 12:10, 1:10, 2:10, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:20, 10:20; Tue. 12:10, 1:10, 2:10, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:20, 10:20

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Kicking & Screaming (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30; Tue.-Thu. 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15; Mon. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15; Tue.-Thu. 4:30, 7:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15, 10:15; Mon. 10:15 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15; Tue.-Thu. 2:15 (4:15) 6:15, 8:15; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Tue.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; Mon. 10:00 (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; Tue.-Thu. 2:00 (4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Crash (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 4:45, 7:30; **The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:30; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (10:45, 1:15, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45) 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (10:45, 1:15, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45) 7:15, 7:45; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (10:45, 11:15, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 4:15) 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (10:45, 11:15, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 4:15) 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 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; Mon.-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

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
Cinderella Man (PG-13) Sun. 7:05; **Crash** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:35) 6:45, 9:20; **The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35) 7:25; **House of Wax** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:20) 10:25; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10) 7:20; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 1:55, 2:35, 4:40) 7:05, 7:35, 9:40; Sun. (11:35, 1:55, 2:35, 4:40) 7:35, 10:20; Mon. (11:35, 1:55, 2:35, 4:40) 7:05, 7:35, 9:40; Tue.-Wed. 11:35, 1:55, 2:20, 2:35, 4:40, 7:05, 7:35, 7:40, 9:40; Thu. (11:35, 1:55, 2:35, 4:40) 7:05, 7:35, 9:40; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:10) 10:20; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 11:40, 12:40, 1:30, 2:30, 3:25, 4:15, 5:15) 6:15, 7:15, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 12:25, 2:55) 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:30, 3:00, 5:05) 5:40, 8:15, 10:05, 10:40; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 3:30, 4:35, 4:55, 12:45, 4:00) 5:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:15, 10:15, 11:45; Mon. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 3:30, 4:35, 4:55, 12:45, 4:00) 5:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:15, 10:15, 10:40; Tue.-Thu. (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 3:30, 4:00, 4:35, 4:55) 5:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:15, 10:15, 10:40; **Unleashed** (R) Fri.-Mon. (11:50, 2:20, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10; Tue.-Wed. (11:50, 5:10) 10:10; Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
The Longest Yard (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 9:45, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. 11:35, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Mon. 9:30, 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:10; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 11:45, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35; Tue.-Thu. 11:25, 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:00; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. 12:20, 3:30, 6:30, 9:25

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Cinderella Man (PG-13) Sun. 7:45; **Dominion: A Prequel to the Exorcist** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30; Mon.-Tue. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; Wed. 10:00 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; Thu. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (10:45, 12:30, 1:45, 3:30, 4:45) 6:00, 7:45, 9:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (10:45, 12:30, 1:45, 3:30, 4:45) 6:00, 7:45; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15) 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15) 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00; Mon.-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

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Crash (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Madagascar; **The Longest Yard**; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith**; **Kicking and Screaming**; **Monster-in-Law**; **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**; **The Interpreter**

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Downfall (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:10; Mon.-Thu. 7:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
Cinderella Man (PG-13) Sun. 7:45; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30; Mon.-Tue. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; Wed. 10:00 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; Thu. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 11:00 (1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00 (1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
Crash (R) Fri.-Tue. 9:40, 12:00, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; **Dominion: A Prequel to the Exorcist** (R) Fri.-Tue. 9:45, 12:40, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45; **House of Wax** (R) Fri.-Tue. 9:35, 12:35, 3:40, 7:00, 9:40; **Kicking & Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 9:35, 11:55, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 9:50, 10:15, 12:45, 1:15, 3:45, 4:15, 6:45, 7:15, 9:45, 10:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:00, 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:30, 11:30, 12:45, 3:00, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:45; Mon.-Tue. 9:30, 11:30, 12:45, 3:00, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Unleashed** (R) Fri. 9:40, 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; Sat. 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; Sun. 9:40, 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
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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, THROUGH 5/26)

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, THROUGH 5/26)

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Unleashed

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★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

XXX: State of the Union — The former triple-X (Vin Diesel, that would be) has been killed, off-screen, in Bora-Bora. "The new triple-X," muses his old boss, Samuel L. Jackson, "has gotta be more dangerous, deadlier, more attitude." Enter Ice Cube, straight from nine years in lockdown, a James Bond from the Hood (and a hammeringly monotonous actor), rounding up his homies to thwart a plot by the Secretary of Defense to assassinate the President in the midst of his state-of-the-union speech. It's loud, it's lurid, it's tired. Most of all, tired. With Willem Dafoe, Scott Speedman, Peter Strauss; directed by Lee Tamahori. 2005.
● (GASLAMP 15)

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"★★★★" – Jonathan Curiel, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE
"★★★★" – David Sterritt, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR
"★★★★" – Steven Rea, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER
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BOOKKEEPER/ADMINISTRATIVE. Must be experienced in Word, Excel, Quickbooks Pro, A/P and A/R, invoicing, bank reconciliation, phones, general office duties. Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. $14-$16/hour. Apply at jobsd123@yahoo.com.

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LOAN CONSULTANT INTERNS. $10-$19/hour plus commission. Part time, evening hours. Paid training. No experience necessary. To schedule interview, call Jack at American Heritage Direct, 866-304-2437.

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PART TIME MANAGERS/LOAN Officer Trainees wanted. No experience needed. No license required. Full training provided. Management override bonuses. Call for an interview, 858-437-1659. Se habla Espanol, 858-220-5928.

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DEADLINES: Business classifieds are accepted until 6pm Tuesday, two days prior to the issue. Call by Friday for early-placement discounts. Ads may be placed by phone using a credit card (619-235-8200) or in person (1703 India Street, at Date Downtown). Hours are 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday, and until 6pm Tuesday.

PLEASE NOTE: The *Reader* will not be financially responsible for failure to run an ad or for errors in an ad, except, if at fault, to the extent of the cost of the first insertion of the ad.

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QUICK, EASY, AND CHEAP! $8 ads are available to private parties only. Ads are limited to 25 words. Cash, check or credit cards are accepted. (Services, rentals, lessons or any other profit-making enterprises do not qualify for $8 ads. See instructions for business ads above. Other rules apply to Roommates and Matches ads.)

BY INTERNET: Go to SanDiegoReader.com and click on the link to place a free classified ad.

BY FAX: Complete the form below, photocopy it, and then fax it to us at (619) 233-7907. Payment is with Visa, Discover, or MasterCard.

IN PERSON: To place an ad with cash or check, fill out the form below and bring it to our office at 1703 India Street (at Date), Downtown. The deadline is 6 pm Monday.

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Deadline: 6pm Monday

Write your ad below, listing the item for sale first, followed by its description (including price) and ending with the phone number. Each phone number counts as one word; ads over 25 words will be edited. Refer to the Table of Contents to determine the classified category you want. If you are unsure, the appropriate category will be assigned. No cancellations accepted. No refunds.

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AD SPECS. Be at the beach by 3pm! If you are a positive, motivated person who likes talking on the phone, then this is the career for you! Great hours, Monday-Friday, 7am-2:30pm. Full benefits, vacation bonuses. 401(k). Focused professional training. Immediate openings. Call Greg at 858-292-8577.

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COLLECTORS/SKIP TRACERS. Our most valuable assets are our employees! We have immediate openings in our new San Diego call center! Credit Solutions Corporation is a financial services company that specializes in purchasing defaulted retail debt, i.e. credit cards, auto deficiencies, etc. Qualified candidates will have: call center experience in collection and sales. Be a good listener with strong negotiating skills. Be goal oriented-income, promotion or both. We offer excellent compensation! Salary DOE plus top commissions. Quarterly bonus-up to $7,000.00 per quarter. Benefits: paid holidays; 2 weeks paid vacation; paid medical, dental and vision; 401(k). We train and promote from within, fast track to management. Qualified candidates please call Bonni Cutler at 858-467-7235. Fax resume Attention: Bonni Cutler 858-650-0814. email: cutbon@creditsolutionscorp.com.

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FUNDRAISING for national charities and Democratic Party. Full time or part time (evening and Sunday shifts). Paid training. Medical, dental, 401(K). Hourly plus bonuses, regular raises. Apply at Gordon & Schwenkmeyer, 2221 Camino del Rio South, Suite 201, San Diego 92108. 619-497-5600.

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TELEMARKETERS. Coolest Job Ever! Seeking energetic, driven team members. Strong, growing company; great hours/earnings; paid vacations/personal; medical/dental benefits. Media AllStars, 3055 Rosecrans Place, Suite #102, San Diego, CA. 92110. Johnny, 619-326-0231.

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TELEMARKETING/TELE-SURVEY. Earn $8-$12/hour guaranteed doing business equipment survey. No selling. Mornings only. Call 619-275-0105.

TELEMARKETING. Appointment setting. No selling. $10/hour. 10 positions. Part and full time available. Great commission. Mission Valley, San Diego. Contact Westpoint Mortgage Group today. 619-237-5400, x120.

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TELEPHONE INTERVIEWERS. Seeking friendly, outgoing people to conduct telephone interviews. No sales involved! Monday-Sunday, evening hours. Will train. Starting at $7.50/hour. Great company and team. Call 619-849-1111.

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TELESALES. Want to get off the month-to-month roller coaster? We have the best part-time job in town! Perfect second income. Flexible AM/PM shifts. $9-$14/hour potential. Hourly guarantee. Paid training. Bilingual Spanish programs available. Advancement opportunities. Apply in person at 9332 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. www.dialamerica.com/sandiego or call 858-292-6751 x8011.

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AIDE. Disabled person seeking person for computer, work in and around the house in exchange for housing. Call between 10am-7pm, 619-479-4212.

HOUSECLEANERS. Flexible hours. Must have car. Immediate work. English speaking. Maid in America Agency. 619-291-5000; 760-434-5150.

HOUSECLEANING. To $300 weekly! $500 hiring and performance bonus! No nights, weekends or holidays. Paid training. Insured car required. Mileage paid. Always hiring! Merry Maids, South Coastal and all South areas. 619-336-1612 or 619-226-2621.

HOUSECLEANING. A better way to live. Weekdays, 8am-5pm. Family-friendly schedule. Great benefits: medical, company car on the job. Uniforms provided. Weekly pay. No experience required. Speak/understand English. East/South County. Molly Maid, 619-660-7900.

HOUSECLEANING. Weekdays, 8am-5pm. Family-friendly schedule. Great benefits: medical, company car on the job. Uniforms provided. Weekly pay. No experience required. Speak/understand English. Molly Maid East/South County: 619-660-7900; Del Mar and surrounding area: 858-535-9500.

HOUSECLEANERS wanted. Must have reliable vehicle, answering machine, previous cleaning experience; speak fluent English; and love to clean. Flexible schedule. Art Of Clean Agency. 619-794-0463.

HOUSECLEANER for couple. Poway area. $8 per hour. 5-6 hours every other week. Speak English. References needed. Have reliable car. 858-312-1541.

HOUSECLEANERS. Full-and part-time positions, flexible hours. Must have own car and speak English. Start immediately! Earn up to $30K/year. A World Class Cleaning Service, 858-566-4543. www.awccs.com.

HOUSEKEEPERS. Needed now! Earn up to $462 weekly after 5 weeks full time. Great referral program! Part time, full time. Must have car and home phone. Weekly pay. Work near home. Call today, start tomorrow! Dana's Housekeeping. San Diego: 619-298-6110. North County: 760-591-9740.

HOUSEKEEPERS for busy agency. Must be experienced and reliable and speak English. Phone and car necessary. Good pay, work own area and hours. Panda's, 858-292-5503.

MAID SERVICES. $500 Hiring and Performance Bonus! No nights, weekends, holidays. Up to $300 weekly! Paid training. Insured car required. Mileage paid. Always hiring! Merry Maids. South Coast/all south areas only, 619-336-1612; 619-226-2621.

PART-TIME SPANISH conversation wanted in La Jolla. 1-2 hours per week. $20/hour. 858-454-4268.

PART-TIME AIDE. Long term. Pacific Beach. House chores, driving (my car), etc. 16-23 hours weekly, daytime. Please live Pacific Beach/close by. $8.50-$9.00/hour, check. 858-274-5078.

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DRIVERS / DELIVERY

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BIKE CAB. Petco Park—fresh air, sunshine! Lease the cab, keep the money. Male, female. Full/part time. Driver's license. 641 17th Street. Student Jobs Coalition, Inc. 619-595-0211.

CAB DRIVERS. Will train. Day, night and part-time shifts available. Drive San Diego. North City Cab Company, 4896 Voltaire. Apply: 10am-2pm, Monday-Friday. 619-368-9620. 619-224-9240.

CHAUFFEUR. Dispatcher and Clerical. Transportation company needs experienced, dependable on-call Chauffeurs. Also experienced Dispatcher and Clerical Help with computer and telephone skills. For more information, call 619-224-1141 or e-mail resumes to ray@careysandiego.com.

DELIVERY DRIVER/HELPERS. Full-time plus overtime. Experienced, heavy lifting (75-150 lbs). Includes weekends. Great benefits. Apply in person: Raphael's Party Rentals. 8606 Miramar Road. 858-689-7368.

DELIVERY DRIVERS, 20 NEEDED! Drive your own mini-pickup. $470/week to start. Openings throughout San Diego County. Call: 619-230-1532, 858-578-7812, 760-639-5400.

DELIVERY DRIVERS needed part time at Z Pizza, a gourmet pizza restaurant in Scripps Ranch. No experience necessary. Some weekends required. Competitive pay. Call Marilyn or Bryanc, 858-689-9449.

DELIVERY DRIVERS needed for growing restaurant delivery company. Must have own car and insurance. Competitive commission plus tips. Must be reliable. Call 619-297-2222.

DELIVERY DRIVER. Full-time. $8/hour. Weekends a must for well-established flower shop in Pacific Beach. Bring DMV printout to 1560 Garnet Avenue.

DELIVERY DRIVERS, part time, for restaurant delivery throughout San Diego County. All shifts available. $10+/hour average. Must have own vehicle, clean DMV, insurance. 858-490-3930.

DISPATCH/WAREHOUSE. Full time for professional moving and storage company. Computer literate, able to multi-task, some office duties. Fax/e-mail resume: 619-858-0841, dmedina@anthonysmoving.com.

DRIVER/LEGAL MESSENGER. Great opportunity in busy, growing litigation support service. We will train an enthusiastic team player. Good driving record. $7.75 to start, company car. Full time. 619-298-2385.

DRIVERS WANTED Needed. Got Cash? Run your own business. Set your schedule. Make $75+/day! California's largest corporate catering delivery service. Need car, insurance, decent DMV. Apply at www.d-d-i.com, or call 888-DDI-WORK.

DRIVERS with own vehicle for messenger company. Pickup truck a plus. $100+/day potential. Weekdays and weekends, days and nights available. Apply at 7050 Convoy Court Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

DRIVERS, TOW TRUCK. Full-time. All shifts. No towing experience okay. Top pay and benefits. Must be at least 21 years old, and have clean driving record. Criminal background/drug screen required. Old Town area. Call 619-523-5062.

DRIVERS. $500 Sign On Bonus! Laidlaw Transit Services is looking for 50 caring and compassionate people for paratransit driving positions. Must be able to work evenings and weekends and pass a pre-employment drug screen, physical and background check. Our drivers enjoy full-time positions, paid CDL training, $8.50/hour to start and $9.35/hour after 90 days, benefits including $30/month medical/dental, paid vacations and holidays. Also hiring Customer Service Representatives, Dispatchers and Mechanic. For an immediate interview, bring current H-6 Monday-Friday to: 544 Vernon Way, El Cajon. 619-593-7936.

DRIVERS. Class A/B/C. Portable toilet company. Spring Valley, Escondido, Riverside areas. Medical/dental/401(k)/vacation. Competitive wages. Full time, days. Minimum 21 years old. Fax DMV report to 760-476-3711. Or e-mail hr@spankysps.com.

DRIVERS. Full-time/part-time routes, $11-$12 per hour. Must own reliable vehicle. Good DMV record. Health, dental and cell phone benefits. Call 858-573-0100.

DRIVERS. Growing wholesale bakery needs drivers for early morning deliveries, part time, hourly pay. Requires clean DMV printout and flexible schedule for variety of shifts. Apply in person: Le Chef Bakery, 4696-A Ruffner Street, San Diego (no phone calls, please).

DRIVERS. Great home time, pay and benefits! Regional drivers make up to $55,000. Team drivers make up to $150,000. Werner Enterprises. 800-346-2818 x561.

DRIVERS. Local experienced Shuttle Driver. $15/hour, 7 hours/day. English/Spanish. Class A/B License, clean DMV, knowledge of San Diego area. Position requires transporting children with cancer. 619-656-5892/619-920-6166.

DRIVERS. Non-emergency medical transportation company needs drivers with good driving record, do heavy lifting, knows First Aid and CPR. MTDB helpful. Will train. Approximately $22k per year, plus good benefits. Secure Transportation, 6190 Cornerstone Court, #208, San Diego, 92121 or call 858-623-9950.

DRIVERS. Part-time needed immediately. Clean DMV. E-mail resume: info@sttropezbistro.com or fax: 858-404-0839.

DRIVERS. Professional moving and storage company is accepting applications for professional drivers with moving and storage experience. Class A/B/C, clean DMV. Drug-free environment. This is an opportunity. Apply in person between 10am-2:30pm, Monday-Friday: 3110 Hancock Street, San Diego CA 92110.

DRIVERS. Rapidly growing moving and storage company affiliated with major van lines, has opportunity for professional drivers, van operators and sub-haulers. Please call 858-564-0990.

DRIVERS. Street sweeping. Class A or B. Paid training. Hours 3am-3pm. Earn up to $2800 per month. North County, 760-943-9633, menglart@cannonpacific.com.

DRIVERS/HELPERS Wanted for moving company. No experience necessary, but a plus! Immediate positions available! Familiar with paperwork and Thomas Guide. References required. Drug and alcohol free environment. 858-405-9596.

TRUCK DRIVER: Experienced Tow Truck Driver, at least 21 years. Clean DMV record, familiarity with San Diego County and references required. Full time. Call 858-373-0740.

VALETS -PART TIME. 11pm-7am weekend nights. Must be neat, courteous. Clean DMV. Apply building, 939 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla 92037. 858-454-0311.

WAREHOUSE ASSISTANT. Full-time with some heavy lifting. Clean DMV record and knowledge of San Diego area required. $10/hour to start. Call 858-451-7979.

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CAMP COUNSELOR. Live-in camp for people with disabilities. Make a difference! No experience necessary, we train. July 11 to August 23, 2005. Call 619-685-1178 x255.

CLASSROOM AIDES. Work with developmentally disabled children in a nonpublic school. Experience preferred. Allied Gardens, Chula Vista, La Mesa. Monday-Friday, 7:30am-1pm. $8.25+/hour to start, depending on experience. EOE. www.vistahill.org. E-mail: steinjobs@vistahill.org. Fax resume: 619-281-0453. EOE. Apply weekdays, 9am-4pm: Stein Education Center, Attention: HR, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego CA 92120.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER for small, private Christian school in Vista. Competitive salary, benefits. Start mid-August. Call 760-941-1590.

ELEMENTARY AFTER-SCHOOL Leader for The City of Chula Vista. Part-time. Immediate openings. $17.16-$20.86/hour. www.chulavistaca.gov. EOE. Apply at the HR Department, 276 4th Avenue, Chula Vista. For more information, please call 619-691-5096.

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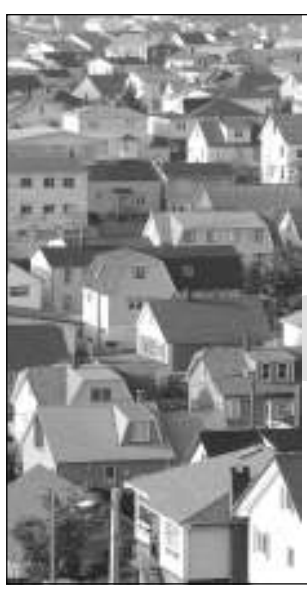

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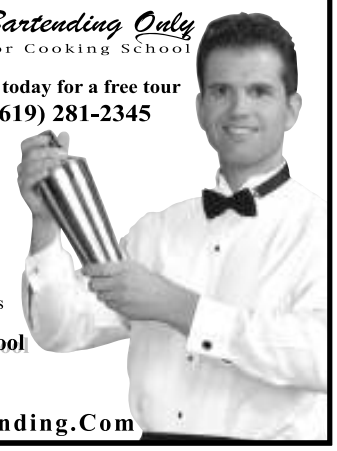
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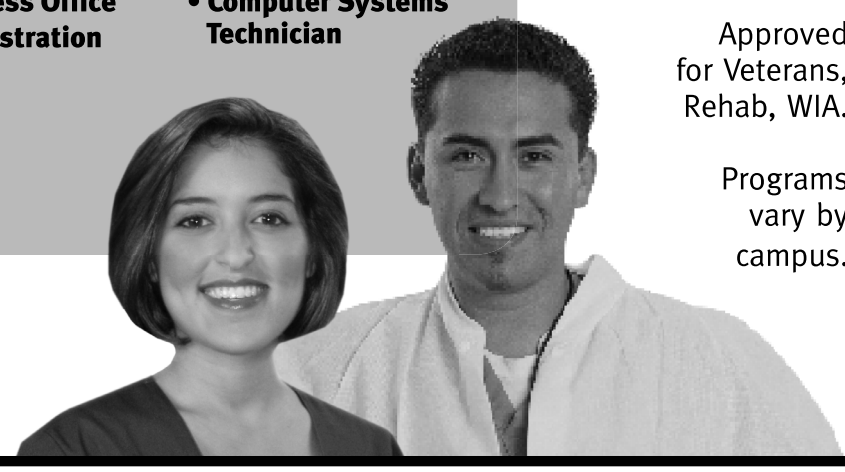

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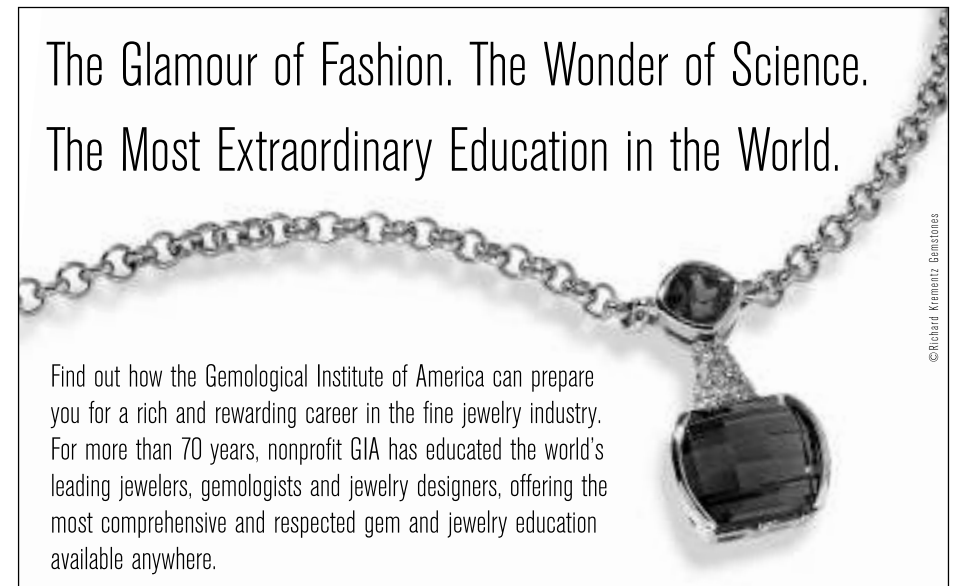

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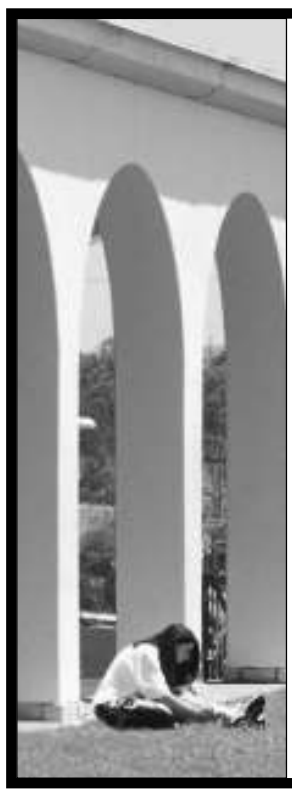

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5. It's studied by an ophiologist
10. Japanese drama
13. Uncomplicate
14. Hourglass, e.g.
15. Shaq's old teammate
16. The famous March to the Sea of the U.S. Civil War?
19. "Win a Date With ____ Hamilton!" (2004 movie)
20. "I've got my ____ you!"
21. Crucial times
22. Spanner of 11 time zones
23. Expert
24. What Claudius received when his fingernails showed their wear?
30. Commits to another hitch
31. "Cut it out!"
32. Poehler of "Saturday Night Live"
34. Egyptian fertility goddess
35. In the company of
37. Fib relator?
38. Mil. ranking
39. Arouse
40. Sweet sight in the Sahara
41. Something referred to before plugging in headphones?
45. Carol contraction
46. "Cat on ____ Tin Roof"
47. "Love conquers all," e.g.
50. "Here's looking ____, kid"
52. Notable Leno feature
55. Hot political issue that's been "gathered here today" in this puzzle's themed answers
58. Get ____ the ground floor
59. Caramel-topped desserts
60. They're usually fruit-flavored
61. Distant
62. Needing a massage, perhaps
63. Leaves home?

Down

1. Reason to say "1,2,3"
2. "That's hysterical!"
3. Subject to markdown, say
4. Reunited country: Abbr.
5. Rent a DVD and order takeout, perhaps
6. Punching-in time
7. Shells, e.g.
8. New Jersey university
9. Suffix with north or south
10. Popular PBS science series
11. Toe the line
12. Half of a matching set
15. Spreading plant
17. Zion National Park features
18. Decree
22. Intensifies, with "up"
23. White House section
24. Cut again
25. Board used in "The Exorcist"
26. Festoon
27. Oui's opposite
28. Mrs. Gorbachev
29. Kind of address
30. Net holder, in basketball
33. Many many mos.
35. 20 providers
36. Hamm or Farrow
37. Island south of Borneo
39. Irving Berlin's "Blue ____"
40. "We're ____ way!"
42. Mil. rank
43. Pyramid builders
44. What Richard III asked "my kingdom" for
47. "Like that would ever happen"
48. Comedian Carvey
49. Another name for Cupid
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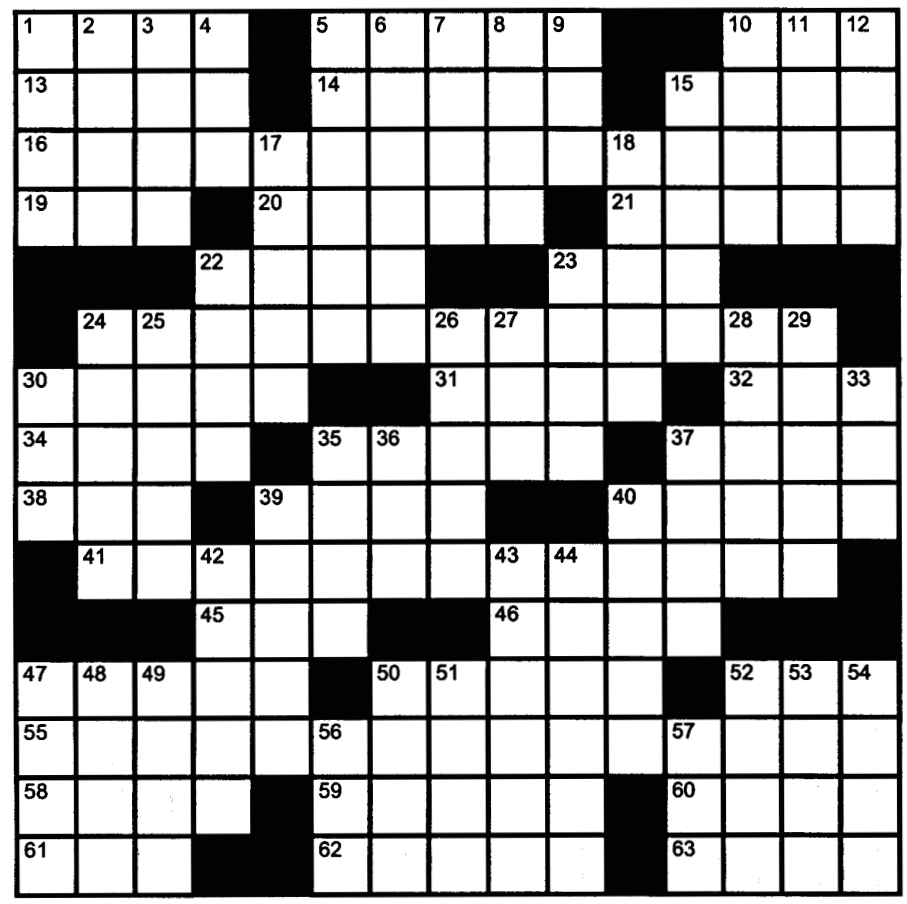

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 5/19/05.

Of the 132 entrants, 120 were correct. The winners are:

1. Wayne Hodgson, *Escondido*
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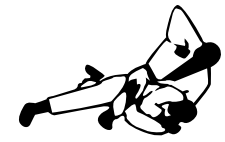

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HISPANIC, 47, ENJOY JAZZ, arts, theatre, great sense of humor, playful, sincere, honest, adventurous. (6/1) ☎34817

PRETTY-EYED, FITTER than most, Kerry voter, UC grad, 51, culture, wry conversation, landmark/other films, snuggles, with kinda handsome, stable enough, funny thinker/feeler. (6/1) ☎34828

BEAUTIFUL INDEPENDENT LADY, 30, curvy, outgoing, wants to share with special someone. Long-term preferred. Enjoy quiet nights, barbecues, walks and whatever else we find. (6/8) ☎34836

LONESOME WIDOW, long term, 5'1", easygoing, nonsmoking, sincere, cruises, togetherness, 70-80, all activities. Seeking gentleman wanting same interests, stable. I will be your Latina chick. (6/8) ☎34837

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINO WIDOW, 60, sexy, educated, secure homeowner. Enjoys dancing, travel, dining, cuddling, movies. Will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeking tall, white, handsome, financially secure gentleman. (6/8) ☎34855

MUSICIAN, WRITER, ARTIST, poet, cute, slim, cool. Seeking creative, genius, adventurous, outdoorsman, 45+, into nature, music, road trips for long-term, fun and mutual inspiration. (6/8) ☎34831

CUTE CALIFORNIA GIRL, blonde/blue, 5'8", slender, teacher. Enjoy beach, concerts, boating, gym, dancing, hiking, flying. Seeking fun, successful, attractive, fit, romantic, nonsmoking, kisser, 34-48. (6/8) ☎34833

MOUNTAINS, CHAPARRAL, oaks. Hiking, gardening, guitar, outdoors, nature. Cute, caring, cuddly, upbeat lady, 49 years young. Seeking active, fit, caring playmate. East County. (6/8) ☎34856

PASSIONATE, ROMANTIC, sexy, 42, likes fun in the sun, dining, travel, art, music. Looking for that special man to share all the above and more! (6/8) ☎34843

SINCERE, ROMANTIC, warm personality, attractive, caucasian Christian lady, 40s, with old-fashioned standards and morals. Ready for real love and commitment. Nonsmoker, please. (6/8) ☎34844

ASIAN, CLASSY, SEXY and intelligent, wishes to meet 42-58, 5'8"+, financially and emotionally secure gentleman for lasting relationship. Nonsmoker. (6/8) ☎34853

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN, 52, 5'1", 120lbs., mellow English major, typist, psych, Democrat-Union, peace, Sierra, vote, folk, jazz, comedy, hike, snorkel, cross-ski, nieces, holistic. Clairemont. (6/8) ☎34834

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SULTRY, nice legs, curvaceous figure, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, nonsmoker, upscale, successful, compatible, generous, 36+ Caucasian bachelor. (6/8) ☎34848

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48, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, fun, wise woman seeks 48-60, nonsmoker, educated, easygoing, charming, San Diego man. (6/8) ☎34846

SINCERE, RESPECTABLE, warm, Cuban female, 47, 5'5", 146lbs., great morals. Seeking gentleman, 43-50, for a rewarding, lasting relationship. Let's enjoy it all together. (6/8) ☎34845

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

INTELLIGENT, TACTILE, vibrant, 56, lady wants company of gentleman, 52-60, for friendship, fun. Must have sense of humor. Be honest and active! Hello there? (6/8) ☎34858

BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size, sensual brunette, nonsmoker. Seeking friendship, companionship, and later, relationship. Enjoy coffee, conversations, movies, music, and going out to dinner. (6/1) ☎34822

JULIET STILL SEEKS HER Romeo. 31 years, white, very attractive, loving, old fashion values. Seeking white male, 21-45, for ever-lasting love. Play no games. (6/1) ☎34812

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage man. Friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-49, 5'9"+. (6/1) ☎34829

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

ACTIVE, FIT, WITTY, humorous gal, 5'3", 110lbs., love beach, mountains, arts, travel, path to spirit, 50s. You are fit, kind, open, warm, caring person, nonsmoker. (6/8) ☎34847

YOUR BEST FRIEND'S best friend is available for dating. Check me out: sdreader.com/matches, Naturejoy1. You: 48-56, nice looking for slender, blonde, long-haired pretty woman. (6/8) ☎34839

UPSCALE CHRISTIAN FEMALE 48, seeks upscale Caucasian, smart, successful, good looking for dating, friendship, honest relationship. I'm petite, blonde, 5'5", like relaxing at home. You? (6/8) ☎34854

LATINA, 48, ATTRACTIVE, good shape, 5'2", easygoing, romantic, honest, warm. Seeking gentleman, 48-58, healthy, financially stable, nonsmoker. Enjoy nature, active, loving care. (6/8) ☎34838

ONE BEAUTIFUL, SURPRISE package! I promise that you won't be disappointed. Seeking 55-60, attractive male, mellow, honest, caring and giving of his heart. (6/8) ☎34859

CUTE, CURVACEOUS, 5'2", lovable, long blonde/blue, 55. Desire tall, honest, well-educated traditional, confident, emotionally strong, sincere man of integrity for a fantastic relationship! (6/1) ☎34826

SINGLE MOM, 40, CAUCASIAN. Full figured, size 18. Seeking someone for a very happy, active, family oriented, long-lasting relationship. Only serious interested, please. (6/8) ☎34840

WIDOW SENIOR, REDHEAD, slim, 5'3", enjoy theatre, bridge, travel, conversation, learning. Seeking male with savoir-faire, education, healthy habits, tuxedo, curious mind, kindness, humor, monogamous-who might travel South America and Antarctica in December 2005. (6/1) ☎34815

ATTRACTIVE, BLACK FEMALE, 53, enjoys movies, dining out, plays, concerts, music. Seeks black male, 40-55, sincere, caring, affectionate, romantic, down to earth, for monogamous relationship. (6/8) ☎34849

FIT, ATTRACTIVE IN BODY, mind, spirit, intellectual, distinguished European, humorous, adventurous gentleman. Seeking liberal woman, similar qualities, 50-60. Let's talk, we'll create exciting future together. (6/1) ☎34814

DON'T GIVE UP. Pretty lady with nice figure is waiting for 58+, tall, energetic, fun-loving gentleman to share good times and adventures. (6/1) ☎34809

FEMALE, 45, INTERESTED in meeting male who enjoys life. Must have sense of humor, intelligent, outgoing, warm hearted, black, sincere, romantic, easy to talk too. (6/8) ☎34852

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SPECIAL LADY WANTED, 40, white, handsome. You: outgoing, fun, playful, loving, affectionate, funny looking for special woman to spend time with. Race open. (6/8) ☎48294

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

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

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

GERMAN SEEKS YOUNG LADY. Point Loman, 6'3, 210lbs., green 50, dog lover, never married. Seeking unencumbered tall/trim cutie to start family with great guy! (6/8) ☎48292

TRAVEL, ROMANCE! Sean Connery look alike, communicative, monogamous, 61, in Pacific Beach. Seeking athletic, earthy woman for sharing, laughing, intelligent conversation, emotional intimacy, hiking, camping. (6/1) ☎48227

DECEPTION IS NOT ME! Secure homeowner, nonsmoking, 77, like camping, RV trips, home life, offering lifetime caring and contentment to lady seeking same. Be there! (6/8) ☎48299

ROMANTIC, SENSUAL, GENTLE man, undivided. Looking to find my other half, a shapely, affectionate and sincere woman for relationship full of passion, intimacy and growth. (6/8) ☎48268

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET a nice Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, pool, poker and quiet times. (6/8) ☎48289

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

SENSE OF HUMOR, spiritual path, psychological minded bohemian, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/gray, enjoy coffee houses, movies, rock music, mature, stimulating conversation, zen. Friendship, relationship. (6/8) ☎48290

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

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

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

CARING, FUN, FIT, ROMANTIC, stable white male, 6', 54, 175lbs. Seeking special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel. Bye for now. (6/8) ☎48273

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

GENT, 68, HEALTHY in mind and in body. Love cruises, outdoor, movies, retired, no baggage, stable finance, East County. Seeking nice lady. (6/1) ☎48258

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

DOMESTIC, HARDWORKING 30-year-old latino looking for down-to-earth woman with sense of humor and decent figure. Race and age open. Call. (6/8) ☎48267

SINGLE BLACK GENTLEMAN would like to meet sweet, intelligent, educated, attractive woman, 5'6"+, athletically inclined a plus. (6/1) ☎48254

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

SWEET WHITE FEMALE, 50s-60s, 5'2"-5'5", to 130lbs., desired by healthy, nonsmoking, sincere, lovable white male. (6/1) ☎48231

OUTSIDE THE BOX. YOU? Seeking water girl, adventurer, free spirit, old soul. Smarter than the average bear. Ski, sail, hike, bike, kayak, any ideas? (6/8) ☎48298

DECENT, PLAYFUL, WHITE 50-year-old to encounter personable, intelligent, 30-40-year old, fit, kitten. Let's see what develops. (6/1) ☎48247

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

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship. Intelligent professional seeks nonsmoking woman to enjoy weekend adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good music, good friends, my cooking, life. (6/8) ☎48302

SUCCESSFUL, EUROPEAN, intellectual, handsome, charming, and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady, in her 30s. (6/8) ☎48284

ATTRACTIVE, DIVORCED white male, financially and emotionally secure, professional homeowner, mid-60s, meet attractive, exciting lady, fine dining, elegant evenings, movies, ballet, theater. Friends first. (6/8) ☎48301

JEWISH, NONRELIGIOUS, upper 60s, fit, trim, educated, attractive, political moderate, near vegetarian seeks trim, attractive, caucasian lady, low-mid 60s. Friendship, hiking, nature, movies, theater, dining. (6/8) ☎48283

6'1" LATINO, HANDSOME, sincere, happy, seeks serious-minded lady for dining, friendship, and more. I'm loving, single, 46, lots of fun. Age, race not important. (6/8) ☎48282

LOVE'S A MANY SPLENDORED thing. Yes, I'll try again. Divorced, white, 60+, healthy nonsmoker, caring, financially secure. Seeking attractive, loving, fit, divorced white female, 53-65. (6/8) ☎48304

ALL GOOD MEN AREN'T TAKEN, honest, sincere, 5'7", black male. Seeking honest, sincere female who enjoys life, laughter, conversation, dining, movies, outdoors. Race/age unimportant. (6/8) ☎48265

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

LOVING, CARING, affectionate, attractive, tall, white male, 53, easygoing, financially secure, open, honest, sincere, playful. Seeks female any age for dining, romance, togetherness, loving relationship. (6/8) ☎48263

SINGLE BLACK MALE, 45, who's tired of the party scene. Seeking woman who wants a friend, lover, buddy to converse. Willing to train the inexperienced. (6/1) ☎48242

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

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

MALE WHO ENJOYS traveling, dining out and movies. Looking for lady 45 to 59. (6/1) ☎48259

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

DARK-HAIRED DESIRED. White professional, 46 (looks 39), toned, smooth skin, clean-shaven face, brown hair, green eyes, 6', 200lbs. I give nice back rubs. (6/8) ☎48281

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

STOP TO SMELL THE ROSES: Simply put, is there an attractive, trim, loving, unpretentious lady, 40 to 50, who is burned out with the nightlife, or preferably with little exposure to it, who would be interested in meeting a fun-loving white professional male, 51, who is physically fit and down-to-earth. It would be nice to meet a sincere lady, who wishes to be treated with Midwestern values (yes, I am originally from the Midwest). I am nice looking, youthful in appearance and in attitude, honest, thoughtful, educated, financially secure, and enjoy a great sense of humor. If you have been wanting to establish a terrific relationship, I promise you an enjoyable conversation as a beginning. You'll love it! (6/8) ☎48305

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

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

HANDSOME, CARING, outdoorsy Virgo gentleman, in search of Virgo, Taurus, Capricorn woman for adventures treks into our backcountry mountains, beaches, deserts and Hot Spring spas! (6/8) ☎48264

FIT, ENTHUSIASTIC, successful, humorous, hiker. Love travel, history and hugs. Seeking similar non-pretentious, active woman under 40. No smoking, drugs or excessive alcohol. Family possibilities. (6/1) ☎48261

45, PROFESSIONAL MALE, spiritual, likes outdoors, traveling, sports, cooking. Seeking romantic, voluptuous and curvaceous lady, 35-50, for friendship and possibly long-term relationship. Nonsmoker preferred. (6/8) ☎48274

LIKE HARLEYS? Good-hearted biker looking for fit woman for fun and possibly serious relationship. Nonsmoker. Call me. (6/8) ☎48269

SOCIABLE 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

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

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

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

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

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, SINGLE, fit, white, 51, smart, kind, spiritual, romantic, good communicator, sense of humor, who enjoys dinner, movies, walks, ocean, etc. Seeking a relationship. (6/8) ☎48300

55, 6'6", WHITE, financially secure, homeowner, booklover, prefers 5'10"+, slender lady, nonsmoker, for nature walks, swimming, exploring, laughter, stimulating conversations, jazz, classical music, passion, companionship. (6/8) ☎48266

ATTRACTIVE, ACTIVE, WHITE professional, 50, 5'8", 170lbs., healthy, honest, considerate, communicates, commitment, outdoors, travel, concerts, quiet, romantic moments with the right woman. Is this you? (6/8) ☎48286

I DON'T CLOSE BARS. 58, stable, secure, available single male desires to meet similar female companion. No games, serious replies only. (6/8) ☎48275

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. (6/8) ☎48272

SEEKING COMPANION, FRIEND, lover for long-term relationship. Youthful 58, slender, brown/blue, 5'7". Varied interests, easygoing, loving, caring. Time for TLC and sharing life. (6/8) ☎48278

BLACK PROFESSIONAL MALE seeks professional female for marriage. You: 35-50, nonsmoker, light drinker, financially/emotionally secure. Children fine. I'm 50+, 5'5", 180lbs., good-looking. Let's meet! (6/8) ☎48279

SUCCESSFUL WHITE MALE seeks happily ever after with intelligent, fit, attractive lady, 30s-40s. I'm positive, supportive, affectionate, blue eyes, muscular, well dressed, Catholic. (6/8) ☎48276

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WESTERN WASHINGTON GUY seeks white female, 40-55, slim-medium build, to come share quiet times here in Puget Sound. I like trips, walks, nature, moonlight, and cozy evening cuddling. (6/8) ☎48285

GOOD WHITE MALE, 40s, green eyes, brown hair, loving attitude towards life. Seeking woman, 40-55, with no ex-boyfriend baggage. Let's meet and have some fun. (6/1) ☎48235

MY FAVORITE THINGS ARE movies, concerts, yard sales, farmers' markets, biking, food, family, friends, hugs, kisses, holding hands, cuddling and you? (6/8) ☎48296

HANDSOME, 26, 6', 190lbs., builder, extroverted, world traveler, aware, huggable, personable, listener, compassionate, intuitive, open, communicative, loves life. You're under 30. No cats, please. (6/8) ☎48271

48, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards and morals. Seeking 42-49, friendship, relationship, fit lady to enjoy life with and possibly earn a commitment. (6/8) ☎48277

LA JOLLA BUSINESSMAN, 61, 6', 170lbs. Seeking white Christian lady who is attractive, slim, feminine, with great personality for marriage. (6/1) ☎48250

LARGE, EARTHY, WHITE woman, 180+lbs. wanted by attractive black male for a totally unique and passionate relationship. Be large, proportioned, attractive. Seeking a good woman. (6/8) ☎48293

59-YEAR-OLD MAN looking for North County, nonsmoking woman with good sense of humor, who likes her life, herself, who wants a good man. (6/8) ☎48270

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, walking, and fun at home, more. La Mesa area, please. (6/8) ☎48291

AVERAGE BLOND, 50, 5'10", 180lbs., no dependent children, homeowner seeks same to live happily ever after. (6/8) ☎48303

57, White Male

6'3", 210lbs., professional, twice divorced, no children, very caring, attentive lover, attractive, intelligent, sense of humor. (6/8) ☎48287

TALL, ATHLETIC, financially successful gentleman, 41. Seeking artistic, athletic, open-minded lady, 20s, for upcoming trips to Vienna and Berlin, summer 2005/beyond, open schedule desirable. (6/8) ☎48295

SHY, EASYGOING, single black male, tall, handsome, employed. Seeking female friend to hang out. Movies, dinner, concerts, ball games but no games, race open. (6/8) ☎48280

SMOKER OK, COFFEE DEFINITELY. Seeking smart, assertive woman. 49, 5'11", 180lbs., have traditional values, willing to try something new. Movies, outdoors, dancing, naughty/nice humor(6/8) ☎48288

LATINA WANTED! White male, 46, nice looking, great personality and sense of humor, successful professional. Seeking attractive, fun, female for friendship, travel, romance and love. (6/8) ☎48297

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

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What was your least favorite grade in school?

Morgan Black

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Sixth grade and my junior year of high school were the most difficult for me because I moved in the middle of the school year both of those times. In sixth grade, you're the big kid on the playground, but it wasn't fun because I didn't know anybody. My junior year of high school, I moved from Florida to California; those were the first two high schools I went to for junior year. Then, halfway through the year, I realized it would be better for me to change schools again for the better art program at a different high school. It's harder when you're older to move; you're more aware of human interactions. In sixth grade, you just want to have somebody to play dolls with. It's funny when you're young because you don't want to be around your parents, but when you move away from them, you realize how much you miss them.

Britney Wilberg

Office Assistant

College Area

I liked school, so it's hard for me to say. I never really had any problems going from one grade to another. I'm a social type of person, so I've never really had any problems meeting new people. My freshman year in high school was exciting because everything seemed so new. Senior year can be hard because you are saying goodbye to people; it's bittersweet. Throughout my senior year, I helped plan a lot of activities and was always involved. All of your schooling leads up to college and prepares you for the rest of life. How you do in school gets you ready, so kids should try and learn as much from each situation and opportunity.

Lisa Fizzary

Student

College Area

Third grade. I had a horrible teacher who needed to retire. The teacher played the largest role in making the third grade my least-favorite year. [The teacher] was so old that she was the teacher for the mother of one of the other students in my class. I can't really remember what was so bad about her, but I remember hating third grade. I didn't learn anything that year; we were all behind because the third-grade teacher didn't teach us multiplication. Fourth grade was a lot more enjoyable because I had a much better teacher. Classroom involvement improved and the reason for that was entirely up to the teacher. Parents should definitely be aware when their child is struggling in school; my parents went in and talked to the teacher and to the principal and tried to get me out of that class.

Chris Kung

Student

La Mesa

Seventh grade was my worst year. It's an awkward time if you're a girl or a boy. Girls probably have it harder because they tend to be more confrontational and they have to deal with crap like gossip from other girls. As a boy, you can kind of keep your head down and get through it. My advice to a kid starting middle school is that it gets better. Eighth grade is easier once you get through seventh grade, and by the time you get to high school, things get fun. I enjoyed my junior year the most; you don't have to deal with all the senioritis and pressure of your senior year, but you're also at the age when things start going smoother.

Sean Lynch

Student

Mission Valley

I've been to three different schools since I graduated high school, so that's been kind of tough. I was in Colorado my freshman year, and it was a big shock; I was totally out of my comfort zone. It turned out to be a really good experience even though it sucked. Moving from Northern California to Colorado, I was taken away from everything that was fulfilling to me. I missed my family and my friends and things like skating because I was stuck out in a farm town. For me, I learned that I was dependent on the wrong things; it was a big step, though, for my faith. Once I had everything that fulfilled me taken away, I was sad. Then I turned to God and received a different fulfillment. With anything, once you get into your comfort zone, it's not as easy to grow and learn about yourself as a person.

Lisa Schwarz

Sales

Mission Beach

Seventh grade was the hardest and my least-favorite grade. Because it's an age when kids feel awkward; it's difficult to feel comfortable with yourself and others because everyone is experiencing the same awkwardness. It's hard, too, because girls mature earlier than boys, so there's the severe spectrum in the maturity level that adds to the pressures of someone at that age.

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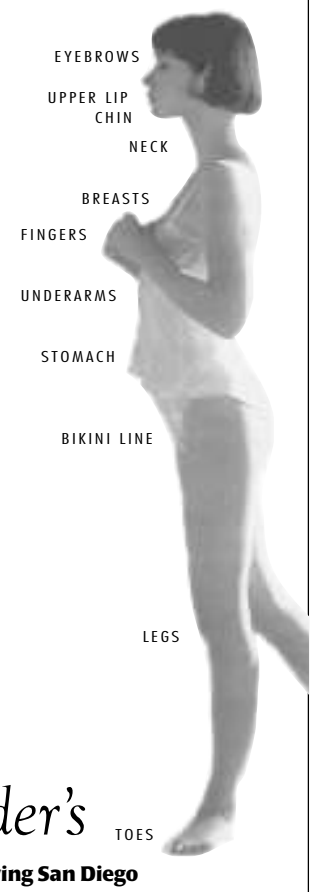

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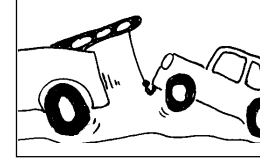
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LA MESA. $675. Large studio. $700 deposit. Water included. Pool, parking, laundry. 7629 Normal Avenue. 619-303-0895.

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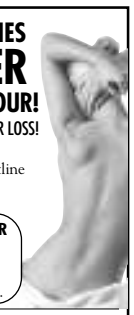
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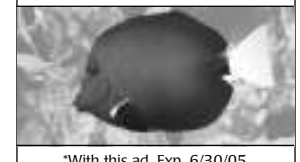

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NORTH PARK. $925. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs apartment home in beautiful North Park with a private balcony. Built-in storage in the living room, extra cabinet space in the kitchen, on-site laundry facility and assigned off-street parking. 4020 Kansas. 858-270-5500 x47. www.msbrowar.com.

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NORTH PARK. $750. Small 1 bedroom, 1 bath, lower unit, gated complex, patio, on-site laundry. No pets. Nonsmoking. 3119 Howard. 619-281-4698.

NORTH PARK. $895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment, patio, yard, onsite laundry, storage shed, 1 parking space, new paint, blinds. Newer carpet/appliances. Nice neighborhood. 3571 Cherokee Avenue. 619-281-5911.

NORTH PARK. $855, deposit $800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Move-in special! 2nd floor unit with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, balcony, underground parking. Gated with elevator. Cat OK. 3928 Illinois Street. 619-843-0796.

NORTH PARK. $925, deposit $850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, balcony, washer/dryer, underground parking with elevator. Section 8 OK. 4155 Georgia. 619-297-7662.

NORTH PARK. $825, deposit $700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, balcony, gated, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Garage available with $50/month extra. Section 8 OK. 4360 Hamilton #4. 619-804-3325.

NORTH PARK. $825, deposit $700, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. $975, deposit $850, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Large unit with stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Blocks to Balboa. Section 8 OK. 3337 Herman. 619-804-3325.

NORTH PARK. $1000. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large lower unit. Walk in closet. New carpet and flooring. Small gated building. Close to the village. Available 6/1. John A. Reis and Company, Inc. 858-272-1348.

NORTH PARK. $725 rent, $600 deposit, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. $925 rent, $850 deposit, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Move-in special. Gas stove, refrigerator, fireplace, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Close to Freeway. 3805 Boundary Street. 619-804-3325.

NORTH PARK. $850 rent. $750 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, electric stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, on-site laundry. New carpet and paint. Section 8 ok. 3345 Herman Avenue #4. 619-804-3325.

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OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath garden apartment, off-street parking (2). $1500. No smoking. Available now. Pets considered. 619-222-7879.

OCEAN BEACH. Spacious, remodeled 1 bedroom with beautiful ocean views. Washer/dryer, bedroom ceiling fan, patio, plenty of sunlight. Quiet neighborhood. No pets. $1300/month. 619-223-8085.

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OCEAN BEACH. $1095-$1395. 1 bedroom, 1 bath; 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1/2 block to Dog Beach. Laundry. Indoor dog OK. 2234 available now; 2236 and 2238 available 6/1. 2230 West Abbott Street #2234, #2236, #2238. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $1900. Luxury townhouse. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New quality appliances. Laundry, jacuzzi, views, private enclosed yard, double garage. Near beach. Small pet. 619-846-9917.

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OCEAN BEACH. Studio. $750. 1 block to ocean, includes utilities. No pets. 2128 Abbott. kandrproperties.com. 858-490-1600.

OCEAN BEACH. $950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry, shared yard. No pets. 4968 Narragansett. kandrproperties.com. 858-490-1600.

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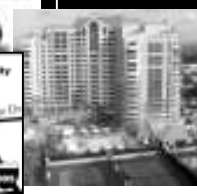

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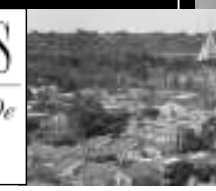

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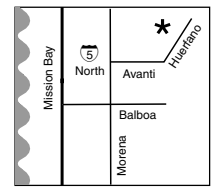

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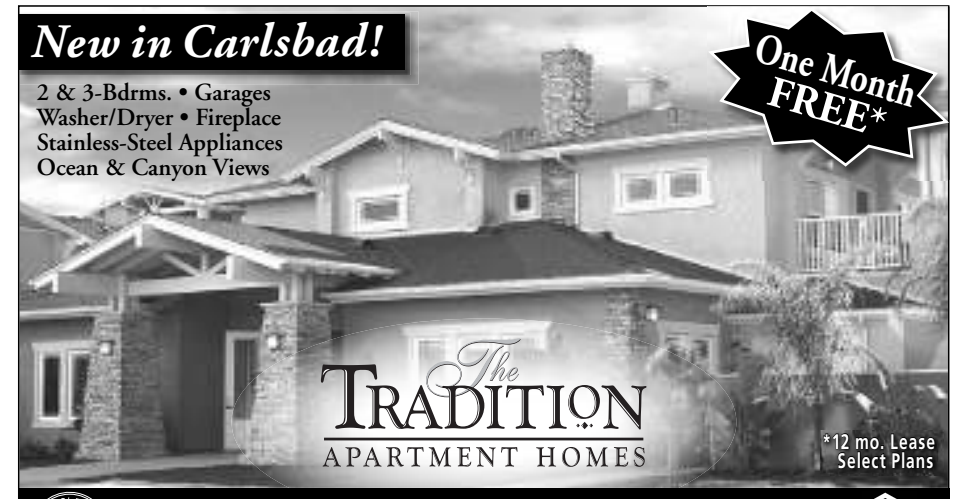

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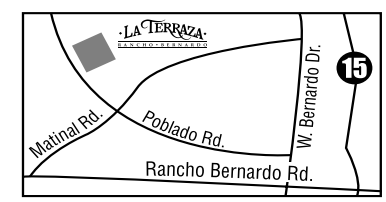

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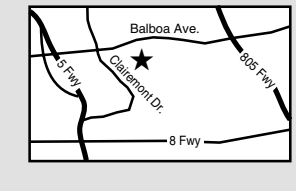

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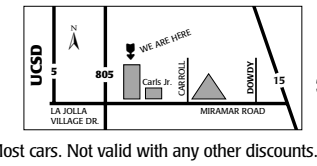

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LEAD STORY

— Not the Hardiest of Citizens: Windsor, Ontario, hairstylist Waddah (Martin) Mustapha was awarded the equivalent of about $270,000 by a court in April after he testified that he became racked with depression upon seeing a fly inside a commercial bottle of water at his salon. Presumably, damages would have been more if Mustapha had drunk from the bottle or opened it. As it was, he and his wife vomited, and he required extensive psychotherapy for nightmares, loss of sense of humor, increased argumentativeness, lack of desire to shower regularly, and constipation.

Compelling Explanations

— Laura and Edmund Gerstein of Boca Raton, Fla., who want to save their back-yard grapefruit tree from the state's citrus canker eradication program, formally claimed immunity for the tree under a provision in the 1949 Geneva Conventions. The Gersteins pointed to a paragraph on protecting crops needed for civilians' survival during wartime, in that, said Edmund, "As I understand it, [the U.S.] is in a state of war." (Responded a state Department of Agriculture spokesman, "That tree will be coming down.")

— In April, an arbitration panel issued a two-year suspension to champion cyclist Tyler Hamilton for having transfused another person's blood for a race in Spain last year. At the panel's hearing in March, according to an April *New York Times* story, Hamilton and his lawyers had denied the charge and raised the possibility that maybe Hamilton had a "vanishing twin" who had shared the womb with him during his first trimester, which would account for why he wound up with some blood that doesn't match his "other" blood.

— More Compelling Explanations: (1) Police in Morrisville, Vt., who arrested a teenager in April for allegedly removing a corpse's head in a cemetery tomb, said the suspect had spoken of using the head as a marijuana bong. (2) A young woman who in December sued an Austin, Texas, distributor of steamy "spring break" videos, admitted that she had consented to be in a video topless, but that she was only 17 at the time (and therefore a minor). She now fears the video's circulation will hamper her in "college," "career," and "church."

Least Competent Criminals

— In March, Jonathan P. Mitchell, dressed in black and wet from crawling in the mud up to a store in the KOA campground near Watsonville, Calif., was found by police, stuck and dangling from the rafters after trying to climb in through the roof. However, the manager admitted that he had not locked the door that night and that Mitchell could have walked in. ... Three weeks earlier, in Fostoria, Ohio, thieves broke in and carried off a safe in the office of a local organization that serves the poor (Fostoria Bureau of Concern), but director Susan Simpkins said that not only was the safe empty, but the bureau had decided to junk it a while back and was looking for someone to haul it away.

— In April, Thanh Nhat Le, 51, was arrested in Dorchester, Mass., when he tried to cash a check he wrote to himself for $7550 on his account at a Sovereign Bank. He had opened the account two weeks earlier, handing over $171 in small bills. He was certain that he had plenty of money in his account, though, because in the interim, he had also mailed the bank three checks for deposit: one for $250,000, one for $2 million, and one for $4 billion.

Recurring Themes

— In Springfield, Mass., Thomas P. Budnick became the most recent man who was convicted at a trial in which he had persuaded the judge to let him act as his own lawyer. Budnick argued with a straight face on appeal that his conviction should be overturned because his trial lawyer was incompetent. The decision is pending.

Cutting-Edge Research

— (1) Homelier-looking kids get taken care of by their parents less attentively than do the good-looking ones, e.g., they don't get buckled into carts as frequently in supermarkets and are allowed to drift further away in the store. (Reported by Dr. Andrew Harrell, University of Alberta). (2) Gay men resemble women in their approach to reading road maps, determining directions by, for example, use of landmarks, rather than the typical heterosexual male approach of spatial reasoning. (Reported by psychobiologist Oazi Rahman, University of East London).

The Classic Middle Name (all-new)

— Arrested for murder recently: Darrell Wayne Maness, 19, Wilmington, N.C. (January); Timothy Wayne Ebert, 40, Cleveland, Texas (February); John Wayne Blair, 49, Sevier County, Tenn. (April); Derek Wayne Jackson, 18, Norristown, Pa. (April); Nathaniel Wayne Hart, 34, Austin, Texas (April). Convicted of murder: Donald Wayne Shipe, 37, Winchester, Va. (May). Sentenced for murder: Emmanuel Wayne Harris, 28, Bisbee, Ariz. (February). Executed for murder: Dennis Wayne Bagwell, 41, Huntsville, Texas (February); Lonnie Wayne Pursley, 43, Huntsville, Texas (May). Committed suicide while suspected of murder: Eric Wayne Jacobs, 27, Castroville, Calif. (April).

— Classic Middle Name Special: In April, in New Scotland, N.Y., Jean Balashek, 86, was found murdered, and police charged her daughter, Corianna Thompson, with the crime. Thompson's birth name was Corey Wayne Balashek, and before his sex change, he had served nine years for another killing. Thus, Thompson/Balashek may be the first American ever charged with homicide in both genders.

No Longer Weird

— Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (73) Pranksters who carry away a prominent local mascot figure and abuse it or subject it to a "ransom" demand or photograph it in zany places, such as the people who took the stuffed buffalo from the field house at Milligan College (Elizabethton, Tenn.) and suspended it from the ceiling of the campus chapel. And (74) the toddler who grabs the family's car keys and manages to drive a respectable distance at least semi-safely, as did a four-year-old boy in Sand Lake, Mich., who drove his mother's car a quarter mile to a video store in the middle of the night (February).

Are We Safe? (continued)

— The Defense Department's March 30 progress report on the post-9/11 upgrading of its needs for foreign-language professionals showed the Pentagon (41 months after the attacks) getting around to learning how many of its people already speak a foreign language. According to the document's chronology (reported in April by Slate.com), it was not until May 2004 that a formal decision was made to "assess [foreign] language needs" and form a "steering committee." By July 2005, the Pentagon is to issue "guidance" for how to manage a stepped-up program, and by December 2005 to create a database of personnel with foreign-language skills. The management system for how to run such a program is to be in place by September 2007, after which, presumably, attention to the upgrading of skills can begin.

God's Will

— In January, a 69-year-old minister at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Oviedo, Fla., suffered a fatal heart attack in mid-sentence during a sermon, as he was quoting the scholar John Wesley, "And when I go to heaven..." ... In April, at least 52 Hindu pilgrims drowned in India's holy Narmada River when a power-generation dam upstream released water. ... In February, at least 59 worshipers were killed in a fire in a mosque in Tehran, Iran, when a worshiper's veil ignited from a kerosene stove.

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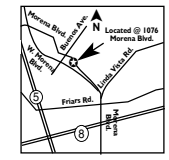

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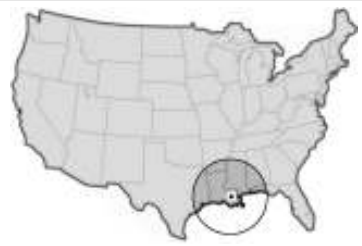

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I'LL NEVER WRITE THE WORLD'S GREATEST NOVEL

I just got home from watching *Revenge of the Sith,* the first showing at 12:01 on Thursday. It was, like all five *Star Wars* movies before it, better than the sum of its parts — only mediocre in some respects but nevertheless an amazing movie overall. much better than I and II, no doubt. there's a great deal of satisfaction in the completion of the circle alone — all the ends tied neatly together — it was like finally seeing on the screen a story that i've known for most of my going-on-thirty years. in that sense, i can't help feeling it's an end to an era. and ends of eras make me kind of sad.

I'm no fanboy at this point — the first two movies made sure of that — but when a friend of mine called at 9 p.m. and offered me an extra ticket she had, I definitely couldn't resist. When I got there, the atmosphere was just electric, and the crowd was amazing. The people who go to the opening nights of *Star Wars* movies are a unique bunch, but startlingly diverse, if that makes sense, from total high school sci-fi geeks with elaborate costumes and lightsabers to frat boys, football players, doctors and lawyers with elaborate costumes and lightsabers. all walks of life. and i have to admit i was more than comfortable there myself, despite not having dressed the part.

One of my favorite books about New Orleans, and probably one of my favorite books period — Walker Percy's *The Moviegoer* — talks a lot about "repetitions" in life — a term I think he got from Kierkegaard. for me, seeing the last *Star Wars* movie last night at age 29 was just that kind of repetition, a bookend of sorts to a hazy memory of watching the first movie sometime in the late seventies as a little kid. and that bookend kind of parcels off the time in between, gives me an opportunity to look back at all those years and reflect on how i've changed so much in so many ways in that time (and not so much in others) while Darth Vader and R2D2 have stayed the same.

I didn't fit in very well then, and maybe i still don't quite, but i've certainly come to terms with myself over that time. i'm comfortable with who i am, realized that i'll never write the world's greatest novel, realized that i'm happier as a graphic designer than as a lawyer, and that there's a whole world of people out there like me, and they all go to indie rock shows and *Star Wars* openings.

It's weird, though — sometimes I think I cultivate my eccentricities just to be (more) different. I mean, why do I collect akira kurosawa movies or copies of *alice in wonderland*? yes, I really love kurosawa's visual style and carroll's wordplay, but why do I collect those things when most people don't even

know about them? Why do I spend my time and money seeking out the obscure movies, the indie bands, when I don't really have a lot of friends who are into those things to share them with? well, mostly i tell myself it's because it's good quality stuff, and I'm a better person for having broader horizons and such. but sometimes I feel like I'm doing it to define myself, so that i and other people can see just how different i am. I'm comfortable with myself, with my quirks and foibles and (and plus I just wanted to use the word "foible" in print) but i feel like i'm always trying to find something i haven't found yet, or make myself into something i'm not. I'm sure Freud would have a good bit to say about all this.

i guess the best we can really do in life is to know who we were, and try to figure out who we are now, and guess at the future. I just always thought that by the time i was 30, i'd have more than that figured out. I think that's a good part of why i write this weblog — it lets me chart my progress, put my thoughts down so i can look at them, make them concrete, and then figure out who i really am.

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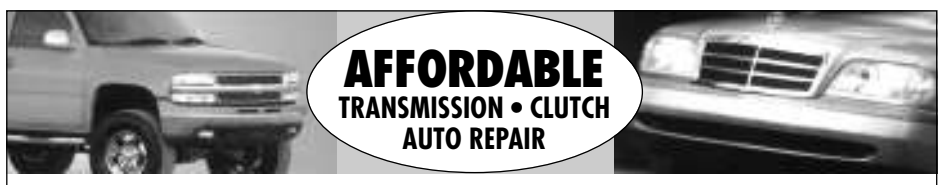

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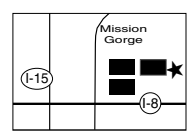

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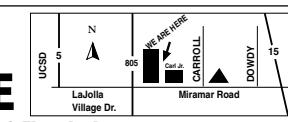

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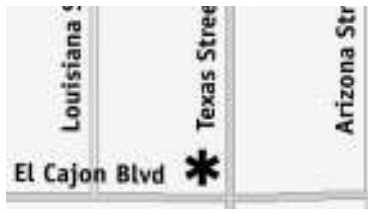
ASSAULT

Location: [4300] Texas Street, North Park
Time/Date: 3:45 a.m. on 5/06/05

Report: A twenty-one-year-old white male was drinking at Scolari's Office, 3900 30th Street. He met two white females there, one named "Krista." They left the bar together and returned to his residence to continue to socialize. The two females decided to leave, and an argument ensued over some unknown matter. One of the females stabbed/cut the male victim on both sides of his neck, causing a six-inch laceration and puncturing both carotid arteries. The females fled the scene and the motivation is unknown for the attack.



OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Location: 336 Hillside Terrace, Vista
Time/Date: 10:00 p.m. on 5/15/05

Incident: A Hispanic male went to a neighbor's door and threatened him with a firearm, telling him that he was going to kill him and his family. The reporting party closed the door, secured his kids, and telephoned the Sheriff's Department. The reporting party then heard two sounds of what he believed was gunfire.

Deputies observed a suspect matching the description from the reporting party sitting on the steps. Deputies called out to the suspect, stating "Sheriff's Department" and ordered the subject to show them his hands. The suspect turned towards the deputies and pointed a handgun in their direction. Two deputies fired their weapons at the suspect, resulting in him being fatally wounded.

ROBBERY/STABBING

Location: 3015 Clairemont Drive, Bay Park
Time/Date: 9:08 p.m. on 5/06/05

Report: A white male, 28-30, 5'10", 160, thin beard, light-skinned, brown short curly hair, blue jacket, dark plaid shirt, blue pants, entered Keil's Food Store, took 2-3 bottles of tequila off the shelf and exited the store. A clerk followed him outside and asked him to pay for the liquor. The suspect pulled out a box cutter and slashed at the clerk, cutting him on the finger. The suspect then fled on foot across Clairemont Drive with another white male. He dropped a bottle of tequila and lost one of his shoes at the scene.

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: Corner of Clairemont Mesa and Genesee Avenue, North Clairemont
Time/Date: 7:26 p.m. on 5/13/05

Incident: Two white males got into an altercation over the sale of some marijuana. One was armed with a hammer and one had a BB bat. A fight started and the male with the BB bat was able to subdue the male with the hammer by hitting him on the arm and in the face.

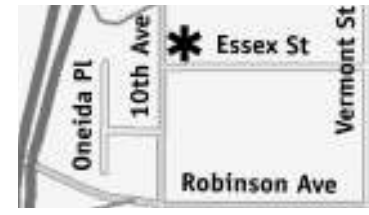
ROBBERY

Location: 3310 Ruffin Road, Serra Mesa
Time/Date: 8:47 p.m. on 5/05/05

Report: A black female entered the gas station [Mission Village 76] and pretended she was injured. When the clerk came around the counter to help her, a black male entered the business, knocked the clerk to the floor, and took cash from the register. Both suspects then exited the building and fled northbound on foot. The clerk suffered an injury to his hand.

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: [1000] Essex Street, Hillcrest
Time/Date: 9:49 a.m. on 5/13/05



Incident: The victim found the tires to his car slashed as he was leaving his residence this morning. He confronted a transient/former neighbor that has been causing many problems in the area the past few weeks. The victim asked the transient if he slashed the tires, and the transient responded by using a knife to stab/slash the victim on his right arm, inflicting a 3-inch laceration. The transient fled, but was arrested about two blocks away and was positively identified.

CHILD CONCEALMENT

Location: 4250 Spring Street, La Mesa
Time/Date: 4:15 p.m. on 5/06/05

Investigation: Arturo C. reported that Cynthia G., 23, the mother of his child, took the child by force and threat at the Spring Street Trolley Station...and fled on the trolley towards the City of San Diego. C. is the father of the child and former boyfriend of G. C. was granted sole physical custody of the child by the court. C. believed G. would take the child to Mexico to conceal the child from him.

C. and a witness reported that C. met with C. at the trolley station for a child visitation. It is alleged that during the visitation, G. asked to hold the child, then pulled a concealed penknife, holding the knife to the child's back, while threatening to harm the child if C. or the witness tried to prevent her from taking the child.

During the search for the child, Trolley Security reported to the police department that they had located the mother and child on one of their trolley cars heading toward the 12th Street and Imperial Station. During the arrest of G., a penknife was recovered. The child was unharmed and returned to his father.

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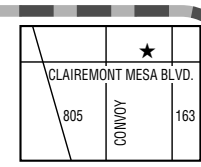

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- MILEAGE: 14000

Danny Gilson tells me, "I've always been into cars. I mean, I went to school in mechanical engineering, and in the Society of Automotive Engineers we built a car to take to a competition in Kansas. The society has a competition every year. Like, three different events. There's an endurance race around a muddy track. There's a straight-line race. And a hill climb. They give you the motor a month in advance, and you build a car around the motor. We made the transmission, the frame. We had to buy the steel. Made the jigs for the suspension and everything. We'd get grants from, like, Honeywell, Toyota Racing Development. We'd call and say, 'I'm trying to do this,' and they either give you a grant or parts. We bought a seat and the brake system and tires. Everything else, the suspension, the frame, we made."

"What school did you go to?" I ask.

"UCLA. And the reason why I got the Infiniti was because I got a free ride to go there, so I saved enough money I figured I owed it to myself to get something nice."

"Then you're working as an engineer?"

"Not right now. I won some money at poker in Tahoe, and the economy's not that great. I'm trying to get a job at Nissan in La Jolla."

"But as an automotive engineer by trade, you decided the Infiniti was the best car?"

"Actually," Danny says, "you can get a faster, better handling car for less. Maybe the Subaru WRX or the new Mitsubishi Lancer Turbo. But they're not so good looking. I paid more for the look. I mean, the Infiniti is a good car overall. And the customer service is really good. The mirror was rattling and there was a bad tire and it came with a scratch on the bumper. I took it in and they gave me a loaner car for like a week and they replaced the bumper.

"It's got a six-speed manual transmission. I figure a car like that, it's a shame to have automatic. Fifth and sixth gears are both overdrive. Sixth gear is pretty high. It says in the manual to shift to sixth at 40 miles an hour. But I go about 50 before I put it into sixth gear.

"It's a 325 six cylinder. Nissan-Infiniti uses the same engine in five or six different cars. The Maxima, the Murano, FX35, the I35, a couple others.

"The sound when you turn it on is great. A raspy kind of howl. And there's a button so that you can turn off the traction control. A week after I got it, I picked up my friend who lives right across from the stadium on Friars in a condo complex. And I thought, I'm going to screw around. So I pushed the button and put it in first and turned onto Friars Road, and I hit a bump and did like a double 360 and it rolled back over the curb. My friend was like, 'Whoa!' Our hearts were pumping, and the people coming across Friars were flashing brights at me. That was an experience. I was only going like 25."

I ask, "Why do they have that button to turn off the traction control?"

"I guess just so guys can mess around," Danny says.

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WHAT ABOUT BETSY?

"I said, your love!" the flat-screen TV speakers blare into the semi-neutral, designer-coordinated bedroom. Betsy whirls around in a gossamer nightgown, singing the chorus, "Your love keeps liftin' me," and she falls onto the mocha comforter and tan pillows. She's going out tonight with Pat, the love of her life, and she's feeling glorious.

There have been bad times. Times when she felt empty inside because of him, but that was in the past, forgotten. And tonight, this night, they're going out.

"Keeps on liftin' me!"

Sure, he used to fool around with other women, but so did she. They used to fool around with other women together. Pat said it would make their relationship stronger. And in a drawn-out, labored way, it has. Through all the jealousy and the fighting, through the broken dishes and the times when they just held each other and she cried into her coffee-colored linens, it worked to bring her and Pat closer. She's never loved him more.

"YOU KNOW YOUR LOVE!" the TV belts out. "HOOOOoooHooOOOOO!"

Cocaine lines her glass coffee table in thin, parallel rows. "Keeps on liftin' me!" She sings along. She springs off the thick mattress. Her long legs stretch out in a testament to her days as a dancer, and her flouncing hair frames her head in a golden halo.

"Keeps on liftin' me!" She sings with the TV. "HIGHER AND HIGHER!" Betsy's been dating Pat for two years, and this is the best time of their lives. Sure, his TV show is a chintzy celebrity-gossip rag, but he's the host. And it's TV! Pat's on TV and gets paid way more than her dad ever got paid. And tonight they're going out. First to Radicchio for drinks, then to Alpha for some dancing. They haven't been out in a long time. Things were shaky, but now they're stronger.

With the rolled-up bill in her nose Betsy sees her reflection in the glass tabletop, and the white, granular lines of the coke decorate her image like war paint.

Maybe he won't invite *her*. His new assistant, who he's been making a play for, has accompanied them everywhere for a week now. Maybe it'll just be Betsy and Pat tonight. Maybe he'll hold Betsy's hand from across the table and look into her eyes the way he used to. Maybe.

"Higher and higher!"

Higher.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 26

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION (1994)

SHOWTIME, 6:30 P.M.

It was the middle of summer, so I was wearing sandals when they cuffed me. After they threw me in jail they took my flip-flops, sweatshirt, everything except my T-shirt and shorts. The concrete floor of the drunk tank was cold, and the jailers, junior sheriff deputies, told me to sit on the bench so my feet wouldn't freeze. "I'll stand!" I yelled through the glass. I paced for three hours until my feet were purple. It must've been 45 degrees in that cell.

DIVINE SECRETS OF THE YA-YA SISTERHOOD (2002)

TBS, 9:00 P.M.

A short, incomplete list of things I'd rather do than watch this movie: A) French kiss a baboon; B) Douse my eyes with Tabasco sauce; C) Shoot myself through the hand; D) Lick the underside of a handrail at the zoo.

FRIDAY, MAY 27

THAT '70S SHOW

FOX, 6:30 P.M.

Ray Kurzweil predicts that in 14 years, medical science and robotics will be so advanced that the human race will be considered immortal. I was born in 1976, so I'll be 43 when my new bionic body is ready. I can't wait to be immortal! Along with immortality, I'd like to place an order for a prehensile tail, if anyone in the bioscience field is reading this.

Planet of the Apes

SATURDAY, MAY 28

HEALTH MATTERS

UCSD-TV, 1:00 P.M.

I'm quitting tobacco. There's a stinking, itching, burning patch seeping nicotine into the skin of my right love handle. Even though I hate the patches, I have to stick with them because they worked the first time I quit.

SUNDAY, MAY 29

THE MUNSTERS

TV LAND, 10:30 A.M.

The Munsters are a metaphor for the domestic violence that raged in the '50s and '60s. Their friends and neighbors can clearly see something's different, but no one would be so rude as to bring it up in front of the Munsters; those sorts of rumors are best left to light up the backyard fences after sundown. The girl puts on a pretty face to fit in. The boy is too young to know any better; he wears the ghoulish mask of his family. The mother's sunken eyes tell her story. I could go on.

YOUR TOTAL HEALTH

KNSD, 3:30 P.M.

The last time I gave up nicotine I was in Barcelona, Spain. I had the flu. I was dopesick from partying in Ireland for two weeks straight, and I was kicking tobacco at the same time. My bed was behind a privacy curtain in a public room full of other beds and curtains. You could smell the disease, sweat, and bacteria emanating from my bunk. I coughed all night. I was 6000 miles from home. This time ought to be a piece of cake compared to that.

MONDAY, MAY 30

THE CALCULUS OF BIKE RACING

UCSD-TV, 11:00 P.M.

I bought a bike. It's the first new bike I've owned since I was 12. And like then, I've been telling all of my friends and everyone I meet, "Yep, just bought myself a new bike." I cross my arms behind my head and slip it into conversation whenever I can. "Oh yeah, that's just like when I ride my brand-new, shiny red bike around OB." Yep, I'm smooth.

TUESDAY, MAY 31

GOOD EATS

FOOD CHANNEL, 7:00 P.M.

Two weekends ago, my roommate Kip dared me to eat a Krispy Kreme glazed doughnut that he had stuffed with beef. I now divide my life into two distinct time periods: BMD and AMD, Before Meat Donut and After Meat Donut. We are now living in the year 1AMD.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

PLANET OF THE APES (2001)

FX, 8:00 P.M.

Marky Mark and the Monkey Bunch.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

DIVORCE COURT

UPN, 3:30 P.M.

The clouds sprinkled soft mist. When we started this affair, we knew when it would end and why. We knew the exact date it would end. We didn't care about that when we began, but the pain was hard to ignore when it was over. Our cheeks rubbed, wet with tears and rain. She got in her truck and I got in mine. Three years of time, driving in opposite directions out of the parking lot.

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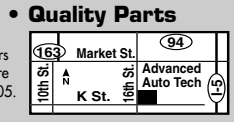

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They would often jam together at sea — Aubrey on violin, Maturin on cello.

By John Brizzolara

Jack Aubrey and his neighbour in the rusty black coat stood up at the same time, and they looked at one another: Jack let his face return to its expression of cold dislike...and in a low voice he said, "My name is Aubrey, sir: I am staying at the Crown."

"Mine, sir, is Maturin. I am to be found any morning at Joselito's coffee-house. May I beg you to stand aside?"

For a moment Jack felt the strongest inclination to snatch up his little gilt chair and beat the white-faced man down with it....

— Master and Commander,
by Patrick O'Brian

I may be easily entertained, but I don't think that's quite it. Since seeing Peter Weir's movie *Master and Commander, The Far Side of the World* (with Russell Crowe as Captain "Lucky" Jack Aubrey and Paul Bettany as Stephen Maturin, ship's surgeon and intelligence agent) twice on the big screen and twice more on DVD and VHS, I have been reading a few of the novels by Patrick O'Brian on which the characters are based. I am likely to read them all.

And so it was with more than a little excitement that one Friday evening I stood on the deck of the H.M.S. *Surprise* at the San Diego Maritime Museum. It is a reproduction of a similar British frigate but the identical ship used in the movie. It has been here for more than a year and is now owned by the Maritime Museum. The *Surprise* started out in 1970 as the H.M.S. *Rose* to serve as a sail training vessel that operated out of several East Coast ports for more than 30 years. The museum purchased the *Surprise* from 20th Century Fox in 2004.

Discovering the books after seeing the movie is probably not that unusual; but after discovering the huge fan base for the material, it feels like walking in on the middle of a worldwide, ongoing party. There are more than 1000 members of the online fanclub, the Gun Room *(www.hmssurprise.org),* including Walter Cronkite, who conducted a televised interview with O'Brian before the latter's death in 2000.

Should you visit the ship, say, on a Friday evening before dinner, the likelihood is that you will encounter docent Jack Brussel. On Saturdays, tour guide Elizabeth Albé drives down from Mission Viejo. She has been a lifelong tallship enthusiast. She is chock-full of tidbits and dresses like a *Surprise* crew member, complete with straw boater hat with the name of the ship on a black hatband.

The *Surprise* has several fiberglass cannons in place on the gun deck, aimed at Anthony's Star of the Sea restaurant. Inside the fiberglass are metal tubes to accommodate black powder for showy smoke and flash. Other Hollywood touches are an unusable capstan to haul a fiberglass anchor and steel masts painted to resemble oak on film.

Below decks plays a video documentary on the making of the movie and more information on the ship. The video includes brief interviews with and footage of Crowe rehearsing. Often, Brussel told me, elderly women especially will ask, "Where did Russell Crowe stand? I want to stand there." He responds, "Just pick a spot."

The captain's quarters at the stern are behind glass. Here you will find a cello and violin standing in for Aubrey and Maturin's instruments. In the film, they became fast friends as well as fellow seagoing officers on the *Surprise* after their initial semi-hostile meeting, and they would often jam together at sea — Aubrey on violin, Maturin on cello.

The ship is full of cutlasses, muskets, uniforms, mannequins, axes, ramrods, maps, compasses (all behind glass), as well as placards studded around the vessel. Here you will find information about the 18th- and 19th-century Royal Navy traditions and workings. Of the trinity of those traditions — rum, sodomy, and the lash — only ship's stores of alcohol are acknowledged on these information signs. Aubrey was not a flogging captain.

In the berth next to the *Surprise* is the ferry *Berkeley.* Here you will find all the O'Brian novels, video tapes and DVDs of the film and it's making, related books, many of them fine coffee table editions about tall ships and the navy of "Lucky Jack." You will even find a biography of Captain Thomas Cochrane, a protégé of Lord Nelson and the real-life counterpart of Aubrey upon which the character was based.

H.M.S. Surprise

And if you fancy yourself a chef, you may want to purchase the cookbook *Lobscousse and Spotted Dog,* with authentic recipes for dishes that would be served up aboard a frigate when Britannia ruled the waves. Spotted dog seems to be a tasty dessert pudding instead of the fatty abomination it sounds like. You will also find a very classily boxed board game of *Master and Commander* for your Gun Room parties.

"She is the Surprise,*" said Stephen, and he whispered, "The joyful* Surprise, *God and Mary be with her."*

— last line of *The Far Side of the World* by Patrick O'Brian

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