Scroll Goof

Neal, if you're gonna bash someone publicly, you may want to get your facts straight (Neal Obermeyer, May 26). The Dead Sea Scrolls do not contain the Gospel of Mary or the Gospel of Thomas! Where did you get your facts, from *The Da Vinci Code*?

Todd Billings Clairemont Mesa

Wise Fool

I just read Naomi Wise's review (May 26) of the first Nobu, which is a great restaurant. I'm very upset about the fact that she compares it to other restaurants. I think it's very unprofessional, and saying that Ota is overpriced and, you know, not as good is basically b.s. Naomi Wise is a fool. I've read her reviews for forever, and she's very biased, and I'm over it, and I recommend that my friends don't read her column anymore.

Name Withheld

Naomi Wise responds: You've misread. I think Ota-San is fabulous, probably our best sushi-itamae of them all, and his work is worth the premium prices he charges. But getting a seat at Ota's sushi bar can be like trying to get opening-night tickets for the latest Star Wars saga it usually means arriving before 5:00 p.m. and standing in line at the doorway. I was delighted to find a pair of Solana Beach alternatives (Nobu and Samurai) where the sushi is great and the seating is easy.

Fish Atonement

In her recent review of Nobu Japanese Restaurant (May 26), I was puzzled to see that Naomi Wise apparently knows that bluefin tuna (*toro*) is endangered but ordered and ate it anyway. She apparently feels a little bit guilty, since she, kind of, apologized.

To atone, perhaps she

could write about chefs who are waking up to the problem and have voluntarily agreed to stop serving endangered fish until the populations recover. I have read about these efforts, but I admit that I never tried to get more information and use it, until now. So I guess that, like Naomi, I knew that I might be pushing a species over the brink by my choices, but I was too lazy to do anything about it. So, surfing the Web this morning I learned that the Monterey Bay Aquarium has teamed up with the Seafood Choices Alliance to publish a list of restaurants that agree not to serve endangered fish. Alas, no restaurant in San Diego is yet on this list. But I did print out a convenient wallet card (www. montereybayaquarium. org/ cr/cr_seafoodwatch/ content/ media/seafoodwatch_west.pdf. I'm putting it in my purse, and I'm going to check it the next time I eat out and start asking questions.

> Carrie Schneider via e-mail

Bloodsucker Bias

What is wrong with Michael Hemmingson? Does he want to prove that the media is corrupt and warped? Why does he need to prove that journalists are biased bloodsuckers who must shape stories to make them exciting rather than objective? Reading the recent article ("Blurt," April 21) about the murder of Jacob Faust was appalling. Hemmingson scanned through the jivejunction.com tribute website and found comments that made Jake sound strange and offbeat. He neglected to use any of the letters that point out what a huge heart Jake had and how talented he was as an artist. Hemmingson seems a little afraid to admit that an act of cruel violence was inflicted upon an innocent citizen, so he made his article one-sided and flat in order to make it seem more believable that someone could be killed for no reason. Sorry, Michael, you don't have to be insane to be murdered by the police. We don't get to go to bed feeling safe that only weirdos get shot. We go to bed heartbroken with the loss of an innocent. Thanks

> Mariane Stewart via e-mail

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Splitsville The clerk in downtown's divorce court says that the 1993 case of former



police chief, now mayoral candidate, Jerry Sanders and his ex-wife **Kerrill** is under seal and not available for public inspection. In March, a divorce-sealing law carried by San Diego state senator Christine Kehoe was struck Jerry Sanders down by Los Angeles judge Roy Paul on the

grounds that it violated the public's right to obtain court records. The case involved the sealed files of supermarket mogul and Gray Davis pal Ron Burkle, a major contributor to the Democrats behind the bill. But any of Sanders's opponents who try to make hay out of his case are on the wrong track, according to Kerrill, a preschool teacher in La Mesa. "It was a very amicable parting. The case was sealed under advice of our attorneys to preserve our privacy," she said in a telephone interview this week. "People change, that's all. We have two kids, and everybody gets along fine. He's a great father, and he'll make a great mayor." ... Deborah Berger, fired by City Attorney Michael Aguirre, whom she had endorsed after losing her own primary bid against him, is holding two fund-raisers to retire her campaign debt. "No, I am not spear-heading a recall of Mike Aguirre in order to run again.... I had too much fun the first time to risk trying to duplicate it." Time and place: June 10, at lawyer and lobbyist Chris Frahm's downtown law office. Donors who already maxed out under the old \$250 limit may now give an extra \$50 under the city's new \$300 cap, according to the invitation. The second fund-raiser, on June 26, is a "summer afternoon garden party" at Berger's house in

Catch-23 It's shaping up to be another rough-and-tumble mayoral race in San Diego. Special-interest money — expected to fuel a barrage of last-minute campaign hit pieces is pouring into campaign coffers. Add to that the self-funding by mega-millionaire **Steve** Francis and other candidates, along with a widely seen need to tear down the perceived lead of City Councilwoman Donna Frye, and



the mud is virtually certain to fly. The city's loose fund-raising restrictions are expected to attract a raft of so-called independent campaign committees, formed to evade San Diego's ostensible \$300 limit on individual contributions and outright ban on corporate money.

County Democrats and Republicans are likely to join the fray, and the AFL-CIO's labor council can't be counted out. Last fall, for instance, Mayor Dick Murphy's campaign was the apparent beneficiary of a \$75,000 contribution by Sempra Energy, the utility giant, which channeled the money through the county's Republican Central Committee on October 15. The same day, the committee wrote a \$44,161 check to Western Graphics for a direct-mail piece on Murphy's behalf.

Also during the final weekend of Frye's campaign against Murphy last November, a political committee called Coalition to Keep San Diego Working (KEEP) launched a barrage of mail featuring a broad attack on Frye. Headlined "A school program at risk," one piece featured a grainy photo of a sinister-looking Frye in dark glasses and implied that she had voted against city funding for a popular after-school program. The mailer went on to encourage readers to "Call Councilwoman Frye and tell her she should support San Diego's children."

Ian Trowbridge fired off a complaint to the city's ethics commission, charging that the mailing's sponsors broke city law when they failed to make a late contribution report disclosing who had paid for the mailer. But last week, commission executive director Stacey Fulhorst ruled otherwise. In a letter to Trowbridge, she wrote that the commission had decided that KEEP's mailings "did not expressly support or oppose the election or defeat of a City candidate," and thus city disclosure rules did not apply. (After the campaign was over, KEEP made its regular year-end filing under state law, revealing that \$112,000 to pay for the mailings had come from Mission Valley hotel magnate Terry Brown, the building industry, and real estate brokers.) Fulhorst added that the commission would "recommend the addition of an 'election communications' provision that would regulate any advertisements that mention a City candidate within a certain time period before a City election." Of course, the new law isn't expected to be ready in time for this July's mayoral election.

Lawyers and law The historic downtown law office of Melvin Belli, the late San Francisco attorney once known as the King of Torts, is on the block for a tidy \$3.5 million. The small one-story brick building at 317 Ash, originally built as a funeral home, was designed

by famous local architect Irving Gill. Cheetahs may be bad news for San Diego city councilmen Michael Zucchet and Ralph Inzunza, but across the desert in glittery Las Vegas, a woman who once worked as a topless dancer at the club there is said to be a leading candidate in



the race for a new state judgeship. Thirty-nineyear-old **Diana Hampton**, who left her job as a Vegas prosecutor to run for judge, faces a June 7 runoff. She says she stripped for a year at the Cheetahs in Las Vegas to put herself through

— Matt Potter

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Bad Numbers Dog Petco

By Don Bauder

lop! It's not a baseball dropping into a mitt. It's a company falling into Wall Street's doghouse. Still another corporation that

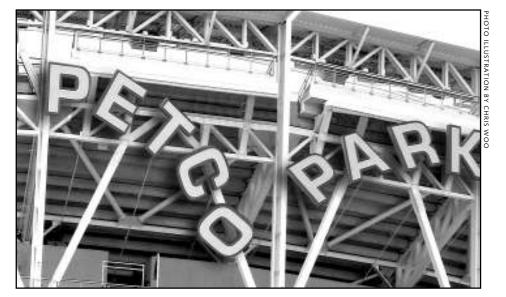
shelled out bucks to have its name on a pro-sports stadium has taken a pratfall. This company is San Diego-based Petco Animal Supplies, the

still on sports palaces: United Airlines, Conseco, and Reliant Energy, for only a few examples.

Petco's fall from grace took several weeks. On April 15,

most of the way back as two weeks later, the company said that an internal review indicated it wouldn't have to restate its results from earlier periods. But the company said that since it hadn't filed its report, its stock might be delisted by NASDAQ.

On May 18, Petco said it would announce its first quarter results on May 25. On May 23, it said that it had received an official notice that NAS-DAQ might delist the stock. Petco also said it might file its financial results — delayed



second biggest pet supply retailer, whose name adorns Petco Park. Last week, Petco ioined some other fallen corporate superstars who once had their name on stadiums: Enron, Adelphia, and Trans World Airlines, and some other stinkers whose names are the company announced it would delay the filing of its annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission because it had accounting problems: it had been under-accruing expenses. The stock plummeted 13.6 percent that day but then crawled

because of the internal probe of its accounting — "within the next couple of weeks." The continued on page 6

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Drowsy Council Muffs Late-Night Vote

By Joe Deegan

t close to midnight during the April 15 meeting of the San Diego City Council's consideration of the Paseo de Mission Hills

project, District Seven representative Jim Madaffer observed that moments earlier he had received an e-mail from former councilwoman Judy McCarty. The e-mail's information? That three o'clock in the morning is the record for the latest the city council had ever stayed in session.

Alan Hazard, in the audience after addressing the council to oppose the project, says he remembers wondering if members had been paying attention to his testimony and other discussion on the Paseo development. Or were they on their laptops, engaged in instant messaging? Then Madaffer expressed support of the motion (subsequently correcting himself) after speaking against it. By the time Hazard got home after midnight and listened to his voice mail, his suspicions had grown. As

apparent victory.

On the first roll call, Young voted for Michael Zucchet's motion to uphold the oppo-



Michael Zucchet

nent's appeal of the San Diego Planning Commission's January approval of Paseo de Mission Hills. The \$40 million project, which is bounded by

nents and Zucchet a five-tofour victory. Afterward, when the council had moved on to another subject, Young interrupted Mayor Dick Murphy to say, "Your honor, the vote before this, I'd like to move to reconsider; I think I misvoted."

Since Hazard had gone home by the time this happened, he later copied the video replay of the council's subsequent Paseo project deliberations. But the copy starts even before Young's request for a change of vote. I am watching it with Hazard in his living room. When Mayor Murphy, who seconded Zucchet's motion to uphold the appeal and reject the Paseo project, repeats it before taking the roll call, Hazard asks, "What could be clearer than that to Tony Young?"

Hazard and his wife Janet O'Dea call themselves committed "historic preservationists." They belong to Save Our Heritage Organisation and are founding members of Mission Hills Heritage, a group dedicated to protecting the homes and architectural styles of early Mission Hills. They say that the plans for Paseo de Mission Hills will give the development a "Little Italy look," causing it not to fit into the Spanish revival, Craftsman, Prairie, and other

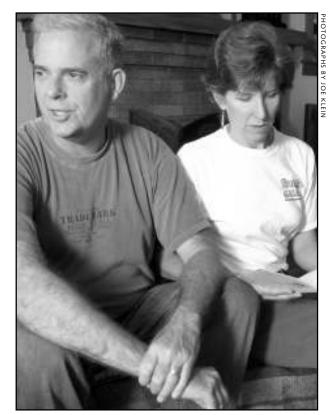
many deviations from a longstanding local community plan.

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The fact that the project's developer, Robert Lawrence, is a Mission Hills resident is often cited in favor of Paseo. "But Lawrence lives in a new glass home in the Presidio end of Mission Hills," says Hazard, "not in its heart of historic homes."

As we watch the video of the April 26 city council meeting, Hazard interjects kudos for Zucchet, who is saying, "If the project were under 50 feet, we would not be having this conversation." The councilman goes on to compare it to Mission Hills Commons, a redevelopment of the block just to the east, on Washington."[That project] turned out pretty good," he says. But "Paseo pushes the Mission Hills Commons envelope quite a bit It pushes it a good story or story and a half higher. It sort of super-sizes Mission Hills Commons...and that evolution is a real concern to me."

But we see other councilmembers now expressing more concern for developer Robert Lawrence. After claiming that an even larger project is warranted in Mission Hills, Madaffer tells residents, "What you should do is go [by] your community plan. We should-



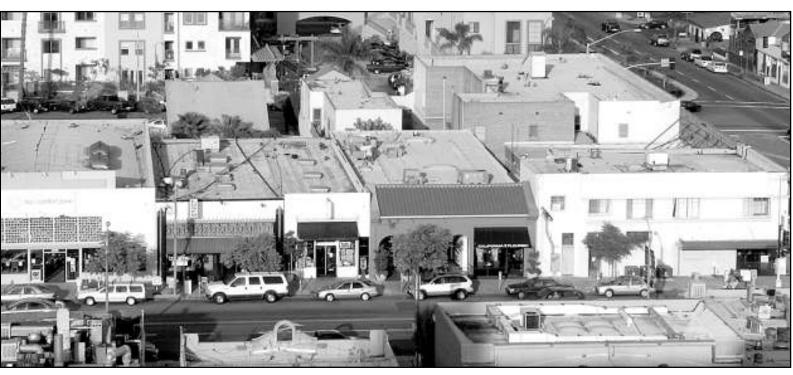
Allen Hazard, Janet O'Dea

Hazard stops the video to complain that Paseo supporters have been conjuring up visions of a 150-foot project as a way to get opponents to accept the actual height of 65 feet. And changing the community plan is very difficult, Hazard notes, echoing a point he knows we'll watch councilwoman Toni Atkins make later.

Scott Peters appears on screen citing his support for the right kind of growth is within the city. "And it's not fair to the rest of the city for any area not to participate in that."

This point, implies Hazard, is well-taken, "and we're saying, build Paseo, but just make it a little smaller. You're still adding housing units. We met with the developer and the planning commission to see if there was room for negotiation. And we made an offer. We came off our original stance of only three floors," says Hazard. "We said we could go higher, but not to 65 feet. We asked the developer, 'Do you want to counteroffer?' And he said, 'We've done all we can

do.' Peters, as Madaffer did earlier, argues that "this developer has lived by the rules." "Do what you're supposed to do, then," replies Hazard, as though the councilman were on the couch. "They have deviations for every floor." Hazard explains to me later that among those deviations are setbacks that are less than the community plan calls for. (Setbacks are legal distances from building's edge to the property line intended to mitigate noise and other negative factors.) The planning commission, he says, allowed the development team to get away with the deviations because they included affordable housing units in their plan. "The developer told the commission that



Proposed site of Paseo de Mission Hills

reported by several voice mail callers, Councilmember Tony Young changed his vote after all the Paseo project's opponents, including Hazard, left the council chambers with an

Washington Street and Goldfinch, Fort Stockton, and Falcon Streets, is in Zucchet's District Two. It promises to add 60 new housing units. Young's vote gave the oppoarchitectural styles that now characterize Mission Hills structures. More importantly, in Hazard's opinion, the 65 feet the Paseo project would reach is too high, and it has too

n't change the rules for an applicant [like Lawrence] who is simply following what's on the books." If residents don't like the community plan, they should change it, says Madaffer. last election's Proposition A, "which was to radically restrict development of the backcountry." Now development opponents, he argues, have to tackle the question of what

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stock was shaky; investors don't like uncertainty.

That was particularly true as civil lawsuits against the company piled up. "Petco's fourth-quarter earnings were materially artificially inflated through accounting manipulation," notes law firm Milberg Weiss Bershad & Schulman, one of several firms to file suits. Petco's rosy projections for 2005 "were premised on the continuation of improper accounting practices," and thus investors were skinned, charges the suit.

On May 25, after the close of trading, Petco announced

growth, while strong, had slowed markedly. First-quarter earnings were below Wall Street's expectations. The company shaved its earnings forecast for the year. Earlier, it had expected to earn \$1.80 or \$1.81 a share. Now it anticipates earning \$1.66 to \$1.72. Wall Street had expected \$1.74. Petco's stock has been dropping during the year and had been losing altitude before May 25. That day, it plunged from a high during trading hours of \$33.15 to below \$30 in after-hours trading. The following day, the stock got below \$29 before inching above \$30 on Friday. It receded a hair Tuesday.

unexpected bad news. Its sales

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Even if the company comes

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up with its earnings statement earlier than expected, and the accounting manipulations appear relatively benign, Petco has lost credibility with investors.

The company's May 25 conference call was unsatisfactory to anyone seeking meaty information. The company repeated that it would file its annual earnings report "within the next couple of weeks." Officials said outside auditors were probing the accounting problems in the company's distribution line. "Traffic weakened after Easter," said one official, blaming rising fuel prices and "lagging consumer confidence." It expects this traffic weakness to continue this year. Then

the company said it had launched a "re-merchandising" program in stores — rearranging the goods on the shelves. It wouldn't clarify why this initiative came at a time that earnings were softening for other reasons, although chief executive James M. Myers said the program involved "some easy fixes" and did not represent "a heavy redoing of the stores. We're not taking on something that would put us at risk."

During the conference call, Petco stock was plummeting in after-hours trading. Securities analysts knew their necks were in nooses. They asked some tough questions, but nobody asked the key one: why are Petco's product prices

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so high? Petco has been lagging the top company in the industry, Phoenix-based Pets-Mart, in many areas, particularly price. To please its shareholders, Petco loads its shelves with goods that give it a high profit margin. But that's not what customers may want one reason that traffic could use a boost. Says Michael Souers, an analyst with Standard & Poor's, "From our research, we have concluded that PetsMart prices its products at a significant discount to Petco, and its prices are only slightly higher than discount stores like Wal-Mart. As store growth continues to ramp up sharply, PetsMart could possibly capture additional market share as price

becomes more of a differentiating factor."

Petco also has a heavy debt load, although it has been trimming it, notes Souers, "providing the company with greater financial flexibility as it continues to aggressively expand its store base." But that sounds like damning with faint praise. With Petco's stock lower, Souers says it is a good

If earnings and accounting news worsens, Petco will join Wall Street's long list of naming rights dogs. Barron's in 2001 cooked up a Stadium Jinx Index. It tracked how poorly the stocks of companies buying naming rights performed. Chris Isidore of

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CNN/Money had his own index. Both indices did horribly in the early 2000s but have improved somewhat.

According to Naming Rights Online, two-thirds of teams in the five major sports leagues play in named facilities. The National Hockey League has the most named facilities — 87 percent. Big pucking deal: the league sat out the 2004–2005 season as a result of a labor dispute.

Just take a gander at some of the defunct naming rights deals, as reported by Naming Rights Online. Companies going down in scandal: Adelphia Coliseum (Tennessee Titans); Enron Field (Houston Astros). Companies going into bankruptcy: Houlihan's Stadium (Tampa Bay Buccaneers); National Car Rental Center (Florida Panthers); Pro Player Stadium (Florida Marlins and Miami Dolphins); PSINet Stadium (Baltimore Ravens); Trans World Dome (St. Louis Rams). Companies with severe business woes: 3Com Park (San Francisco 49ers and Giants); Canadian Airlines Saddledome (Calgary Flames); CMGI Field (New England Patriots); Edison International Field (Anaheim Angels).

Actually, a plethora of troubled companies still have their names on sports facilities. Consider ailing airlines: Air Canada Centre (Toronto Maple Leafs and Raptors); America West Arena (Phoenix Suns): American Airlines Arena (Miami Heat) and American Airlines Center (Dallas Mavericks and Stars); Continental Airlines Arena (New Jersey Devils and Nets); Delta Center (Utah Jazz), and United Center (Chicago Bulls and Blackhawks). I would think employees of bankrupt United, seeing their pay and pensions slashed, would resent this naming-rights contract.

Among the facilities named for other problem-plagued companies are Conseco Fieldhouse (Indiana Pacers); Ford Field (Detroit Lions); General Motors Place (Vancouver Canucks); Owest Field (Seattle Seahawks); Savvis Center (St. Louis Blues); and

Reliant Stadium (Houston Texans). Last year, Reliant was officially charged by the Justice Department with manipulating the California energy market during the early 2000 crisis. In 2000, Savvis stock sold for \$28. Stock of the money-losing tech/telecom company now sells for 51

Are there some good companies that have made naming-rights deals? Yes. Qualcomm. Bank of America. Anheuser-Busch, Coors (now Molson Coors), Miller beer, Mellon, Heinz, Home Depot, PNC, Safeco, Staples, Target, Wachovia, for some. But frankly, they are the exceptions.

Defenders (mostly the hucksters who make the deals) say the failure of so many companies that put shareholders' money in naming rights is just happenstance. It's a curse. A jinx. A statistical fluke.

But others say that managements afflicted by hubris and overly expansive egos are quite often the kind that are seduced by the naming-rights game. I tend to take the latter position. ■

Late-night vote

the affordable housing units would allow teachers and firemen to live there," says Hazard. "But not if they have families. Those units are only 400 square feet. And the bigger units in the project will cost \$400,000 apiece."

When Tony Young confesses his voting error, Peters also tells the council, "I would like to move that we reconsider the last vote." The video replay shows that he says this almost before Young has finished speaking. Moments earlier, while the council takes a short break between agenda items, Hazard searches the video for signs that Young is being talked into reconsidering an expected vote by Peters and three of the developer's supporters, who by this time of the night were the only people left in the audience. Although discussion before a vote must often happen, Hazard says, "That was fishy."

Councilwoman Donna Frye responds, "Most of the people have left, and I guess that's really bothering me. If we reconsider, then do we hold another hearing? And of the three people in the audience, [now] there is no one from the other side. After everybody leaves, it doesn't feel right."

But Councilman Ralph Inzunza retorts, "It's unfortunate that people have left here, but there's no way in heck I'm going to do this again."

The remark seems to ignite a remonstrance in the mayor. He already has requested advice from the city attorney's representative in attendance, who lays out several legal options. "Mr. Inzunza," says Murphy, "this is something that's likely to get us into potential litigation. [The city attorney's advice] is protecting your behind by insisting she put on the record what the rules are, so that when we vote and it's wrong, it's not your fault and you're not sued personally.... Maybe you should have noticed that things have happened in the last six months."

"I like that," says Hazard. "He's on the right side, and he's very passionate. If he had been like that all along, he'd probably be remaining as our mayor."

The council does reconsider Paseo and holds one more roll call. Young reverses his earlier vote, all the other members maintain theirs, and Zucchet's motion to uphold the appeal and reject the project is defeated five to four, the same margin as in the first

But Zucchet says that he had hoped to put "other alternatives" on the table. And Murphy confesses uneasiness. "I just have to say for the record," he says, "I'm...shockingly in sympathy with Ms. Frye's position on this."

And so the council decides at last to schedule a continuance on the Paseo de Mission Hills deliberations for July 19. Another roll call vote will be taken at that time, when all parties interested in the matter can return to present arguments again. By then, San Diego's mayor will no longer be Dick Murphy, who leaves office on July 15. And, providing his corruption trial comes out in his favor, Michael Zucchet will preside over the vote as acting mayor. ■

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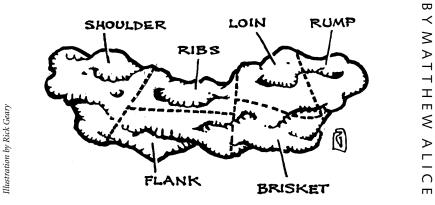
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Matthew:

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— Clint, the net

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— О.В. Dan

So now you definitely do not know the true history of this word. Ah, e-mail. What a boon to the world of wisdom. This story's been around for about a decade, so maybe it's already made the rounds of taverns. For a change, I'm not even going to bother saying that of course the story's bunk, that shit's been its own proud self — an Old English word — for many hundreds of years. I won't even bore you with that. Instead I'll ask a more basic question. Think back to the 1600s. What was one thing that everybody had plenty of? What filled streets, barns, fields, ditches, rivers, all over pre-industrial Europe? Animal crap. Cow doo. Goat pies. Excrement as far as the nose can smell. Why, why, why would anybody in England load up a boat with sheep shit and try to sell it in France? Huh? What would France want with it? They had plenty of their own, thank you. For more than one reason, the story is C.R.A.P.

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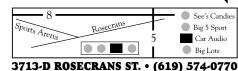
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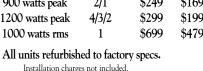






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Where Is He Now?

egulars may recall an April 7 column about Tampa Bay Devil Rays outfielder Alex Sanchez. Sanchez, 28, was the first major league ballplayer to be suspended under Major League Baseball's steroid-policy-of-themonth; in this instance, the April 2005 version. Sanchez received a ten-day suspension, effective April 4, 2005, "for violation of Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.'

Crime fighter, Baseball Commissioner for Life, and government witness Bud Selig was pleased to authorize the penalty. The announcement was made on a Sunday, which, coincidentally, happened to be the opening day of the 2005 baseball season. Over here, ladies and gentlemen, we have the world champion Boston Red Sox taking to the field against their genuinely hated rival, the New York Yankees, on prime-time national television. Sit back, suck on a cold beer, and let's talk baseball. Or over there, if you'll get down on your hands and knees and look under that oil-caked Freightliner engine block, we have no-name Alex Sanchez, steroid criminal, playing on a team nobody cares about. Take your pick, dear baseball fans. Put your attention anywhere you'd like. It's a free country.

Although the steroid-suspension story ran on every sports page in America, it was surrounded by the usual downpour of gushy baseball opening-day reports. What a happy

I promised an update on Sanchez as the season progressed. It's been two months. For readers who missed the April column, you should know that Sanchez is regarded as one of those marginal players who manages to hang around in the major leagues year after year. Hard to put your finger on exactly why he's still playing, but every spring, there he is, bottom man on one of the poorest clubs in the

Sanchez was born in Havana in August 1976. He left Cuba by way of raft 18 years later. Returned to Cuba three days after that by way of U.S. Coast Guard, who picked him up and sent him to Gitmo Bay refugee camp. Sanchez was penalized 16 months for bad raftmanship, then allowed to travel to Miami.

He started Major League Baseball with Milwaukee on June 15, 2001. Only played 30 games that year. He spent 2002 and part of 2003 with the Brewers; the rest of 2003 and all of 2004 with Detroit. The Tigers released him during spring training. Tampa Bay picked him up a few days later. He was suspended a few days after that. Every team he's played for has

complained about his fielding, but he's a solid hitter: owns a career batting average of .292.

According to USA Today, Sanchez's 2005 salary is the major league minimum, \$316,000. In other words, it would be illegal to pay him one penny less than he's making. Sanchez has been making close to minimum wage since Day 1 in the majors. There is nothing in his résumé to give an observer one good reason to think this will change. Indeed, one assumes that being the first major league player to be sent to the steroid stockades would cause Tampa Bay to seek out a replacement minimum-wage employee.

Not quite. Sanchez comes out of the penalty box and strikes the gong for good government and clean living. The Box is pleased to announce that Mr. Sanchez has, at the end of May 2005, a batting average of .345 and an incredible OBP (on base percentage) of

Must have been the steroids that kept him down.

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Do it for Alex Sanchez.

The NBA has recently promised that it will end its season sometime in June. I hope Kobe Bryant is enjoying this year's playoffs, particularly the success of Shaq O'Neal. It was Kobe who got Shaq and head coach Phil Jackson fired so he could lead his team to a tie for last place in the Pacific Division, three games behind the L.A. Clippers. Shaq's traded to Miami and leads them into the playoffs. Phil Jackson takes a year off and is now dickering with Lakers management to return as coach. Kobe Bryant wins the Bullshit Quote of the Month trophy, found on Brainyquote.com, by saying, "I'll do whatever it takes to win games, whether it's sitting on a bench waving a towel, handing a cup of water to a teammate, or hitting the game-winning shot."

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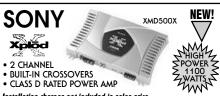
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"There is a renewal of interest in the Reformed faith from people who have grown weary of the subjectivity of the broad evangelical faith," said Pastor Stephen Donovan. "In the first 45 years of our church's existence [Escondido United Reformed Church], we attempted to plant a handful of

churches. But of all these churches that were started. only one survived." Donovan said in the past five years, their church has helped start two successful churches. "For [a Reformed church] this is radical."

The Reformed tradition may be best known by the name Calvinism. A central belief of Calvinism is that salvation is based on God's choice and an individual's faith is a gift from God. "People's faces light up in response to the [doctrine] of the Reformed faith. They say, 'you mean to tell me it's not what I've done but it's what Christ has done that saves me?"," said Pastor Phil Vos. Pastor Vos said there is no other faith like that of the Reformed tradition. "Other faiths all seem to have a worksbased righteousness in them. Heretical movements like Jehovah's Witnesses or Mormons are all works-based." Vos said works-based faith can be

found in many evangelical churches. Vos said the response Reformed Christians should have is a life of obedience based on gratitude.

"Arminian thought is not a biblical position," said Andy Dejager, a congregant. Arminianism is the opposite of the Reformed position of Calvinism. Arminians believe a person can freely choose or reject God's offer of salvation. "If you follow that train of thought, a person chooses Christ and merits their own salvation."

"Arminianism was condemned by the [Calvinist | Council of Dort. It's frightening that so many churches are moving to this Arminian position. This position has a weaker view of God. It also doesn't recognize the fallen state of man," said Quinton Falkenu, a congregant and student from Westminster Seminary. "I'm not saying this to be arrogant or to put other people down, but the Reformed Presbyterian church has the most accurate and complete interpretation of Scripture. Our doctrines were written during the Reformation after Luther and Calvin broke away from the Catholic Church," said Falkenu. These doctrines Falkenu holds to are expressed in the Belgic Confession (1561), Heidelberg Catechism (1563), and Canons of Dort (1619). "Our doctrine's emphasis is on the original sources of Scripture in Greek and Hebrew. These doctrines set us apart from the Evangelical church because we have a historical set of confessions. We have a strong sense of doctrine and church history. We see ourselves in line with generations past, but we don't hold these traditions higher than Scripture," said Falkenu. "This is the error of the Catholic church. Their church says their traditions are equal with the Bible. How can man's words be equal with God's Word?"

"People who join our church are saying, 'I wish someone had shown me this before.' They are hungry for the truth. In their mind, they were not getting enough [from the broad evangelical church]," said Donovan. "We are unabashedly Protestant. We protest against the deformity of the Roman Catholic Church. We represent the children of those who sought to take the Christian church back to its apostolic roots."

Dr. Derke Bergsma, a guest preacher, based his sermon on Zechariah 3:1–9. "Zechariah 3 shows a vision of Satan as the prosecutor of man.

> In the vision, Joshua is dressed in filthy clothes, which represent his iniquity. Satan accuses Joshua of being unworthy to be the High Priest. If there was no High Priest, no one could lead the people and offer atonement for the people's sin. The bad news is Satan is right in his accusation. But the Lord rebukes Satan because he had chosen Joshua and the remnant to be saved from the fire of hell. God takes off Joshua's filthy clothes and puts the robes of the High Priest and a crown on Joshua's head." Dr. Bergsma stopped to point out that the clothes and God's act demonstrated total depravity and God's election of people, two doctrines of Calvinism. Bergsma said that Jesus was able to remove the sin from these people when



Escondido United Reform Church

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he died on the cross. After service, the congregation dispersed to attend Sunday school classes. Of the roughly 250 people gathered for

the 8:30 a.m. service, most stayed to attend classes located throughout the church campus. The campus included the church, classrooms, and Calvin Christian School across the parking lot. Literature from the school reads, "The mission of Calvin Christian School, in cooperation with home and church, is to teach the whole child from a Reformed Biblical perspective, providing children from Christian families with an excellent education for a life of Christ-centered service." Ouinton Falkenu said much of the growth of a Reformed church comes from successive generations. "[Reformed families] tend to have large families. Our training and doctrines are passed down through each generation," said Falkenu.

I asked Pastor Donovan what happens to a person after he dies. "When a person dies their body goes into the dirt to await the resurrection. When Jesus returns, their body will reunite with their soul," replied Donovan. "Our new body will be like Jesus' body when he resurrected. We see in scripture that Jesus could drink and eat yet he could pass through walls. Nonbelievers will end up in hell, Hades, Sheol, for eternity.

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I knew a person when I was younger whom I haven't seen for many years. I do hear about her from others now and then. She comes from a very intelligent family, and surprised everyone when she suddenly became famous. Not really super famous, but famous enough to be well known in her field. Unfortunately for her, not "rich famous." My problem is that I would like to tell her that I think she's brilliant, and I like her work a lot, but I never get the opportunity to do so. I'm sure if I did, it would embarrass her anyway. It has nothing to do with romance or anything like that. I'm married, and happily so. It's only about telling her she's got greatness potential and to use it for something bigger. I do know that this person has had some heavy tragedy in her life in recent years and that makes it even harder to say anything. Compared to that, everything else is so empty and shallow. I want to tell this person that I admire her and wish she'd write a book, like a novel, or something that would help people overcome life's hardest problems. I think she's got that kind of talent. But life goes by, and the opportunities to say something just aren't there. That's the crux of my little problem. Should I try to say something or just keep it to myself?

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Dear F.T.,

Why don't you write your friend a letter or an e-mail? That could be a discreet way to say what you have on your mind. You expressed yourself well in your letter to me, so I have every confidence you can do the same in a missive to her. Take as long as you need to in composing your letter. You could even have someone you trust vet the letter before you send it, to make sure it conveys the right message.

Dear Saffron,

I don't usually write in to these columns, but the response you gave to the woman who had someone knocking on her door and screaming at three in the morning and who called the police rather than letting the person in freaked me out. I think it is sad that neighbors are so disinterested in caring for their neighbors that they would rather allow the devil to walk off with one of their own brothers or sisters than lend a hand. Sure, there is a chance of foul play, but would you rather have a petty theft of your own junk or the murder of some poor woman that you could have helped? There isn't any reason why "Closed Door" couldn't have called the police and let her in. By refusing to let her in, she not only endangered the lady

shattered a bit of trust in humanity for that poor scared person who obviously didn't have access to the proper resources to aid her. My great-aunt is 85 and lives by herself. A few years back a stranger knocked at her door and she answered. He said that he was down on his luck and offered to clean her rain gutters for a set amount of money, which she paid up front. He then took off and left her with dirty gutters. She assumed that he needed the money more than she did and was content knowing that she could help him out in that small way. About a month later there was a flurry of noise coming from outside of her home. It was the guy who stiffed her. He knocked on her door and gave half of her money back and apologized for what he had done. Then he cleaned her rain gutters. She concluded this story by saying that if a stranger asked her for help and there was a chance that she could be taken for a sucker, then she will be taken for a sucker every time. If a hundredth of the population here thought like that, our culture would be so much stronger. There is no way that I would leave someone who asked for my help out to dry, especially if they were hysterical or screaming. How would you feel if it was you pounding on the door at three in the morning? Let's just hope that it doesn't ever happen. If it does, know that you can knock on my door and I will be there to help. If you want to kill me, that's fine — I died knowing that I did what is good and right in my heart. EYES WIDE OPEN

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"The human genome is like 46 textbooks."

-EVE KELLY

My friend Sasha is type A; she always has her ducks in a row. She's been married for several years now and is thinking of starting a family. She's read a slew of books on pregnancy and child-rearing. I think there's such a thing as too much information; Sasha disagrees. So I wasn't surprised when she asked what I knew about genetic screening. Not much, I said, but I promised

I'd look into it. My promise took me to Thornton Hospital in La Jolla. I spoke with genetic counselor Jason Chibuk, whose specialty is prenatal diagnosis. Sasha would have liked him. "The best time for people to come in if they're thinking of having children is preconception. That way, there's not the forced timeframe of making decisions while the preg-

nancy is ongoing."

Chibuk said that "the first and most important part of genetic screening is to sit down with someone trained in genetics and assess the family history. Genetics, more than any other specialty in medicine, focuses not only on the patient, but also on the family as a whole, for predicting the likelihood of disease. Then, if this history indicates that genetic testing is warranted, we're able to do tests. We do a three-generation pedigree, in which we're looking at siblings and parents, aunts and uncles, and grandparents for the individual at risk. So there's the cancer genetics realm, the pediatric and adult genetics realm, and

the prenatal genetics realm." A primary care physician makes the determination if a person's family history of cancer has some genetic background, said Chibuk. "Breast and ovarian cancers and colon cancers at a young age may arise from a genetic disposition that can be tested for. Then, other at-risk family members can be given appropriate reoccurrence risks. There are some women who may be at risk for ovarian cancer, and they may choose, once they're done with their childbearing years, to have their ovaries removed, instead of seeing whether the cancer strikes or not." When it comes to pediatric genetic diseases, "generally, once an affected individual comes to light, we can begin to

look at the individual, look at his family history, and start analyzing. 'How did this happen?' That way, they can determine care for the individual and recurrence risks for the other family members."

In prenatal diagnosis, "there are many different types of screenings, including those done based on family history, ethnic background, blood testing, or ultrasound findings." He zeroed in on ethnic background. "Different ethnic backgrounds have elevated risks to be carriers for different genetic diseases. One in 25 Caucasians is a carrier for cystic fibrosis, a chronic lung disorder. In the African-American population, one in 10 persons is a carrier for sickle cell disease. It doesn't harm you to be a carrier, so in most circumstances you wouldn't know it if you were. But if both Mom and Dad are carriers, then the baby is at risk;

there's a one-in-four chance that the baby will have the disease. There's a one-in-two chance that the baby will be a carrier. And there's a one-in-four chance that the baby is neither affected nor a carrier."

Testing is done through blood work; the nature of the test depends on what you're looking for. Chibuk took cystic fibrosis as an example. "In this case, you're looking at the CFTR gene and analyzing it for 30 of the most common mutations. A mutation is a sequence alteration within a gene that leads to the gene being unable to produce a functional gene product, or protein. The human genome is like 46 textbooks — the chromosomes of genetic information. Each chromosome contains several chapters — several genes. We read through a chapter, or a certain sentence in that chapter, where we know that spelling errors — mutations — are common. In the case of cystic fibrosis, there are 30 spelling errors that make up 90 percent of all the known mutations of the gene responsible and which lead to the disease." If both parents are carriers, "we might get into tests in utero, doing fetal diagnosis through a biopsy of the

placenta, or through amniocentesis." (Of course, there's still the remaining 10 percent, which means that you could still be a carrier — but it's far less likely. Added Chibuk, "With a negative test result for cystic fibrosis in a Caucasian, the risk of being a carrier is reduced from 1-in-25 to 1-in-240.")

"We offer cystic fibrosis carrier screening to all pregnant couples, or couples planning pregnancy," continued Chibuk. If ethnic background indicates the need for testing, he supposes that it will be covered by insurance. "A cystic fibrosis screening at UCSD is \$150; a screening for sickle-cell disease is around \$50. But those don't screen for everything. In a prenatal diagnosis, once you start doing ultrasound and amniocentesis, and then looking at the chromosomes and screening for things like Down syndrome, you're looking at a bill over \$1000 [without insurance]."

After the screening, Chibuk's job is to relay the information to the patients and to act as a support if the information turns out to be stressful. "Defining the severity of a genetic disease is a difficult thing," he noted. "Cystic fibrosis is not a life-threatening condition. There is no mental retardation, and there are no clinical physical changes. In contrast, Trisomy 18 is a condition in which the baby has three copies of chromosome 18 — we're supposed to have two. The life span of a baby with Trisomy 18 is not expected to exceed a year." Based on the information, some people may choose to abort ("which is a legal option in San Diego County through the 23rd week"), some give up their babies for special-needs adoption. "Some people just want to be prepared, to learn about the condition so they can be ready for it when the child arrives," continued Chibuk, and pregnancy is when he'd most like to see a couple.

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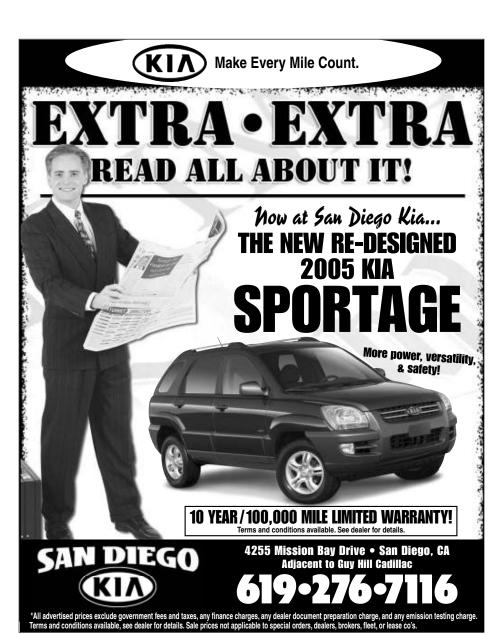
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BACK WHEN

In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

But stories about Lifeguard School sounded pretty scary. She heard they made guard candidates jump off the Clam, 35 feet into a shallow surge — if you timed it right. Thirty-five feet onto rock if not. Still, says Carol, "I'd have done anything they told me to do, I wanted that job so bad."

Lifeguard School turned out to be "very informative." Hard? "Yeah" — she pauses — "but actually not that bad."

Carol has been guarding scuba divers, a whole new category of rescues for San Diego Lifeguards. She points across the cove to a rock outcrop. "A few days ago, I had a screamer, right over there. A diver — came up on the rocks and just freaked out."

— "THEY DO EVERYTHING BUT SELL COPPERTONE,"
Mark Woelber, June 5, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The owner, just back from a two-week vacation, arrived at his Encinitas service station just off Interstate 5 to find nearly 20 cars parked at the station and on his vacant lot next door. As he wondered in anger who would have the nerve to use his property as a storage lot, a tow truck drove into the vacant lot with another car. "Sol grabbed this guy right in the act," says the owner, who asked not to be identified. "I told him if he wanted to use my property, he'd have to pay half the rent. He told me that the cars were picked up from deported immigrants from Mexico, and I said I didn't care where he got them. Then he said, 'What's the matter? Aren't you patriotic?"

— CITY LIGHTS: "NORTH OF THE BORDER,"

Mark Orwoll, June 5, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

The neighborhood feud began in 1983, shortly after Polish immigrants Maksymilian Derezinski and Maria Protic moved into their small house on Elm Street, between 30th and Dale, in Golden Hill. Today, none of their four sets of neighbors on the quiet street are on speaking terms with the newcomers, and the police, who have been called out by Derezinski 27 times, have told the neighbors that the situation is explosive. The neighbors all say that Derezinski's two-year-long home improvement project is an eyesore and a blight on the neighborhood, but Derezinski and his live-in "partner," Maria, look up at the two-room structure and see beauty.

— CITY LIGHTS: "MR. DEREZINSKI'S NEIGHBORHOOD," Neal Matthews, June 6, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

He pulled out onto Sports Arena Boulevard and turned left. I looked out the window at the Wherehouse video store, so familiar to me. It seemed as if I'd died and come back to Earth. The Wherehouse was not mine



Alexander Theroux

anymore. "Please don't hurt me," I said. "I'm a mother. Please don't hurt me."

"Hey, lady, I don't want to hurt you any more than you.... I just got to get out of this mess. You just do what I tell you to do."

— CITY LIGHTS: "I HAVE A KNIFE."

Beth M. Roseberry, June 7, 1990

Ten Years Ago

I was accused of plagiarism in an article in the New York Times on March 3, 1995. It was an ignominious moment in my life, to be sure, although the accusation, which was literally true but morally not — since intention was not involved — had a dirty provenance, to my mind, not only because it was a nonstory...but because I have had ongoing problems for several years with...a particular person there.... My accuser, a woman from Connecticut named Cynthia Kiss, is, with her husband, a so-called Friend of Yale, a college where I taught literature from 1987 to 1990 and which institution for various real and worthwhile reasons I lampooned in several poems in my book, The Lollipop Trollops, in 1993.

As Mrs. Kiss read my book, *The Primary Colors*, and found as she turned the pages several sentences, unattributed quotations, from another book she had also been reading at the time, Guy Murchie's *Song of the Sky* (1954), a book on flight and aviation, she claimed "a chill went down [her] spine."

— "HATEFUL, HURTFUL AND HELLISH," Alexander Theroux, June 1, 1995

Five Years Ago

"If the Padres can get a stadium, why can't we? I've never thought for a minute that we couldn't get something done, honestly. I've always thought we would be able to get one." This statement two months ago from Chargers owner Alex Spanos to a reporter from *TodaySports* outraged San Diegans.

— "MORE FUNNY BUSINESS," Matt Potter, June 1, 2000

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Crasher

MR. REJECTABLE

by Josh Board

missed a couple of Cinco de Mayo parties because of a migraine headache. A few weeks before that, I missed some parties I didn't know were going on until after the fact.

On April 20, I received calls from friends asking if I had gone to any "420" parties — pot parties.

The next day, I got a few voice-mail messages from people who had thrown 420 parties. Some didn't invite me because they didn't want to get into trouble for smoking dope. One couple couldn't find where they had left the Reader with my number. I asked one of them about the origin of "420." "Well, dude, every year it's on 4/20, the day and month. At my party, there was a big debate on how it got its number. Some say it was the THC levels in the drug, others say it's the California Penal Code for drug possession. We don't really know. But, hell, if Hallmark can create these bogus holidays to get you to buy cards for your mom, or a Valentine, we can have parties once a year where we get together and smoke some bud."

Last month I hit a lot of art parties. A few of the



paintings looked like they were done while people were under the influence of some substance.

One was in the Mount
Helix area. The street we went
down was narrow, but there
was a lot of parking space.
There was a house being built
nearby, and guests were
allowed to park in that driveway. Street parking wasn't
hard to find either.

I went with my friend Anne. We talked about how fused when a couple walked by and she told me within earshot of them, "Thanks, we just put that in. We aren't sure what exactly we want to do in the back yard."

Anne ran into somebody she worked with at SDG&E.

He tortures Barbie Dolls. I love that.

interesting the house was, with its different levels, and huge back yard with multilevel decks. Anne said, "I want to pretend this is my house. Nobody will know." I wasn't sure what she was talking about and got more con-

While they talked art, her husband and I talked about sports. I pointed at three paintings that looked like a tic-tac-toe game with an X in the middle. "Do you think the artist would get mad if we finished that game? It could be

like an evolving piece of art."

The three paintings were titled *Tic, Tac,* and *Toe.* They were \$220 each and painted by Theresa Vandenberg Donche. She had about 15 other paintings hanging at the party. I liked the one titled *The Sitar Player* best.

Anne told her friend that her blue eyes looked great standing next to a large turquoise painting. She agreed, and asked her husband about buying it. He said, "It's too big for the room." Anne said, "Get a bigger room then."

Someone else was looking

at the turquoise painting, which was an abstract piece. I said, "If someone likes the colors in it, they should just try to paint something like that themselves. It would save them money. It's abstract, so it wouldn't be hard to do, and nobody would be able to tell if you made a mistake." This lady said to me, "I actually did that once. I saw an abstract piece I liked: it cost thousands of dollars. I kind of stole the idea and painted one similar a few days later. I liked mine better. And I was able to use a few more of the colors I liked that weren't in the piece I saw."

I met a woman named Starlene. The few times I heard her introduced, people would say "Is it Arlene?" or "Did you say Darlene?"

There were a few abstract sculptures. One was made of wood, and I couldn't figure out what it was supposed to be. I thought it would make a cool CD rack, though.

There were a few creatures made from old skateboards. One creature had a doll's head, with bull horns for arms. It looked creepy.

I joined some guys in the back yard for a glass of wine. It was late afternoon, so not



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too hot out. There was a huge tree in the middle of the deck. A cross hanging from the tree was another piece of art.

I saw a piece out there called Meter Man, which looked like a person with a face from a parking meter. The meter man's penis was made with nuts and bolts. I thought it would be a cool gift for Paul Newman (his character in Cool Hand Luke got arrested for breaking off parking meters while drunk).

There were several framed photographs that I didn't think fit in with all the paintings. One had a bunch of brooms. I thought it might look best in a maid's house. Or a witch's.

Looking at photographs can be interesting, but whenever people try to do arty things with them, it comes across as pretentious to me. And does it really take talent to take good pictures, or just a nice camera?

There was a nice photograph of a gondola in Venice. It looked beautiful. But I'm sure that anyone who would've been to that part of Venice could've taken the same photograph.

Anne and I went into the kitchen to grab some of the cheeses. I saw a boy who looked to be around seven taking some Peanut M&Ms. "I bet those are better than all those funky cheeses over there." He smiled and said. "I don't like cheese." We each grabbed handfuls of M&Ms and went our separate ways.

Back in the kitchen, Anne introduced me to Janet De Mello, She had done a lot of the faces I had seen on the walls. I asked her where she gets all the things to design them. "I find the items all over. Junkyards, garage sales, the hardware store. I use a lot of scrap metal to make the faces." I loved how the hair on all the faces looked like dreadlocks. Anne told her, "The necklace you're wear-

ing is beautiful. Did you make that?" She did, and it was her first piece of jewelry. Her husband Eider came over and said, "She should make more jewelry. She missed her calling."

I loved the titles she had for her faces. There was More Coffee, Please and Mustang Sally, Hippie Chick, and Bad Hair Day. The titles fit perfectly with the facial expres-

Anne told me she thought Eider was cute. He was a tall guy with glasses. I told her I didn't care for his artwork. "Really? He tortures Barbie dolls. I love that."

One of his pieces was a large robot with Barbie dolls in its stomach. A 10year-old girl named Kirsten Beale said, "I named that piece. The robot looked sad, so I called it Lovesick Robot." She was polite, smiling at evervone as she walked by. It looked like she was getting bored as the hours wore on, though.

I asked Eider about the difference between his work and his wife's. He said, "Her art is acceptable. Mine is rejectable."

One of his pieces is called Night of the Hangina Barbies. Other pieces included Death of a Geisha and Bouncing Bungee Barbie in Bondage.

When Anne and I were looking at one of his Barbie creations and talking about it, Eigen asked if we were analyzing everything.

The piece was called Love Hurts. It has 25 Barbies all around it, with a Ken doll being hung from wires. I hear somebody talking behind me about the song "Love Hurts." I ask them if they've heard the song "Ken." Of course, whenever you bring up an obscure song that fits the situation perfectly, nobody knows what you're talking about. So I had to

A singer/songwriter named Stew, who fronted an L.A. band called the Negro Problem, has a song about a Ken doll. "My





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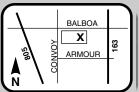
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name's Ken/and I like men/But the people at Mattel/A home that I call Hell/are somewhat bothered by my queer proclivities/It's safe to say that they're really pissed at me/They always stick me with Barbie/But I want them to know/I pray for

G.I. Joe/But any able-bodied man would surely do/For someone to love/Since I'm not set up to screw."

I was trying my best, but the guy was looking at me like I was crazy. They would've laughed if they had known the song.

Anne and I then headed out to see Ray at Night, which takes place the second Saturday of each month at all the art galleries in North Park. They've got refreshments and are all free.

The first gallery we went into is run by a guy

named David Young, who is also a firefighter. It's called Rushing Fine Arts. There was a guy playing Elton John on the piano, and I laughed when he played with one hand while answering the phone with the other. It was kind of stuffy in there, with

lots of people, so we made a quick exit.

We walked down the street. I hoped a cop wouldn't give me trouble for sipping a glass of wine while walking around out-

There was a weird beat poet doing his thing into a microphone in an alley with about six people watching him. One man said to his wife, "Why are we watching this?" She replied, "I just wanted to look at his cute dog."

We went into a gallery that had work from Ellen Dieter. Anne knows her. I told her that I thought her style looked like The Scream. She said she'd heard that before.

The artist who impressed me the most was a guy named Weston Riffle. He painted migrant workers, and he used vibrant colors. I followed Anne over as she got some punch and threw a donation into the jar. I asked if either of the guys serving the drinks was Weston. They pointed him out to me. I walked over and told him how much I liked his paintings. As we got to talking, he asked what I did. When I told him about writing for the Reader, he said, "You're the guy who does those parties? I read that. But I pictured somebody a lot younger."

I laughed and told him I thought he'd be Mexican, painting all these pictures of workers out on the fields. "Instead, you're a tall white guy in a suit!"

I was surprised to learn that Riffle had only been painting a few years. His work was the best I had seen all day.

Anne and I ended up going to watch a Johnny Cash tribute band called Cash'd Out. They were playing at 'Canes. As they started, Anne asked me, "Do you feel more cultured after seeing all that art?"

I laughed, because the band was on stage singing, "I shot a man in Reno/Just to watch him die." ■

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by Barbarella

Lion King

You don't have to be a "person of influence" to be influential. In fact, the most influential people in my life are probably not even aware of the things they've taught me.

- Scott Adams

"You know, Dad,
I used to do
a lot of drugs.
I don't regret it;
I had a great time,
but my priorities
have changed."

t was 6:30 a.m. when I went downstairs, dragging my suitcase behind me. Dad was waiting in the parking lot, buzzing with energy. This was nothing for him — on any other day at this time, he'd just be returning home from a five-mile walk to have a bowl of Frosted Flakes, a banana, and a glass of orange juice before showering and dressing for work.

"I want to show you something I got that's really cool," Dad said, opening the passenger's side door for me. I sat down, taking note of the lion lying on its belly in front of me while my father walked

around and got in the car.

"Watch this," he said, and then he faced the lion and asked, "Are you having a great morning?" The car began to shake forward and back, which startled me a bit but caused the lion to nod his head in answer to my dad.

"Do you want to see Barb leave?" To this, the car rocked from left to right — the lion's head shook back and forth in an obvious "No."

My father has security clearance that goes higher than top secret for the government, and he talks to a bobble-head lion that lives on his dashboard. David joined us in the car as the sky began to lighten, and we were off.

"I'm not a bobble-head kind of guy," Dad explained on the way to the airport. "But I was really impressed with this one. This lion doesn't bobble like other bobbles. He's got a *regal* bobble."

Dad shared that on his way back from one of his visits to the Tijuana orphanage, he haggled with a street vendor at the border for the lion now shaking its head at me. My frugal father told me, "The guy wanted seven bucks, but I talked him down to three if we bought four." He insisted that each person who was in the car go in on the purchase with him — those people being his fellow congregants of Midtown Church of Religious Science, or as Dad calls it, "The Church of What's Happenin' Now."

After explaining the bobble-head lion phenomenon to friends at a recent party, Kip advised, "If the lion ever calls you on the phone, it's time to express concern." I laughed and continued to poke fun at my father's close friendship with the small, fuzzy car ornament, but not once did I judge him for his taste in companions. On the contrary, every time I sit in Dad's car I am taken with the lion, mesmerized by its bobbling head. It's quite probable that my own affinity for anthropomorphizing both animals and inanimate objects is a behavior I learned from you-know-who.

Because of how often we travel for both work and pleasure, Dad and I feel at home in the airport. As a volunteer Airport Ambassador, Dad hangs out at the airport once a week to assist travelers less savvy than himself. A new project has him out of town a lot lately, so in order for us to spend some time together this week, I

accompanied him as he made his rounds at the airport.

In addition to OCD and germaphobia, my father and I share a passion for people watching. Standing by the escalators to the sky bridge, we chatted while intermittently interrupting ourselves to point out a particularly interesting human specimen.

"Stephanie and I hung out the other day, it was nice — WHOA! Three-o'clock, get a load of those shoes. Ouch, how can she walk?" I'd say.

"Well, I'm happy you two were able to make some time to see each other, because — OH! Turn around! What a freak of nature. No, the other way, quick! See what I mean?"

Neither of us missed a beat, nor did we lose our place in our ongoing conversation about the people in our lives.

We both peripherally observed an elderly woman drop a dollar bill, begin to walk away, then find and retrieve her money.

"I'm bummed she saw it," I said in jest.

"I know," said Dad. "That hawkeyed bitch jumped at the bill before I could get over there." But both of us knew if he had gotten his hands on the buck, it would only be to chase after the woman until he could return it. Dad might be frugal, but he's also honest.

Our discussion turned to drugs as I mentioned those people I no longer hang out with.

"You know, Dad, I used to do a *lot* of drugs. I don't regret it; I had a great time, but my priorities have changed."

I was interrupted by a woman who had

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obviously read the back of my father's jacket, where "Ask Me" is written in large white letters, and he directed her where she needed to go to pick up her rental car. A plane had just landed, so Dad ventured forth to offer help to more travelers.

It wasn't until we were walking back to the car that we were able to pick up our conversation again. Dad had been telling me a familiar tale about how grateful he is to have so much joy in his life. I had been explaining a huge transition that took place around the time I met David.

"I find it so wonderful to know that all of my four daughters are in love," said Dad.

"It was after I met David that I started to turn around." I waited until Dad was seated and seat-belted before continuing.

"I quit smoking, I stopped doing drugs...it's, like, when I fell in love with him, I really started to care about my health."

Dad faced me before starting the car, and his eyes

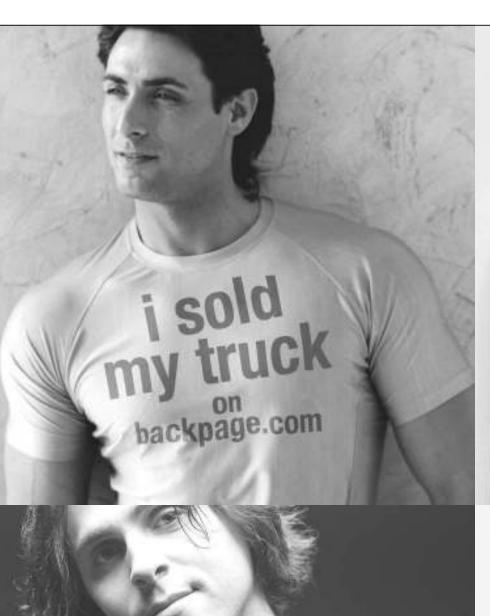
- which a moment ago had been sparkling with humor took on a duller shade of guilt. He looked as if he was in pain. Not the kind of sharp, severe pain that a harsh weapon or word would inflict, but rather the agony of the good-intentioned realizing that his actions have caused only suffering.

"Did I not instill in you any self-love? Did I not teach you how important your health and happiness are in order to lead a good life?"

A thousand things floated by in my head, a thousand things I wanted to say to prove to my father just how much he has influenced me and my decisions in life. I wanted to list examples, to recite his positive, love-filled words that echo through my head every day, but I didn't want him to think I was merely attempting to assuage his guilt.

"Of course you did, Dad." When I said this, Dad stopped at a red light, and the lion's head went up and down, confirming everything I said...and everything I didn't. ■











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She had a passion to do good.

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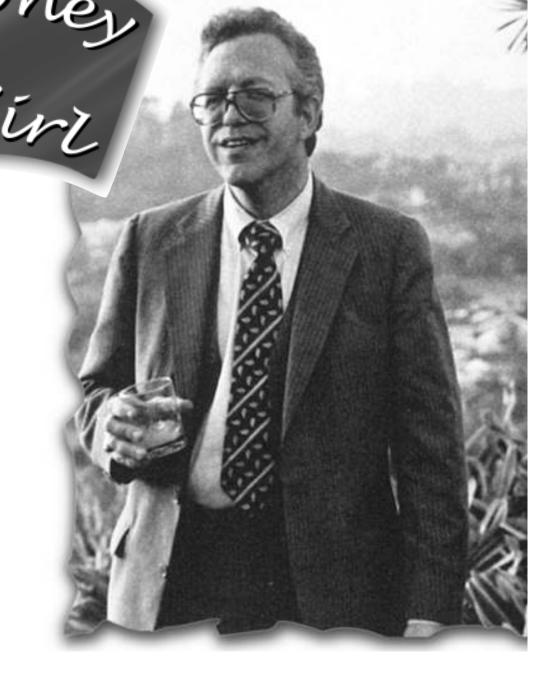
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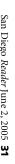
J. David "Jerry" Dominelli and his lover and business associate, Nancy Hoover, considered themselves in the vanguard of the New Enlightenment — role models for the Yuppies. Heaping contumely on the gluttonous, atavistic establishment they loathed, Hoover and Dominelli created a public profile as rich people who cared, who shared. They fancied themselves as philanthropic. But belying that image, the lovers went on a four-year personal-spending binge that would have embarrassed America's wealthiest families.

The couple had their own Fantasy Island — a tiny isle in the British West Indies. It wasn't a lovers' hideaway. It was a legal and accounting mirage. For tax and regulatory purposes, they told the government that their

firm's financial activities were taking place there.

Their investors believed they were making a steady 40 to 50 percent annually on their money. For three years gullible and greedy people from San Diego and Orange counties and from nearby Palm Springs — and in fact throughout the world — were informed that their nest egg had gone up in value every month except one. It was an absurd claim, but there was a platoon of gung ho ex-Marines and assorted other warriors who aggressively peddled this wondrous investment program. Like good warriors, they never challenged the officers giving the orders, and until the scheme collapsed in bankruptcy, few investors challenged the Marines.







Dominelli and Hoover at a Rancho Santa Fe party, 1983

Dominelli, the officer-in-charge, even had an officer's title: "Captain Money." Hoover's children named him that because he lavished so much money on them. Fantasizing about spit and polish and brute force, he would frequently chide Hoover, "You'd never make it in the Marines." But actually *he* had been unable to cut it as a Marine.

He was slight of build, pallid, withdrawn, and publicity-shy. His glasses were as thick and foggy as a gin bottle, and they constantly slid down his nose as he spoke. With a weak smile and a limp gesture, he would slip them back in place with his little finger. He also had an acute hearing problem. When someone addressed him, Dominelli would almost invariably respond, "Huh?" Until the end few figured out

that the hearing problem was very useful — it gave him time to come up with plausible answers. And some questioned that hearing problem. "He had *selective* hearing loss. He didn't hear what he didn't want to hear. But he could hear a pin drop across the room if it served his purposes," says a government prosecutor. Dominelli also suffered from allergies; if he forgot to pop his pills, he was a basket case.

Nancy Hoover would have made a magnificent Marine. She was as tanned and fit as Dominelli was pale and flabby. Almost six feet tall (three inches taller than he was), she had steeled her psyche in her youth by combating her hard-bitten Navy pilot father. Day after day, she had shot him down with her vivacity — a quick wit, a gift of gab, eternal

Captain Money's Author Talks to Matt Potter

I was born in Chicago in 1936. I just turned 69. Went through high school in a suburb of Chicago and went to the University of Wisconsin. I got two degrees at Wisconsin. My bachelor's was in business, and my master's was in journalism.

The only reason that I got a master's in journalism — in many respects, I think how lucky this was — was that I had become editor in chief of the campus newspaper at Wisconsin, and so then after I served my six months in the Army, I found I could get into journalism school without taking all the journalism courses, because they said, "Well, you've had experience as editor in chief of the campus newspaper." I realized that I really loved writing. The writing was where my real interest lay. And so I went back and got a master's in journalism.

At that time, I actually was thinking of public relations or advertising. Possibly because my father was a stockbroker; my brother was in advertising. I don't know.

I did go into advertising and public relations for four years in Chicago and then got the chance to go with *Busi*-



Don Bauder

ness Week. It's really unusual for somebody who's in advertising and public relations to get with the media, but I was able to do it. Then, after less than two years in Chicago, I was promoted to bureau chief in Cleveland. And then we moved to Cleveland in 1966.

It actually was in Cleveland that I got an interest both in financial fraud and in offshore monkey business, offshore banks. The case in Cleveland, it was a Swiss bank. That case was about a group of organized-crime-connected swindlers who had pulled off a series of IPOs — they didn't call them IPOs in those days; they called 'em new issues — in which they would get either founders' stock or first- or second-level offerings in the stocks, and the stocks would miraculously get run up and they'd dump 'em off. These guys were also connected with the Cleveland mob.

The Cleveland mob dates way back to the days of Prohibition — you know, Moe Dalitz and all those characters. They later went out to Las Vegas and incidentally came to San Diego in the construction of La Costa. Of course, one of the key guys was Jackie Presser. I'm sure

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effervescence, and optimism. She would later use these tools deftly to get her way. "Nancy is a jungle fighter," comments a former employee. "She responds to power."

Hoover had a very short attention span. A Hoover monologue was a stream of non sequiturs. She leapt from topic to topic — and from emotion to emotion — without perceivable bridges. A listener was inevitably bewildered. "One time," recalls a former execu-

tive of the company, "I walked into a bar in mid-afternoon, and a fellow from the office rushed in. 'Give me a drink. Nancy's driving me crazy, he said. She'd make people so frustrated they'd have to get away. She was capable of telescoping events. In one hour with her, you would get the full range of human emotions. All your emotions were challenged."

To people on the inside, she was flawed. But to people on the outside, she appeared

almost perfect. "Nancy Hoover is outgoing, natural, debonair, as American as apple pie, as genuine as the Stars and Stripes. She is warm, natural, believable, honest, generous to a fault," says Sandra Kritzik, a socialite who knows Hoover well.

"She has a vivacious smile, she's upbeat, generous to everybody...to the mailman, to the taxi driver. She used to give \$100 bills to her hairdresser and the lift attendant on skiing trips," says a former close per-

sonal and business associate. Sometimes her passion to do good deeds would incinerate her good judgment. "When one of her daughter's girlfriends wanted a new car, and her mother wouldn't buy it for her. Nancy gave her one," says the former associate.

Hoover was as aggressively social as Dominelli was antisocial. She would go out jogging, encounter 30 other joggers en route, and invite them all to her house an hour later for a magnificent brunch. She showered gifts on people and not always for a quid pro quo. Often she gave anonymously.

Hoover was uninhibited in many ways, going around her home topless, for example. But Dominelli was painfully reserved about his body. Indeed, he was a bluenose of sorts. One of his commodity-trading advisers, Robert Mengar, liked to drop an earthy comment or two in a company newsletter. When IBM brought out

its home computer, colloquially called the "Peanut," Mengar wrote that IBM's competitors suffered from "Peanut envy." Dominelli blushed and edited the phrase out.

Politically Hoover was a liberal social reformer in a conservative city. As such, she had been crowned "The Golden Girl" by fellow liberals in the media. If Dominelli had any political philosophy, it was Libertarian. "If they're gonna get me to pay fuckin' taxes,



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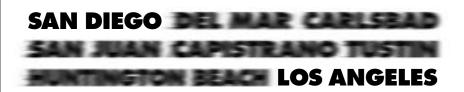


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they're gonna have to come get me," he would say in his Chicago street vernacular. His close colleagues — mostly liberal Democrats — considered him a conservative Republican, and he had taken out an ad in the Chicago Tribune in 1980 supporting Ronald Reagan. However, Dominelli also poured money into the campaigns of Democrats, no doubt at Hoover's direction. "Maybe you should call him a Libertarian Republican," says a former associate.

Instinctively Dominelli was an anarchist, someone who hated authority. He believed that with a little professional assistance, he could forever keep the despised authorities off his back. Once, a president of one of his subsidiaries promised a regulatory body that Dominelli wouldn't open another office within the next several months. "Fuck 'em. I'll hire a lawyer," Dominelli said. "That was his philosophy of life. He believed that a lawyer or an accountant could get him out of anything, but he often didn't follow their advice," recalls a former financial official of the firm.

Captain Money and the Golden Girl named their company J. David, and for four years it appeared they might convert their fantasies into reality: He would strike a rich vein, and she would strike the vain rich

Hoover was out to take over and reform the wealthy, traditionbound ruling class of San Diego, the nation's eighth largest city and easily one of its most conservative. Like many of her fellow liberals and yuppies, she preached that the San Diego establishment is callous, selfish, and too tolerant of financial scoundrels.

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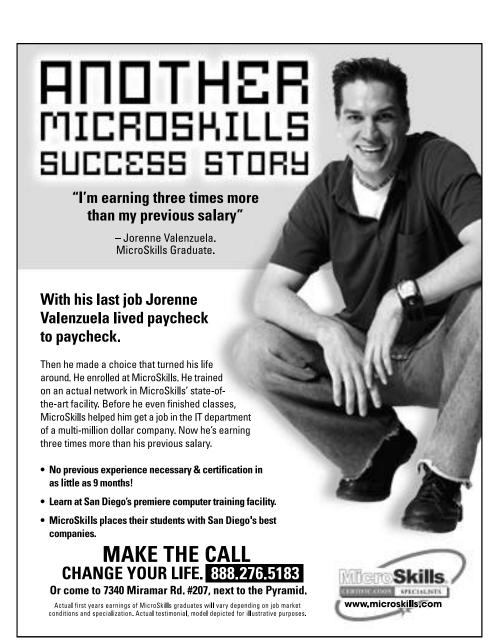
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Diego it's sometimes hard to distinguish the landed gentry from the light-fingered gentry. Cozeners — accepted by the ruling establishment — have been preying on San Diego investors for years. They sun themselves on the beaches in the upscale coastal town of La Jolla and ride to hounds in the aristocratic inland community of Rancho Santa Fe. They are indefatigable partygoers, apotheosized almost daily in the society columns of the local newspapers, despite, in some cases, their records of convictions.

And in San Diego, as in many other cities, it's difficult to distinguish the recidivists from the philanthropists. That's because often they are one and the same. The habitual fast-buck operators buy

respectability by pouring money into local charities - always with maximum public exposure.

San Diego's financial scoundrels of the recent past have fallen into two categories. There were the acquisitors, the conglomerateurs — those building a massive empire through accounting voodoo and inflated stock. And then there were the fleecers of the innocent — those promising unbelievably high returns to naïve investors.

The classic conglomerateur was the revered C. Arnholt Smith, dubbed "Mr. San Diego of the Century" by a local newspaperman. Smith built a conglomerate that operated many of the city's prime businesses — a taxicab firm, a tuna cannery, a luxury hotel, a shipbuilding yard, an

airline — and that owned huge tracts of agricultural land. Smith also controlled a bank with \$1 billion in assets. The Byzantine paths by which Smith funneled funds from the bank to the conglomerate, and thence to his own pocket, had investigators befuddled for years. In the early 1970s, the U.S. Treasury Department's Comptroller of the Currency described Smith's bank as "self-dealing lending run riot."

Eventually both the bank and conglomerate went under. In 1975 Smith was indicted for manipulating \$170 million in bank funds and channeling \$27.5 million to himself and his cronies. He only got probation on these federal charges, but in 1979 he was convicted of grand theft and sentenced to prison by the

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state. Five years later, on November 26, 1984, he began serving a one-year jail sentence. Now in his mid-80s, he is still adored by many of La Jolla's Beautiful People.

At the time Smith was being tried, another conglomerate, U.S. Financial, was going into bankruptcy and some of its former executives into the slammer. The company, which controlled important San Diego real estate, became a darling of Wall Street. The stock rose from \$4.62 a share to \$62 as management used every accounting trick in the book including selling itself its own assets several different times — to overstate its profits. After the crash common shareholders considered themselves lucky to come out with 25 cents on the dollar.

During the same period, still another publicly held company, Royal Inns, which owned hotels and restaurants in 18 states, was bellying up to the bar. This company reported fat profits from building hotels but lost money operating the hotels. The founder, Earl Gagosian, became very rich selling off the artificially inflated stock, often utilizing inside information, charged the bankruptcy trustee. His multimillion-dollar La Jolla mansion overlooking the Pacific became something of a local shrine — celebrated in the press, ogled by the citizenry and tourists.

Richard L. Burns was an acquisitor hailed by the establishment when he brought his R.L. Burns Corporation to San Diego from San Bernardino in 1977. He bought Gagosian's mansion and moved his company into the posh quarters previously occupied by John Alessio — a racetrack entrepreneur, ex—"Mr.

San Diego," and C. Arnholt Smith associate who had gone to jail. Like Smith and Alessio, Burns established himself as an eleemosynar, generously donating to local charities. His energy company seem-

ingly prospered, but one day the entrepreneur stunned shareholders by peddling his stock for \$14.6 million at a time when it was worth \$40 million on the market. Shortly thereafter, as grim news hit, the com-

pany and its stock collapsed. Burns used his proceeds to buy another company, Nucorp Energy, and launched an acquisition binge, gobbling up oil-field equipment suppliers with stock that rose 2100 per-

cent in just two years. But that 2100 percent gain vanished almost overnight when the company plunged ingloriously into bankruptcy amid a sea of lawsuits.

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has charged Burns and a fellow official with inflating revenue by \$50 million through the dubious practice of "prebilling": recording a sale on the books at the time of the handshake, rather than after the



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product is manufactured, sold, and delivered to the customer in return for money. The bankruptcy trustee is suing Burns for \$10.4 million, and the company still owes banks \$326 million. Not surprisingly, the major bank is Continental Illinois, which has since been, in effect, nationalized because of its bad energy loans. Continental Illinois loaned Nucorp more than \$100 million and also loaned large sums to Burns personally.

There were conglomerateurs who kept company with San Diego's rich and chic but didn't share San Diegans' conservative philosophy. One was Rancho Santa Fe's Walter Wencke, a Harvardtrained labor lawyer who dared to run for Congress as a Democrat. Wencke didn't make it to Congress, but he is recognized in government

offices throughout the land. His picture, along with those of fellow missing criminals, adorns post-office walls. Wencke, too, built and pillaged a conglomerate, but he had the foresight to keep stashing money in tax-haven banks while his case dragged through the courts.

On October 9, 1979, Wencke was to begin serving a five-year prison sentence for mail fraud and making false statements to the SEC. But he never showed up and has never been found, although every couple of months someone claims to have seen him on some Caribbean isle. The only people to have heard from Wencke have been officials of the Central Intelligence Agency. He wrote them asking for a job not long before he skipped the country, noting, "It would take many individuals with different skills to accomplish

what I can do alone."

The conglomera-

teurs preyed mainly on fellow sophisticates wealthy and world-wise people who knew what they could be getting into. But San Diego has also had entrepreneurs who specialized in taking advantage of "the little people," particularly the elderly and retired, who make up a significant part of the population. Joseph Anthony Bello promised small investors as much as 120 percent a year in the late 1970s. He eventually went to jail for mail fraud and filing a false income-tax return. Paul J. Boileau sold the elderly high-yielding, speculative housing paper called "second trust deeds" and in 1982 took the Fifth Amendment at his bankruptcy hearing while sitting safely behind a bulletproof shield. Stephen Lochmiller sold highyielding trust deeds to

low- and middleincome retirees and then lent out the money for Palm Springs homes appraised at highly inflated values. More than 50 glowering victims were in the courtroom in 1984 when he was sentenced to four years for selling unregistered securities. Bernard Striar (alias Eldean Erickson) pocketed commodity investors' money instead of investing it — similar to what he had done, it turned out, in several other cities under several other names. Upon leaving town in late 1984, Striar left a plaintive note: "I guess there is no other way to put it, except that I'm a fraud and a crook.... The FBI is very familiar with me." He lasted nine years in San Diego — his longest stretch in any city. He has been arrested and

indicted for fraud. San Diegans not only fall for such

rustlers — they fall all over them. Despite the notoriety of past brigands, each new shark to surface instantly is surrounded by investors anxious to get in the

Clearly it was the ideal market for Captain Money and the Golden Girl. They didn't dream small dreams. Dominelli intended to combine the dubious strategy of the little-people fleecer with the dubious strategy of the conglomerate builder. He promised investors returns of up to 50 percent a year, and he also planned to erect a diversified financial giant modeled on Wall Street's Goldman, Sachs.

Some say it could only have been attempted in Southern California. They theorize that the constant sunshine softens San Diegans up for swindlers. The sun, in fact, is partially to blame. Because it shines all year,

people flock to San Diego. In the last two decades, San Diego has consistently been one of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the U.S., and threefourths of that growth has come from immigrants. Often there are 50 to 100 applicants for one job opening, and there are thousands of well-trained, retired military officers on fat pensions who are willing to work for low wages.

Conspicuous consumption is omnipresent. San Diegans buy more Mercedes-Benzes than Plymouths. Housing prices have been pushed sky-high (averaging \$133,000), but incomes are only slightly higher than the national urban average. The upwardly mobile must get deeply into debt and then have to come up with big incomes to meet the monthly mortgage.

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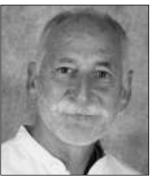
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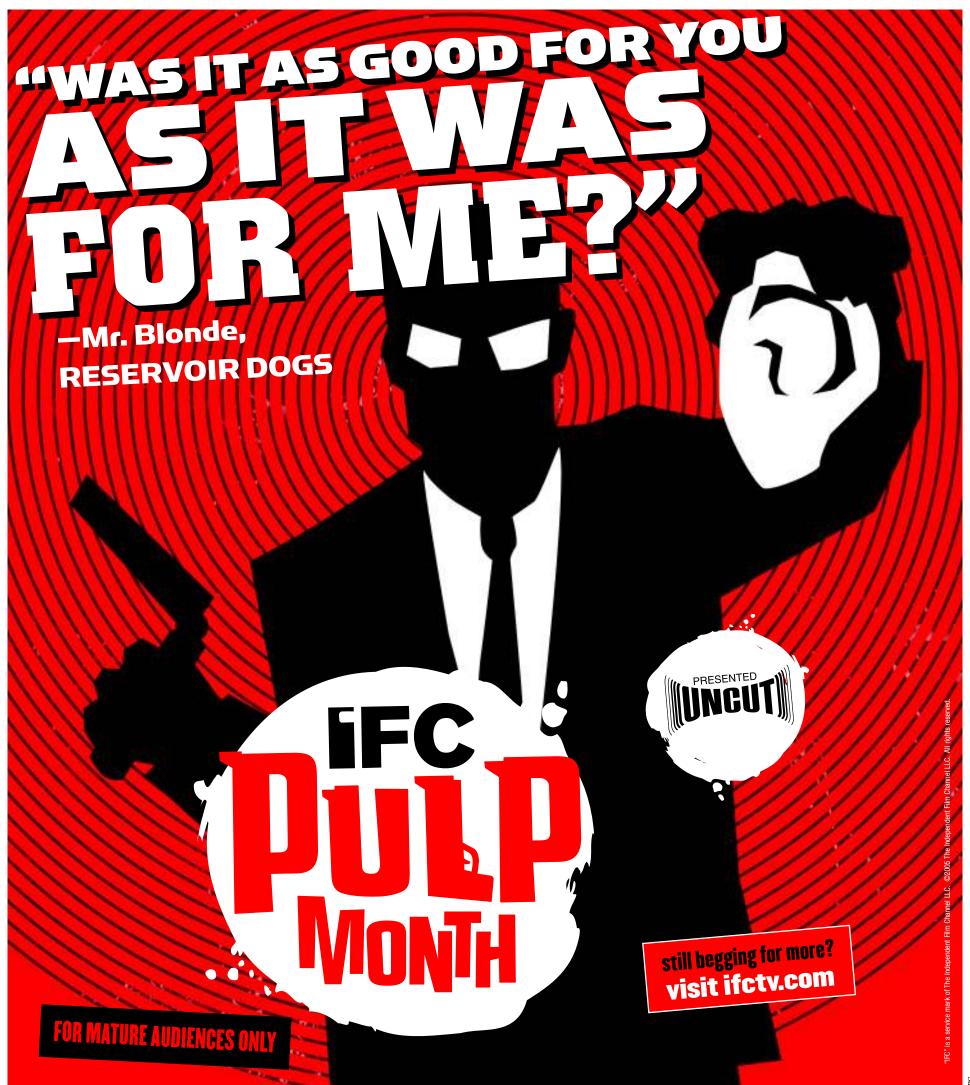


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mortgaging to the eyeballs and rolling the dice. San Diego is full of "high-stakes poker players," notes Howard Matloff, a San Diego lawyer who specializes in white-collar crime. There's no Old Wealth watchdog to keep a lid on the fun. Almost everybody is nouveau riche, and a laissez-faire mentality rules.

Then, there's what Matloff calls "the Disneyland effect." Many people have made a bundle in local real estate. In the late 1970s, average real estate prices in San Diego rose 25 percent a year, and amateurs routinely turned 100 percent profits in real estate deals. Thus, J. David's promise of a 50 percent annual return was not greeted with the skepticism it deserved.

"It all boils down to greed and glitter," says Roger Young, former head of the FBI in San Diego. "All reason goes down the drain. You lose your senses. In the excitement and rush to amass the manna, investors forget to ask, 'What kind of a track record does this promoter have? Where did he come from? Who are his associates? Is the operation audited? Are records available? Will respectable people endorse the promoter? Is the investment registered? A claim of 40 to 50 percent annual returns is a flag — a tipoff." Other clues, according to Young, include social and financial relationships with prominent politicians and generous, well-publicized gifts to local charitable organizations.

Besides the greed and glitter, there's another factor: San Diego sits on the Mexican border. It's a way station for drugs moving into the U.S. from Central and South America. Drug dealers' money has to be "laundered," that is, transformed into respectable money or credit. Some entrepreneurs with foreign-banking connections will provide this service for a fee of around 10 percent. This means there is always a lot of illicit cash seeking

a licit home in San Diego, and that kind of lucre often finds its way into local swindles.

While Jerry Dominelli and Nancy Hoover found the San Diego environment extremely hospitable for their investment scheme, they hadn't gone out of their way to select it as a thieves' haven, as the bluesuede-shoe city hoppers often do. Hoover had been born in San Diego. Dominelli had discovered it during his military tour.

A document on J. David stationery supposedly spelled out Dominelli's biography: "Jerry Dominelli was born in Chicago. A graduate of St. Dominic's

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The biography was largely untrue. Dominelli, born in 1941 and one of six children, had been expelled from St. Dominic's as a sophomore. (In a sworn statement to the SEC early in J. David's existence, Dominelli declared that he was a St. Dominic's graduate, but researchers, checking parish, Marine Corps, and college records, can find no indication of a graduation or equivalency certificate.) His youth had been filled with anxiety. He had been the kid with thick glasses in an Italian neighborhood teeming

with leather-jacketed toughs. He had sometimes walked three blocks out of his way to avoid local bullies, he admitted to friends. It was in this unhappy period that he began fantasizing about getting rich, becoming at least a millionaire by age 40.

After dropping out of high school Dominelli had entered the Marines but had never been in Vietnam. Nor, as he bragged to his employees and investors, had he been a member of Force Recon, the elite Marine unit that takes to the air (parachuting) and the deep sea (scuba

diving) in pursuit of the enemy. It was a dangerous boast in San Diego, aswarm with veterans. After seeing Dominelli iust once, a retired Marine general harrumphed, "He has never been in Force Recon." The retired general was correct, of course. (Shrewdly Dominelli never made such boasts to colleagues who had served in Vietnam or been in Force Recon.)

Officially, the Marines say, Dominelli had gone through boot camp at San Diego County's Camp Pendleton and then been sent to Okinawa. For a year

he had traveled between Okinawa and Thailand, but not to Vietnam. In fact, he left the Marines in 1963, two years before Marines actually landed in Vietnam. (Up to then there had been only socalled Marine advisers there.) During his service Dominelli had been promoted to lance corporal, but he was discharged, honorably, as a private after unspecified scrapes with authorities.

Despite the lack of a high school diploma, Dominelli had been accepted by the University of San Diego and had graduated with a Cplus average. He had

married and become the father of two daughters. He had gotten his first job with Equity Funding, which was later to become immersed in one of the major financial scandals to the 1970s. After a short stay, Dominelli left Equity Funding and bounced from one Southern California brokerage branch to another: H. Hentz; Bateman Eichler, Hill Richards; Shearson Hayden Stone (now Shearson Lehman Brothers); and Bache Halsey Stuart Shields (now Prudential-Bache). Briefly during those years he had studied law at night.

Dominelli's career as a broker had been totally undistinguished. "He was a mediocre broker at best," says John Farrish, his manager at Bache. A former supervisor remembers him as "a disaster as a trader." "He walked around with his head down and seldom spoke to anybody," recalls a colleague of the time. "He was never much of a broker."

Like Dominelli, Hoover was doxologized in J. David's biography: "Nancy Hoover was born in San Diego. A graduate of Pensacola, Florida High School, she took her Baccalaureate

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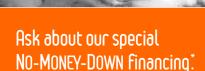
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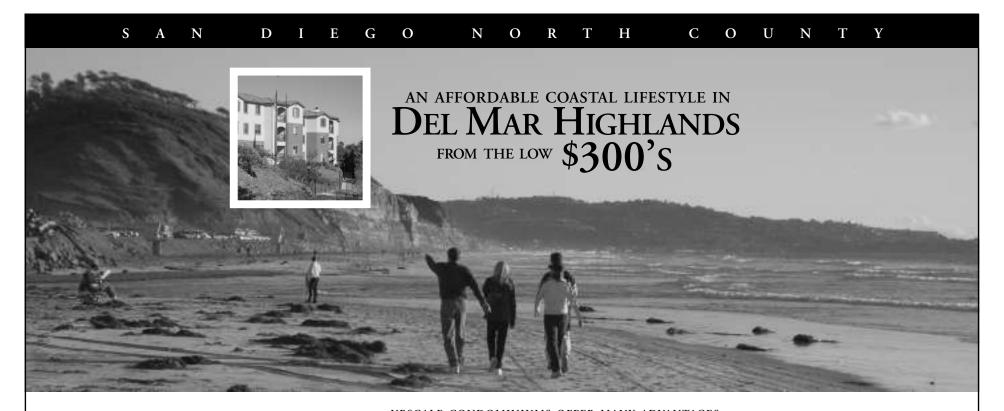


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Nancy Hoover did not live up to this biography. She was born in 1938 into a Navy family. She *had* graduated from high school in Pensacola, but she had not graduated from Cal-Berkeley — in fact, she had no college degree. The Golden Girl had attended the College of William and Mary and San Diego State but had left the latter to elope with George Hoover, who went on to become

a foreign service officer. She had accompanied him as his wife and the mother of their son and daughter, but she had not been in the foreign

Eventually George Hoover had quit to go into the brokerage business, and he, Nancy, and their two children had moved to Del Mar, an affluent coastal community just north of La Jolla. There Nancy Hoover blossomed. She served on the Del Mar City Council for eight years (1974–1982), including one year (1976) as mayor. Championing liberal causes,

she incurred the enmity of the powerful construction industry but won the admiration of the yuppies by voting for zoning restrictions on valuable property; by supporting environmentalists, feminists, and reformers of all varieties; and by vehemently opposing offshore oil drilling. After brief jobs at the publication Psychology Today and at San Diego Securities, she arrived at the La Jolla office of Bache in 1976 as a rookie broker. Her husband was a top producer and administrator there — and J. David "Jerry" Dominelli was a

green and not-verypromising broker. Hoover and Dominelli shared a desk in the bullpen, an area reserved for low producers.

For their fellow brokers, the Hoover-Dominelli tandem provided comic relief. It was Wally Cox teamed with Vanessa Redgrave, J. Walter Mitty arm-inarm with the Bionic Woman.

To everyone's amazement, Hoover and Dominelli became fast friends — but George Hoover never worried. He considered Dominelli a wimp and a mental lightweight.

One afternoon, Dominelli, Nancy Hoover, and three other Bache brokers (including Robert Kritzik, socialite Sandra Kritzik's husband) held a bitching session over lunch. They talked about forming a boutique brokerage house that would cater to an upscale clientele — serving coffee in fancy china cups instead of cheap Styrofoam containers. Brokers would get higher commissions and be free of the oppressiveness of large New York-based brokerages.

It was 1979 and the middle of a dolorous

bear market. Morale was rock-bottom. The idea of breaking away was attractive, but nobody thought the reclusive Dominelli would be the one to do it, even though he suddenly seemed to have money in his pocket. (He said he had been successful in real estate. He didn't mention that his wife, Antie, had received a substantial insurance payment. A woman in an adjoining apartment had committed suicide by turning on the gas, which had leaked next door and killed Mrs. Dominelli's mother and father.)

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In mid-1979 George Hoover left Bache to go to the La Jolla office of another Wall Street firm, Drexel Burnham Lambert; a few months later, several Bache brokers joined him. One was Nancy Hoover. But Dominelli quit Bache to go out on his own — to start his own commodities trading advisory. He intended to collect money from customers, put it in a pool or a partnership, and then invest it in commodities like gold, foreign currencies, financial futures, and other instruments.

After only two months at Drexel, Nancy

Hoover returned to Bache and told George she was getting a divorce. At Bache she was to become the broker-of-record for Jerry Dominelli's new commodities trading firm. He had opened a tiny office in the basement of a Mexican restaurant in downtown La Jolla. The office was dark and dank but generally agreeable except when the sewer backed up, as it did on occasion. Bache also gave Dominelli space in its office, even though he was no longer on the payroll. Dominelli called the shots and Hoover placed the orders

through Bache. The firm known as J. David was

The birth had been preceded by a romance. One Sunday afternoon, two Bache brokers were in the office. Dominelli and Hoover came in barefoot. They had been to the beach and wanted to catch up on work. "I noticed that as they sat at the desk, their toes were touching. I could not believe it. Neither could my buddy," recalls one broker.

By and large it was a discreet affair. In February 1983, the Kritziks, close friends of Hoover and Dominelli, realized for the first time that the two were lovers. Sandra Kritzik went to see an apartment Hoover and Dominelli had purchased and noticed that there was only one bed, and a pink negligee hanging in the bathroom.

From the start Captain Money and the Golden Girl established themselves as workaholics, toiling from early morning to late evening. At the outset J. David collected small amounts — \$3000 or \$5000 or \$10,000 — from individuals and invested the proceeds. The pools were moder-

ately successful; some made money, some lost money. None did smashingly well or egregiously poorly.

To sell his pools and partnerships, Dominelli distributed throughout San Diego a track record he claimed to have compiled while at Bache. According to the unaudited document, he had started with \$5000 in December 1977 and nimbly put it into gold, Swiss francs, British pounds, and Treasury bonds and bills. By the last day of 1977, the pot had grown to \$52,181.50.

The next year,

according to the track record, Dominelli had started with \$10,000 and adeptly dabbled in foreign currencies, federal paper, copper futures, and the like. By year's end the pot had ballooned to \$84,446.85. Through the dog days of 1979, some \$15,000 had swelled to \$39,592.

By chance a man writing a book on commodities, Mark Robert Yarry, was investing through Bache's La Jolla office at the time. He met Dominelli and studied his track record. So impressed was Yarry that he inserted the record in his book, *The Fastest*



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Game in Town: Commodities, published in 1981 by Prentice-Hall.

Yarry declared
Dominelli — never
identified by name as
the broker who had
compiled the amazing
record — a "genius." At
J. David, Yarry's book
became a sales tool.
Soon Dominelli was
talked about all over San
Diego.

The word most people used was "genius."

"I thought he was an oddball, a kook, an eccentric —but a genius trader," recalls an investor who eventually put more than \$1 million with J. David.

"His behavior was bizarre. He was so eccentric. But I thought he was a genius at trading," says another investor, who was paid large commissions to steer his clients to Dominelli.

When the Beautiful People would ask what Nancy Hoover saw in Jerry Dominelli, the reply would almost always be "his brains."

Dominelli's appearance and demeanor

helped establish the image. His thick glasses, acute hearing problem, and shyness all somehow smacked of genius. He would abruptly walk out of a tense meeting in mid-sentence, mumbling as he stared into space. "He was the absent-minded professor," says Sandra Kritzik, whose family pumped half a million dollars into Dominelli's opera-

tion. "One permits a

crasies. I really thought

genius. Had I met him

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Jerry was a financial

in any other circumstance, I would have thought of him as a nothing."

His language was memorable. "Every other word was 'fuck,'" recalls a former executive. Dominelli would sit at his quote machine watching prices in international currencies change and would sporadically blurt, "Fuckin' franc!"

"He was a street kid with street smarts, but he wasn't articulate," remembers Kritzik. His crudity in public often embarrassed more refined companions, including Hoover.

Almost everyone who knew Dominelli described him as "a nice guy." He appeared to have a frail ego to match his frail stature. He exuded humility. However, as a friend says, "He had a violent temper." Once he was threatening to sue a former employee of the firm. "If this was 1890, I'd shoot him with a fuckin' gun," shouted Dominelli, demanding that one of his vice-presidents get a

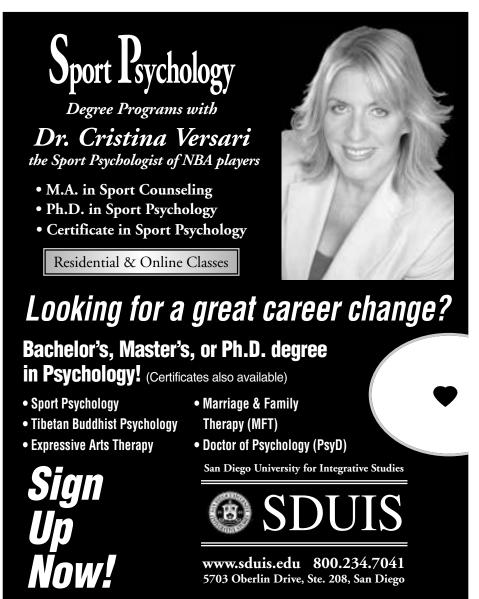
signed document from the ex-employee. "What do you want me to do? Break his arm?" said the vice-president. "Do anything to get that fuckin' signature," Dominelli told the vice-president and then added, "You're no longer an employee of this company." Later, though, Dominelli relented. "I only said that to you because I was in a room full of lawyers," he explained.

Dominelli was indecisive but considerate of people who had been hurt by his changes of











mind. One Friday a president of a subsidiary finally talked Dominelli into hiring an accountant. By Monday Dominelli had flipflopped. "We don't need a fuckin' accountant," he said. "Should I tell him to leave?" "He's right outside the door," replied the executive. "Oh, Christ. Well, okay, get him a desk," shrugged Dominelli.

Dominelli was an enigma to his employees. He overpaid them, lavished them with gifts, and reeked of solicitude; but like Hoover, he had a short attention span and very little time for anybody. As long as people believed that he was an authentic financial genius, however, he had indisputable charisma. "Getting an audience with Jerry was like getting an audience with a king. He captivated people, had a real flair," says a former executive. "Think of Jerry as a chameleon. He can be anything he thinks you want him to be. If he thinks you would like to see him

sad, he can come on sad," according to a former officer of J. David.

Dominelli's kindnesses were legendary. When a secretary died, he paid for the funeral. When the daughter of a consultant had a medical emergency and had to be flown out of remote ski country, Dominelli dispatched his personal jet immediately and refused to accept a penny of payment from the grateful father, a man of considerable wealth.

He even took in

stray cats. One that occupied his office was named Swissie, after the Swiss franc.

When refurbishing a new J. David office, workmen had set traps for mice. Dominelli couldn't bear to see dead mice in traps; he would spring all the traps, leaving the cheese so that the mice could dine in safety.

One of Dominelli's great weaknesses was that he couldn't refuse requests for money — from local charities, from employees want-

ing to launch a project, from friends wanting a loan or his participation in an investment. This quality endeared him to Nancy Hoover. And there was nothing in his life more important than pleasing her.

She had divorced her husband because she considered him a pennypincher. "We'd be dining out with people, and he would never reach for the tab," she complained bitterly. She dreamed of becoming a great philanthropist, arts patron, and friend of the downtrodden but could never realize the dream with her husband. "I can't understand people who conserve their money," she told an associate. "What good is it lying in banks?" Money was to be spent and to be given away.

The willingness to part with money quickly — and foolishly — was one of

the main things Captain Money and the Golden Girl had in common. "Jerry is the consummate consumer," Hoover would bubble. Their offices were absurdly ornate. They bought \$100,000 foreign sports cars by the dozens. Still unsated they bought a limousine company for personal transportation. They had three jets. They owned several elegant homes. They shelled out ridiculously high sums for racehorses. She collected expensive jewelry. He wore only drab but very expensive suits, mostly pinstripe, with vests. At the company's peak, he had 50 such suits and four dozen pairs of shoes, all Italian wingtips.

To some people, such ostentatious consumption didn't fit with the public image Hoover was trying to cultivate. "She claims to be a liberal. She's a 14th-









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century French courtesan, for Christ's sake," says a former J. David employee. Many friends believe that Hoover really craved the life of luxury because she was trying to one-up her sister, who had married into a rich establishment family.

But there was the other side of Hoover: She had an uncontrollable obsession to give money away. Before J. David made it big, she had told the local media, "My real dream is that I'd like to help more, if I could get really rich."

According to the J. David biography, Hoover became known as "one of the city's leading arts patrons." *That* wasn't hyperbole. She was. She joined the board of the symphony

and the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art. She helped the poor and dozens of local causes. Almost no charity was turned down.

Soon, Captain
Money and the Golden
Girl were celebrated for
their lavish parties,
attended by local and
national politicians, the
rich and the chic, and
the "new class" of liberals she was grooming for
a raid on the establishment. Indeed, the whole
J. David clique was
thought of in San Diego
as "the establishmentin-waiting."

At the parties Jerry Dominelli faded into the background as Hoover luminesced. Sometimes he was introduced as "Mr. Hoover."

Once he was intending to have a pri-

vate birthday party for himself with one of his daughters at a local inn. Hoover, who was very jealous of Dominelli's wife and children, tried to upstage the gettogether by inviting the office for a surprise party at the same inn at the same time. Word of the surprise got to Dominelli just as he was mounting the stairs to the second floor of the inn, where many of his employees, awash in bottled spirits, were waiting to belt out "Happy Birthday." "Goddamned Hoover!" he exclaimed, racing back downstairs. He

ducked into a washroom and hid there for some time, leaving his daughter to fend for herself. Later he emerged and reluctantly joined the party.

Generally, he was a willing if timid participant in these parties, as long as he could spent part of his time with Hoover. "Jerry couldn't stand to be separated from her. He was like a teddy bear or a cocker spaniel. He would wander into an area where she was. There was no hugging or physical contact — he just wanted to bask in her aura," recalls Sandra

Kritzik. At one skiing party, she injured her hand, so he cut her food for her and fed her with his fork.

At social gatherings Dominelli would soon tire of the glad-handing Hoover reveled in. He would slouch off to a corner and read market newsletters. But no one criticized him. He was, after all, a financial genius.

Nancy Hoover had found the man of her dreams, the man who could make both of her dreams come true. She was living the high life and showering money on local charities. It was all she had ever wanted.

But a few people were wondering. "It seemed they were trying to accomplish in a handful of years what it takes other families three generations," says Sandra Kritzik.

— Don Bauder

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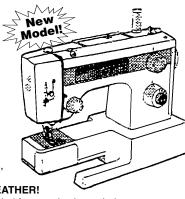
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you remember Jackie Presser, who was the head of the Teamsters and, of course, mob-connected.

Anyway, this brokerage house had put out several new issues of stock, and they all had a pattern of zooming, and the insiders who had gotten themselves shares for almost nothing would bail out as they were on the way up, and then the stocks would collapse.

The story I wrote on that bunch of gangsters and swindlers in Cleveland did not run satisfactorily in *Business Week*, and that's one of the main reasons I left. They ran something, but they really watered it down and didn't put in key things, such as the fact that the Cosmos Bank, a tiny Swiss bank, had sold off something like 75 percent of its stock in a hot new issue before it collapsed. And guess who stashed \$30-some million in the Cosmos

n't fraud.

as I didn't leave right away. There were complications. We had built a house, and, you know, there were a whole bunch of problems. And then Business Week also had finally come around to realize that I was right,

"I was distressed to find out that he was so close to the whole Copley organization, and here I was working for them. I came into a situation where I was really walking on eggs."

Bank? Richard Nixon! [Laughs.] At least, that's according to the book called *Interference*. So anyway, I had an interest in

'cause these guys pulled another swindle and it got *Business Week* to write up that swindle. They realized that I wasn't crazy.

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But, you know, they didn't do anything to tell me that they had recognized that, so, you know, bye-bye.

I came to San Diego in '73. Naturally, in summer of '73. We packed up the kids, who were then six — well, five and a half — and the other one was three, and we went to Seattle and rented a car and went all the way down the coast interviewing newspapers, and San Diego Union really wanted a financial editor.

And I had interviewed papers for both financial writer and investigative reporter, whatever they needed. *Union* really wanted a financial editor. So I came out in mid-'73 as financial editor of the *Union*. I started in mid-1973 for \$18,500, the exact sum I was making at *Business Week* when I left. My final salary after 30 years at the *U-T* was \$100,000.

When I arrived in San Diego I was right in the middle of U.S. National and, of course, Arnholt Smith. John Alessio was already in prison, as I recall. The C. Arnholt Smith case was going on and really occupied a tremendous amount of our time.

He was being pursued by banking officials and by the Securities and Exchange Commission. They were after him. I mean, he was in a lot of trouble. The SEC and the banking officials were both after him, the SEC for accounting irregularities at the conglomerate, Westgate-California; and the banking officials were after him for the fact that the bank — U.S. National Bank — had loaned way too much money out to Smith's cronies. Of course, that included La Costa and all of that stuff.

Smith was the kingpin of the community. Of course, I was distressed to find out that he was so close to the whole Copley organization, and here I was working for them. I came into a situation where I was really walking on eggs. We all were, actually.

So it was a very diffi-



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cult situation. We forcefully argued that the guy was a crook and that, you know, you had to be pretty strong, but we were up against it, because, you know, he was so close with everybody there.

You gotta remember Smith ran San Diego in the '50s and '60s. Smith and Alessio ran San Diego. This is the distressing thing about San Diego today, is that it's going right back to the days of Smith and Alessio, if it isn't there already. The strong-mayor situation is going to be even possibly worse than it was under Smith and Alessio. They didn't have a strong-mayor situation then, but they might as well have had.

Jim Copley was the owner of Copley Newspapers. Now, he died shortly after I came in, in 1973. I never did meet Jim Copley, so, in fact, I got there just a little bit before they moved from their downtown office out to the Mission Valley plant, where they are now. I was only in that downtown office for a couple of months.

One of the first columns I wrote for the *Union*—well, when I say one of the first, I must have been there less than two months — was predicting that Smith's bank would be seized.

Actually one of my sources was Jim Mulvaney, who was president of the bank. He and I talked about it not too long ago. I quoted him in the story that I gave. I wrote this column and said that, you know, this bank was probably going to be seized. You know, it really shouldn't have shocked anybody that much. But I got called up and reamed out, and the next day I was forced to run a column swallowing the whole thing. Everything I said was wrong, the bank's in wonderful shape. And of course, a month later the bank was seized.

So that was one of my introductions to the Union. That kind of frightened me. I thought, "Oh, God."

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prices were much higher in San Diego, and we were having trouble selling our house back in Cleveland because it was a terrible time in the economy. Inflation was starting to go up like crazy. So, you know, we were really hurting financially. Then, bingo, this thing with this column I wrote about Smith's bank. I had to regurgitate the whole thing the next

And, Matt, you can say to me, "Don, you wrote something dishonest," and you're right. I wrote something that I didn't believe. But what would you have done? My family actually wasn't here yet. Ellen and the kids were still in Cleveland selling the house when I wrote that column. I wasn't given any choice. The choice that I had was that if I hadn't written the

column saying everything was okay, I would've been fired. So it was written. So, you know, am I a dishonest son of a bitch? I don't know. You make up your mind.

Another thing happened probably within six or eight months. The lawyer for the brokerage house that I was telling you about, the mobinfested brokerage house in Cleveland that had pulled off the swindles, got onto the SEC as one of the commissioners.

Well, I wrote a column about that. Actually I had written a story about that after the *Union* hired me but before I got there, and I sent it to the *Union* and it got killed before I ever got there because people in the Nixon administration got it killed.

Then I wrote it again as a column, and it got in. Oh, the guy was gonna sue, and so on and so on. And that one had to be regurgitated too. I came out to take this job and

do some of this stuff, and I thought, "Oh, boy. I'm in trouble." The good thing was that the economy was also in a lot of trouble.

If you'll remember the '70s, inflation really started to zoom, so I wrote an awful lot about macroeconomics. San Diego's housing prices were very high, and San Diego's inflation was higher than the nation's inflation. There was a period in there where I did a little bit of investigative stuff, but not much, because I thought, "My God, I'm not gonna be able to do it." Some in management encouraged me to keep going on scams then, but I smelled a trap.

So then when the J. David Dominelli thing came along, my intention all along was to do the investigative stuff, 'cause I knew that San Diego was the perfect place to do it. It was very obvious that San Diego was the perfect place to do it, or Southern California generally.

The three areas of the

country that are generally considered the centers of organized, white-collar crime are south Florida, Southern California, and Las Vegas. J. David came along and that was a perfect outlet, you know, to get back on track.

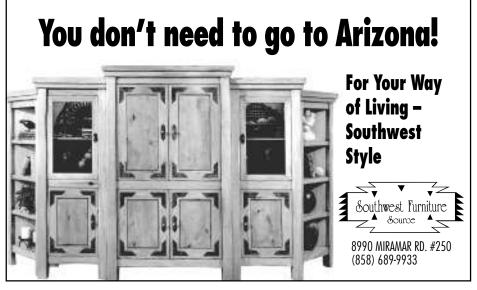
In '82, Fred Muir [another reporter at the Union | did a series on J. David, but he was never able to get much on it the regulatory agencies were looking the other way. He told me a story that he was on a motorcycle — he's a wonderful guy — and he was on a motorcycle and it was, I think, about the time he was leaving to go to the Wall Street Journal. He rode by J. David's headquarters and flipped up his middle digit and said, "I'll get you, you son of a bitch, someday!" And I had put that into Captain Money, but John Radziewicz, who was the book's editor, took it out for some reason.

The thing really started



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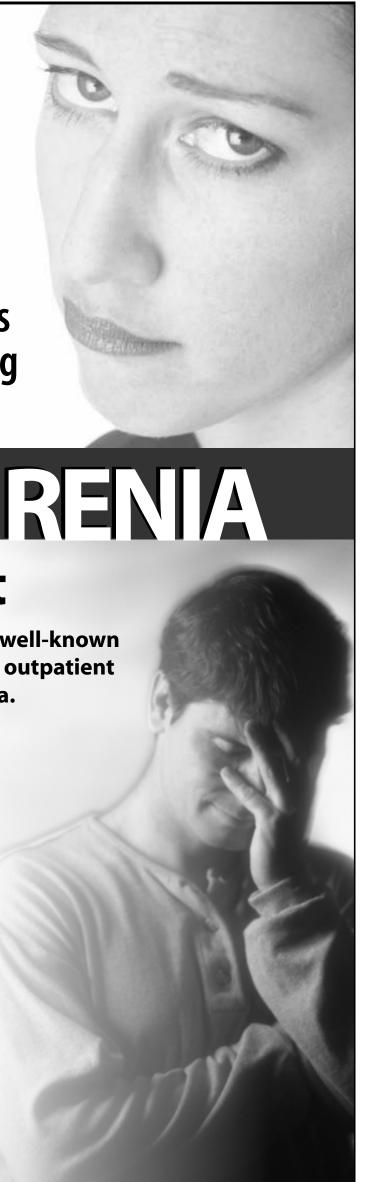
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in '84. There were suspicions around that this was a Ponzi scheme or that there was something going on here that this guy was paying 40 to 50 percent a year, and he was a broker. Dubious. As a stockbroker, he had not been particularly successful, and he was not all that well educated, and here he was claiming to be this genius in foreign currency trade.

Nancy Hoover was J. David Dominelli's lover. He was this squirrelly little guy with the big thick glasses, and he was kind of shy, yet he had this fantasy life that he had been a great and successful Marine, which he hadn't

She was a good three inches taller than he was. She was almost six feet tall. She was outgoing, ebullient, and so on. She would've really made a good Marine. He left his wife; she left her husband. And they started living —

they started in Del Mar, and they eventually got to Rancho Santa Fe, of course.

What was happening was that he was taking in all this money and just spending it instead of investing it. Investors would give him the money, and he would act like it was his own. That's not the way you operate an investment concern! [Laughs.] It's not your money, it's the investors' money. And if you make money for the investors and they pay you a certain percentage, then that's yours. But the money that the investor gives you is not yours. So the whole thing was a colossal fraud and a Ponzi scheme.

We can't determine that J. David ever — he may have attempted to do some trading in currencies, but it was on a very small scale, which incidentally, is very similar to what Ponzi himself had done in Boston. Ponzi's scheme was based upon the idea that you could buy stamps in a country with a weak currency and sell them in a country with a stronger currency and make a lot of money. Now, the problem with that was, he didn't do that.

He didn't actually trade any stamps in the currency market. [Laughs.] All he did was he took in the investors' money; then he paid off the first investors with money that came in from the next round of investors. The trouble with that is, this is like a pyramid scheme. Eventually it collapses. It has to collapse, mathematically.

In '84 there started to be rumors that the thing was going down. There were rumors around town that Dominelli was not paying investors off.

Neil [Morgan] had done stuff on him, and I think it probably fair to say, Matt, that other than



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the stuff that Muir had done that [Dominelli] got a good press. Because, again, it's the same damn thing that you get in San Diego. He was giving money away - and, of course, it wasn't his money! He was giving money away to the opera, to the symphony.

In fact, I'll tell you a story. I was — I can't remember if I was on the board or the advisory board of the opera at the time — all the time I was in San Diego I was either on the board or the advisory board of the opera. I have a big love for opera. I remember talking to somebody who was a fundraiser for the opera, and I was telling her that we had a bunch of questions about Dominelli, and she said,

"Oh my God! You can't have questions about Dominelli!"

I said, "I'm sorry, my first loyalty is to the journalism profession, not to the opera." And exactly when that was I couldn't tell you. My guess is that it probably was around '82 or '83. And so, you know, people had questions about him. He and Hoover were both giving money away.

Finally I had a chance to go out there and talk with Dominelli. I never did claim that I broke the story. I think we said that I was instrumental in breaking the story, because there were other journalists who were involved in the thing. I know the Tribune had something that was off on the periphery, but it didn't get to the central part of the thing.

It was a difficult interview. One, because I had to come back and write it that day because I knew that everybody else at the media would try to get to it. I didn't have time to double-check a lot of stuff. You know how that goes. You and I go through that all the time. I did not have time to double-check.

And number two, you really couldn't check, because it was a completely privately held organization, plus he was working through offshore entities, and there just wasn't information that was available publicly to double-check against at that point, particularly when I was on deadline. Still, as you look back, it was a pretty damn good story.

Dominelli wouldn't let his photo be taken, so the photographer took a picture of his empty desk and he zeroed in on the empty chair.

And then, as soon as that broke, then everybody was on the story. Then it became a really it just became a feeding frenzy. Once it appeared in the Union and Tribune, it sort of gave it some sort of imprimatur. Everybody just became absorbed with

I think, to look back on it, that there were a number of reasons that people were so absorbed with it. One was just kind of the unlikely nature of these two people. Dominelli, the squirrelly little guy with the thick glasses, and his lover who was three inches taller. She had been mayor of Del Mar. She was also a very good friend and financial supporter of Roger Hedgecock.

Now that story I didn't break. The one who really got that one first was Tom Blair, who got the connection with Hedgecock. What he did — I remember him telling me this — he just did a short little couple of paragraphs or something like that or a couple of sentences. Then shortly after he brought it out in short form, the L.A. Times brought it out in long form. And Tom had actually written a long story on it also but had decided to hold it over a day, so I think he got beaten on the long story by the *L.A. Times*.

I didn't cover the campaign. I didn't know a damn thing about Dominelli's connection with Hedgecock until I read it a day later or something in Blair's

At that time, San Diego politics, I just wasn't interested in it. I had met Hedgecock, I guess, but I was strictly on the financial side of things. So when I went out and did that emptychair story I was blissfully unaware of that relationship with Hedgecock.

I had more than I could handle on my plate just doing the financial stuff, because there were a whole bunch of characters in here that I was following. There were literally hundreds of people who eventually over the years served as sources or they were people who were involved in the thing, you

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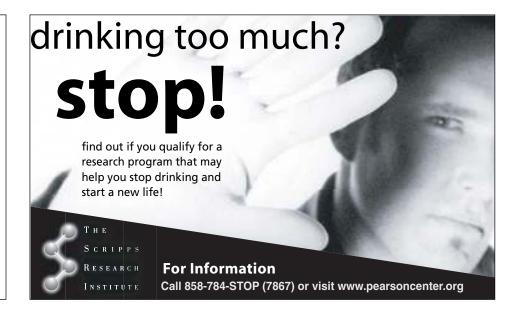
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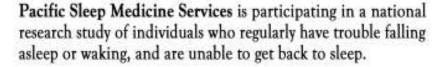
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know. I had this long list of sources, and I was talking to — I was just interviewing people. But I was strictly on the financial side of the stuff except for the purposes of the book, in which then I got into the political stuff. At the time that the campaign was going on — Hedgecock had won a special election for mayor in 1983; then he was running for the full term in 1984 — I was already writing the book. Two months before the 1984 election, Hedgecock, Hoover, Dominelli, and Tom Shepard were indicted on several counts

for supposedly playing a role in Hedgecock's 1983 campaign.

Sometime in the fall of '84 I turned the manuscript in. Fortunately, Dominelli then, by that time, was in the slammer and, you know, it was pretty much over — well, it wasn't over, but, I mean, it was pretty much very clear. There weren't many doubts about what had happened in the Ponzi scheme, as far as Dominelli went, but Hoover had not been indicted or even charged yet, so we had to dance around Hoover a little bit.

Hedgecock was tried

twice, as you remember. There was a lone holdout juror the first time, a guy that worked for the city, and it was 11–1 against Hedgecock in the first suit. Then they tried him a second time, and it was 12 to nothing. So at that point he was convicted.

Then he appealed, and it was thrown back by the appellate court or the supreme court or something and it had to be retried, and then it was Ed Miller who made the decision, "Aw, shit, we've tried it twice; we won't try it again." It annoyed me one time when I heard

Hedgecock imply that he was found not guilty. That's not so. It's simply that he wasn't tried a third time.

Hoover is supposedly living in Del Mar. She landed on her feet. She married a very rich guy from Montecito, and he paid for her trial. But then he died, and the last I heard, which was two years ago, she was living in Del Mar, and I've always wanted to do something for the *Reader* that she was in Del Mar, but the people who've told me have clammed up and won't say a word to me.

I heard that Dominelli was in Chicago. He got

out of jail after 12 or 14 years. Then he was in Chicago in 1996, and his parents were supposed to be taking care of him. But he did spend a number of years in prison. But she only spent 30 months. She was sentenced to ten years but only spent two and a half. Again, it's a big mystery why she got out. Nobody has any idea why she got out. I couldn't even tell you where to go because obviously I tried to find out. The federal government just said, "Sorry, we're not talking." I've never been able to find out from anybody else.

Early in the game — a few weeks after the story broke — I had given some thought to writing a book. Then, fortuitously, somebody representing a publishing company came to San Diego, saw the raging controversy, and called me out of the blue. I told him I would get back to him.

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to an agent — signed up with HBJ immediately and never regretted it.

I started writing the book in the middle of '84. The *U-T* gave me permission. I didn't even take time off from work to do the book. What I was doing was working three 12-hour days at the *Union* and then working four days on the book. I got it done by, I believe it was October. It was really interesting because my wife, who subsequently got her Ph.D., she had to be in residence at Davis. She got a joint doctorate from SDSU and Davis in plant ecology. So

she was off, and I was taking care of the kids, both of whom were in high school at the time. Let's see, '84, yeah, the youngest would've been 14 and the oldest would've been 16.

And I didn't know a goddamn thing about computers, and here I was writing on this computer, and my oldest son was a computer whiz and he is still, to this day. He's with Apple, in the Bay Area. I would be writing all night oftentimes. I remember getting him up in the night a couple of times, and also getting him out of school one time when the fucking computer went down.

HBJ did not have much of a promotional budget. There was little advertising, and there was no national author tour. At first, I was disappointed about the tour, but other authors told me it was a pain in the neck — sloshing through the snow in Cleveland to attend a signing with a handful of people there, for example.

The book was distributed nationally but not heavily. The major market was always Southern California. It was on the *L.A. Times* best-seller list for nine weeks, I

believe — at least it was more than two months. Some people thought HBJ could have pushed it harder to a national audience, but I was never sure it would have been that big.

My editor was John Radziewicz. I thought highly of him but never thought the feeling was mutual. The book was racier, snappier, more sarcastic, mean-spirited, and irreverent than HBJ was used to. Also, even though Dominelli was in jail by the time it came out, it was lawyered from hell to breakfast.

That was okay with

me — it was good protection. But John got exasperated with me because I was always trying to push the envelope. One time he said that editors are like nuns in school, and writers are like the children. The writers get out of line, and the nuns have to whack their fingers with a ruler. He whacked my fingers several times.

At one point, I tried to quote someone calling a character in the book a "syphilitic whore." I couched it as a ridiculous comment, hardly an apt description for the person. I remember John

telling me, "You're not going to get 'syphilitic whore' in." Of course, he was right.

I didn't argue with him or the lawyers on such points. The one thing I did argue on, I believe, was one of our best decisions. After they got my salacious manuscript, some people in HBJ wanted to delay the book for one cycle. They wanted to tone it down, and they also saw some holes. I didn't argue either point but said that would be an economic mistake. This story would not have that long a shelf life. The timing was per-

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fect. Dominelli was already in jail, and the story was still hot. We could make whatever changes we needed, but one thing we should not do is wait. I believe Bill Jovanovich agreed with me on that one. The book came out in spring of 1985 and was well-timed.

The editor in chief of Forbes, Jim Michaels, gave it a one-page review, quite positive. He wrote it himself. That was a tremendous boost and particularly meaningful to me personally because I considered Michaels the best business editor of the 20th Century. I still feel that way about him.

The S.D. Union review was bullish. The Tribune was so-so. Barron's gave it a so-so review — not particularly positive. It was written by the editor who had handled two stories I

had done on J. David for Barron's.

I wrote her back and said she was being honest and I appreciated the review. I can remember her main point: I said in the book that while Dominelli was a crook and a liar, he was also a dreamer who couldn't separate reality from his fantasies.

I still believe that and I believe that about many crooks. They are not 100 percent knaves; they are almost always a certain percentage fool. That was certainly true of Dominelli. She disagreed with that point — and that was fine.

The only all-out panning that I can recall was the Los Angeles Times. Whoever wrote the review had talked with people in the San Diego bureau of the Times as well as with one of the characters of the

book. The reviewer really tore me up. That's part of writing a book.

The book was also serialized in condensed form in three major daily newspapers, including the Sun-Times in Chicago, my hometown. The only downside of this was that Money magazine had intended to run a condensed version, but when it learned that the dailies had done so, it dropped the idea.

The advance was \$15,000. The first two printings of the hardback came to 28,000. Then, of course, came the returns, which probably took the total to 20,000 or possibly even below. However, I sold the books myself at a discount. I used to make a lot of speeches in the community in those days — probably two or three a week.

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an Diego, America's Finest City. Sure, it is...if you love traffic, paying almost \$2.40 for a gallon of gasoline, and paying too much for a home that is too small. It seems that everyone is always rushing from home to school, to classes, to work, to home, to homework, to dinner, to sleep. On any given school day, I've got about an hour of time when I'm not heading anywhere. From the moment that I wake in the morning (at about 4:30) to the moment I pull the covers over me, I am rushing.

Last summer, I had the opportunity to travel and visit my Aunt Rona in Demming, New Mexico. Population...that is nothing compared to our millions of residents in San Diego. In Demming, it was relaxed. There was lots to do. We could go shopping, go to a few museums, and go to an array of places to eat. We went on a couple day-trips; one to Las Cruces, an hour away, and enjoyed malls and a quicker pace. The other day-trip was to Silver City, where we saw museums and wandered around the small town like residents.

Two things were nice about Demming and Silver City: we had all day to go wherever we needed to and, while I was in Demming, it seemed that no other place in the world existed. While I was there, I got my first taste of slower life. I didn't get stuck in traffic, and I was more relaxed than I had been in years.

After my taste of the "laid-back" life, I realized that I don't want to live in San Diego forever. I want to move away, to where I can sit back and relax, breathe in some air without smog, and be able to afford the life that I want to have and not be up to my nose in debt.

— Christina Chovan, Mission Bay H.S.

an Diego…it seems to be the place where everyone dreams of residing (as indicated by skyrocketing housing prices). Many people consider our city to be a place that affords a "laid-back" mode of living. As it is with all stereotypes, this descriptor for our city is both true and untrue.

Geographically, San Diego can be considered L.A.'s back

yard. In comparison to L.A., the glamour of that city is absent here. However, while L.A. has celebrity "stars," San Diego's less-polluted atmosphere allows the sight of real stars. The San Diego coastline seems to be linked to people's conception of S.D. as "laid back"; when I asked a friend of mine whether he would use that adjective to describe this city, he made reference to our beaches in his affirmative reply.

But most San Diegans' lifestyles aren't mired in summer sand. Try navigating one of the county's freeways at rush hour — are those road-raging drivers laid back? And most pedestrians traversing the streets downtown are not in bathing suits — don't confuse us with Catalina. However, as a major metropolis, it's fair to say that citizens of America's Finest City are less serious and more "comfortable" with themselves than people that live in similarly sized

I intend to spend my life in San Diego. The weather, the location, and the people all make this the most desirable city. Oh, except for those housing

> — Michelle Diaz, Poway H.S.



once joked with my dad about how rustrating it is to be raised in San Diego. The weather is fantastic, the houses are beautiful, the schools are great, the crime rate is low, and everything is, well, perfect. When I looked to move away from my parents — to go to college, to start life on my own — I had a difficult time finding any place as perfect. San Diego is all I've ever known, and that's why I'm leaving.

Next year, I'll be going to college in New York City. Whenever I mention this to anybody around here, they tilt their head, furrow their brow, and look at me as though I'm insane. "You'll freeze," is the most common response. "Why would you want to leave California?" is a close second. I'm used to it by now; I smile and

There was a time when I thought I'd never leave San Diego...or California. I love how the kids at my school dress as though it's summer. I love the beach. I love Mexican food. I love how everybody around the country watches shows about Southern California and wishes they lived here. I love how nobody smokes cigarettes but everybody smokes pot.

I spent last summer in New York and everything changed. I found an energy

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As my senior year winds down, I find myself loving San Diego more and more. I relish each trip to the beach and savor every bean-and-cheese burrito. I spend lunches with my friends sprawled across the grass, soaking up rays. I don't know if I'll love New York as much as I love San Diego — ask me next winter.

— Matt Franks, Torrey Pines H.S.

San Diego's great zoo, its prefect weather, and it's laid-back atmosphere. Those comments often come from someone that doesn't live here. I hate it when people describe San Diego through rose-colored glasses; they have such a blurred reality of what living here is like.

I'm not saying that San Diego doesn't have great weather or a spectacular zoo, because we do. There are many Sunday afternoons when I will go to the zoo to walk around and enjoy the weather. But tourists who visit come to relax and take time off of work, so all they see and do is tourist stuff; they don't notice what San Diegans incur in their day-to-day living — they don't want to, which is why they came here.

San Diego is a place where its residents work hard and don't often get to enjoy what the tourists do. The tourists live in their own little world when they come here. They are laid back; therefore, to them, the town is laid back. I have talked to people that have come to visit and they said they

loved it so much that they decided to move here. When they did, it was a different story. They realized that while it is a great place to live, it is hard to keep up with the pace of everyday life.

San Diego — the

only place I have ever lived — is the only place I have ever loved. My lifelong dream has been to live downtown, in the metropolitan center. I can see myself living here for the rest of my life. I hope that I can find a job that

will help support my habit of loving where I

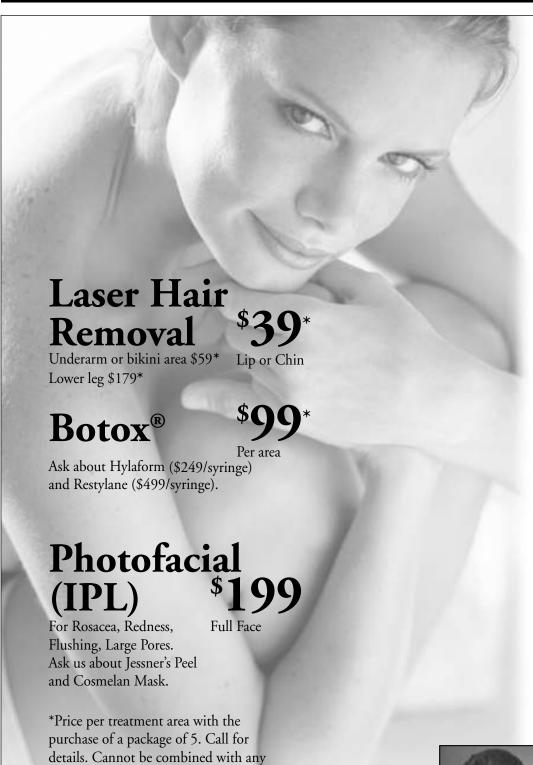
> — John Twilla, Hilltop H.S.

he traffic, the expenses, the crowds downtown,

the muddled politics — all the things I hate about the city — maintain its heartbeat. Although I find it easy to find quiet, peaceful places in San Diego and it's more relaxed than other cities, the stress never ends.

I think San Diego's "laid-back" reputation stems less from its casual lifestyle and more from the excellent surfing conditions. Try driving downtown at a busy time...and then try parking. Finding a spot that's

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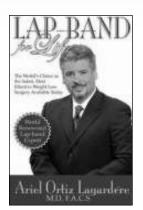
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not in a paid parking lot involves parallel parking and even these spots are rare and require hunting. In New York, Chicago, and most other cities, the traffic is much worse, but residents of those cities have public transportation — we have the touristy trolley, which is impractical and infrequently used.

Construction in San Diego is a nightmare. We have a new baseball park after several years of offand-on construction; a giant hole was in the middle of downtown,

and the city and citizens underwent a disorganized and expensive process. I would have preferred seats at Qualcomm Stadium...if Petco Park was not far superior.

We do not live in a real surfer town. Typically, conservative politicians flood local offices each year. When San Diegans nearly elected a "surfing environmentalist," Donna Frye, bureaucracy came to the rescue and removed her from the race.

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"See that big wall safe there? It's full of marijuana."

Dave Fast works in the postal inspector's office on E Street, downtown. "It's really a misleading name. People think postal inspectors just check packages to make sure the stamps are on them or something like that. But we're detectives. Federal agents. Even though we serve at the

behest of the Postmaster General, we don't answer to anyone in the Postal Service; we more or less do our own thing. We're here to protect the mail, property, and personnel." They provide security guards for certain post offices and maintain several postal police cars armed with shotguns.

The tall, graying Fast has the build of an ex-football player, a casual demeanor, and the jaded wit common to law enforcement, to people who see us at our worst and keep secrets for a living. He came to the inspection service in the '60s after a stint as an undercover Army intelligence officer, though most inspectors are former postal carriers, supervisors, or post masters. A few of the 20 or so local inspectors are in the office this day, men and women, and they appear as unremarkable as a small-town bowling league. No uniforms, no suits, no shades, no attitude.

'We're not that kind of agency," says Fast, pleased. "You get a real variety in the inspection service." You need a college degree



Dave Fast

in any discipline to apply, then three months' training in law, postal regulations, firearms, and field procedures like hand-to-hand combat and felony car stops, with refresher training three times a year."

It was members of the now-200-yearold service who rode hard after stagecoach robbers in the Old West and tracked down fraud artists and swindlers who flourished after the Civil War. Today's inspectors, one of them notes, "can do more damage to a criminal operation with a telephone and a computer than with a firearm." But this same inspector says that during his career, he's been assaulted, shot at, and stabbed, and people have tried to run him over with their

When we put a check, a birthday card,

a box of Christmas cookies in the mail, we are sure, or more sure than not, that it will get where it's going uneventfully. We never imagine that somewhere along the route, the envelope, the box could be nestled next to drugs or chickens or child pornography. But because the Postal Service (and other delivery services) are in the business of moving things quickly, and because firstclass mail is secure from search without a warrant, these are the transportation methods of choice for certain criminals. And mail theft is often the first step in identity theft, check washing, and other crimes. Even Internet and boiler-room scams, not under the Postal Service's immediate jurisdiction, will eventually involve the mails, so postal inspectors will be involved.

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"As long as a crime has a nexus to the mails," Fast says, "we can be called in on the investigation. Say a police officer makes a traffic stop and sees a lot of mail on the seat next to the driver. If it has other people's names on it, then there's suspicion of mail theft." Or, say, Honey's moll is arrested with stolen credit cards. They take her back home for a search and find Honey watching TV next to some drugs and a pile of stolen checks. A Spring Valley man is currently accused of defrauding bidders on the eBay Internet auction site; victims' checks went through the mail, so inspectors were

involved in the investigation.

Fast recalls a con man who

used classified ads and handto-hand cash payments, leaving no paper trail. Because two of his victims received their newspapers by mail, the inspection service made its

No area of the country is associated with any particular type of postal crime except perhaps San Diego. For a while in the mid-'90s, "We were the mail-theft capital of the U.S., bar none," says Fast emphatically. He leans back in his chair, looks toward the ceiling, and raises both arms in the air, as if to fend off the mere thought of the crime spree. "This was theft from the blue collection boxes, and it was all based on drugs and counterfeit keys.

It started in 1991 and peaked in '94. We identified two major mail-theft gangs in '95, and by '98 every blue collection box in the fourcounty area, 7500 of them, had a new locking mechanism." The Postal Inspector's office in San Diego also covers Imperial and parts of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Fast pulls out a ring bristling with keys. He flips through and finds one that is hand cut and filed from a piece of sheet metal. "This is a counterfeit key, and at one time it would open any collection box in the county." Since the 1920s, when they bought out the Arrow lock company, the post office has manufactured its own locks

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and keys. "But they were flat, easily counterfeitable," Fast says. "The criminals would go to a collection box in the middle of the night, get a crowbar and pop it open, then take the back plate off the lock mechanism and literally trace the outline of the key that would fit it. Then they started selling the keys to all the tweakers in town. Crystal meth users are our mail-theft people. There may be a few others here and there, but the vast majority of our mail-theft cases are white tweakers."

Fast is circumspect about investigation techniques. He taps his computer and smiles, saying, "This is probably the most important tool we use." It connects them to databases, networks, and tracking systems. "We do big spread sheets for a lot of fraud cases and mail-theft cases — all the times and the people and places that were hit — to uncover patterns of activity and match names and to connect up members of gangs. We follow up leads, interview people, look for evidence. We're always asking, 'Did you save any of the envelopes? Do you have any checks?""

But no law-enforcement officer will discount the value of a suspicious nature and a dose of good luck. "One of the inspectors working mail theft was off duty," Fast recalls, "and he was going to visit some friends in, oh, I think Rancho Peñasquitos someplace. It's about 6:15 in the evening, he's driving along, and he sees a female letter-carrier opening a collection box. He thinks, 'Gee, it's a little late for this run. That box should have been tapped a couple of hours ago. Oh, well, they're running behind.' But then he realized there wasn't a postal truck anywhere to be

"So he pulls up and starts making small talk with the woman, trying to see what kind of key she was using. It was a counterfeit. She finally says, 'Well, I gotta go.' He pulls out his badge and tells her she isn't going anywhere. She runs, he grabs her, she pulls out a pen and tries to stab him, he pins her to the ground, and she's screaming bloody murder that she's being raped. All the neighbors come out, and he shows them his badge, so they call the police, and they take her away.

"It turns out she was part of a loose-knit gang that involved a former letter carrier and her husband, a former police officer who was in the business of making counterfeit keys and selling them to all his tweaker friends.

The wife would loan out her letter-carrier uniform. One of the girls involved in this gang was Kelly Starke; she stole a woman's identity, then ended up on Oprah Winfrey's show apologizing to the victim.

"Now that we've made it virtually impossible to get into these collection boxes," Fast says, "they're going back to the neighborhoods and taking mail from residential boxes." He recites the Postal Service mantra: Don't leave outgoing mail in your mailbox; pick up incoming mail right away; pick up new checks at your bank.... "We can't have agents posted at every residence," he says.

But they do have highprofile agents on the street

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and generally look out for them.

"Back in '96, we had a gang that came up out of Guerrero specifically to steal checks on the first of the month. They would run them through the banks in Mexico, and the checks would make their way back to the banks in the U.S. sometimes not for a year or a year and a half after the theft. We had some good tips from street informants and arrested the whole gang, about 17 people. They were very surprised to see us. They'd stopped stealing checks and were on to something else by then, so they thought they were home

Most of the postal inspectors' cases also involve

other local or state police agencies and task forces or federal agencies such as the Customs Service, Border Patrol, or the FBI. The U.S. Postal Inspectors Office has agents permanently stationed in Interpol centers in Germany, Hong Kong, and Colombia. "But we don't call up other police departments and ask if they'll take a case over," says one local agent. "We follow people wherever they go. If you're the crook and you go to American Samoa, we go after you." Shades of Butch Cassidy and Sundance, who were chased by postal agents all the way

"We've traditionally been called the Silent Service," observes Fast. It goes back to

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the days when the post office didn't want to alarm its customers with high-profile operations. "If you've read about an arrest in the paper, and it would say the arrest involved the FBI and other federal agents? Well, we're often the other federal agents." But the inspection service recently cooperated with Showtime Networks to produce a madefor-TV movie, available on home video, The Inspectors,

starring Lou Gossett, based on a real case in Alaska. Both Fast and local inspector Phil Garn worked the original

About 80 percent of the service's cases begin with a customer complaint. But mail processors and letter carriers are also valuable sources. A carrier who delivered mail to the home of a couple of outsized bodybuilders noticed they often received packages

from a Mexican pharmacy with a post office box in the South Bay. The carrier thought it was worth looking into. After some investigation and a stakeout of the post office box, postal inspectors and local police arrested an Ensenada pharmacist who was selling steroids, Rohypnol, and other controlled medications through the mails.

A medical doctor involved in Hepatitis B research wrapped a frozen vial of active serum in newspaper, then in a flimsy box, and mailed it to her colleagues at a Canadian hospital. By the time the vial reached an intermediate post office on its way to Montreal, the serum had thawed and leaked onto the wrapping, exposing two mail handlers to the disease. It's legal to ship such items, but only under very specific

It's also legal to send live, recently hatched chicks short distances through the mails if you follow postal and Department of Agriculture rules. "One day this clerk from [the central post office on] Midway calls me and says, 'Inspector Fast, we have the strangest shipment.' And in the background you could hear all this racket, cluckcluck-cluck. We went over and found these fighting cocks in cages — you could see them through the slats with their combs cut off and their feet prepared for fighting."They'd been mailed from Arizona, destined for Chula Vista. They got as far as the Midway facility before anyone blew thet whistle.

Tom Hofius has worked miscellaneous and external crimes since 1980. "They've ranged from something simple like a nonmailable item

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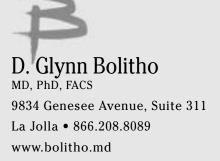
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to multiple homicides, fatal accidents, large-scale accidents involving trains and planes — because virtually every commercial airline flight in the United States is carrying U.S. mail."

Hofius says the inspectors' office routinely recovers ten times its budget in fines and seizures each year. Houses, boats, cars, commercial inventories, "anything that can be proven to be related under the forfeiture statutes. Contraband sent through the mails is destroyed. Explosives, weapons, dangerous compounds, huge quantities of narcotics. I have some cases of wine in my office right now."

Dave Fast jerks his thumb over his shoulder and says, "See that big wall safe there? It's full of marijuana. We keep it as evidence, then it's taken out and burned somewhere in an open pit up near Long Beach. Some days guys come in my office, and they go into the safe, and the smell comes out, and it permeates my office. If I don't leave, after a while I'm floating around. We have these vaults all over

this building."

The Office of the Postal Inspector is in the downtown facility that consumes the block from Eighth and E to Ninth and F. Its face on E Street is freshly painted in shades of cream, gold, and a green-tinged blue. Handsome art deco relief panels across the façade depict the pride of the post office in the year the station opened, 1936 — its modern transportation systems: car, train, boat, and plane. The first regular airmail service had begun the year before. The building's somber interior is cut by slanting shafts of light from the tall windows — all marble and granite and brass, soaring ceilings and echoes. A plaque announces that the building, designed by William Templeton Johnson, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Phil Garn's office is, like many others in the inspector's unit, a welter of paper and cartons and file folders. Videotape players and monitors are stacked on a large black metal rack. A row of tall file cabinets is securely locked.

The door to his office is securely locked. The entire inspectors unit is securely locked, in the depths of Templeton's building, with warning signs and intercoms and peep holes. Garn's beat is drug crimes and child exploitation. From his wiry frame, Garn exudes the kind of energy seen in endurance athletes — runners or bikers or swimmers.

"When I first started this assignment in 1994, most of our drug cases in San Diego were college-age kids in the Pacific Beach and Ocean Beach areas. They were sending a pound or two of marijuana to their friends on the East Coast. They could buy a pound here for \$400 to \$600, and that same pound is now at least \$1200, if not \$2000 back east.

"We would look at a lot of factors and find where these kids were. We would be getting a lot of express mail out of a residential neighborhood. Things like that would tip us off. And we would find the money coming back. Then we would make a controlled delivery, get

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But Garn confirms what other agents say, that postal crimes today more often involve large groups of people or organized gangs and much higher stakes. One current case, says Garn, "involves an organization that has mailed literally tons of marijuana, five or ten pounds at a time, out of San Diego. This is more typical of what we're finding now. We did an interdiction last month where we looked at all the outbound and inbound parcels, and we got over 540 pounds of marijuana in one week."

Garn, too, is cautious about discussing the agency's investigation techniques. "Well, we look at a lot of things. We occasionally do use dogs. We don't routinely X-ray packages. We do have profiles of shipments we've developed over the years. But criminals read our search warrants, so they know what we're looking for. We've had to articulate that to the magistrate. So they change their profile. We used to see a lot of the U-Haul-type boxes heavily taped up. Now the loads are getting smaller. Usually they'll be sent to the home of somebody's girlfriend or mother or someone who's not really involved in the operation, who maybe gets a few dollars for accepting the package. And when we seize this small amount of marijuana or \$5000 from these big organizations, they're only caught with that small amount, and for them that's just the cost of doing business.

"Often they'll use different services. They may start out with us, we interdict some packages, so they switch to UPS or Federal Express, then they may come back to us. They can't flood one shipping organization all at once." Narcotics task forces have jurisdiction in cases involving private delivery services.

Garn's tone is matterof-fact as he describes the endless cat-and-mouse with drug dealers. What brings him back to full attention is the subject of child exploitation and child pornography. He's studied in detail the whole sordid world of the perpetrators and their psychology, the victims and their families. When he discusses the subject, he is alternately cop and college professor.

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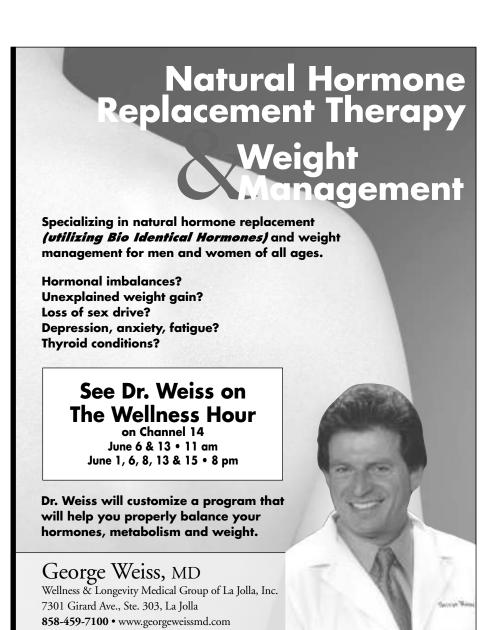


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On his desk he fans out magazines and cheap paperbacks, many of them from Europe, full of pictures of naked children. A photo album contains snapshots of young boys, perhaps the pedophile's neighbors, in various obscene situations. A "nudist" magazine features only children in provocative poses. Scrapbooks of children's underwear ads. Adult pornography with children's heads pasted on. Garn's file cabinets contain stacks of child pornography on videotape. All these have been intercepted in the local mails or found in related searches. Again, the perpetrators like the security and anonymity of the Postal Service; the Internet leaves footprints. "When you look at these pictures," Garn says, "you're looking at a photo of a crime scene. The children are all victims, even if they participated voluntarily. Young children can't make that kind of informed

Garn says the techniques developed to arrest and prosecute child predators are based on some simple facts. "It's

choice."

need-driven behavior, and it's learned, most likely at a young age," he emphasizes. "It's high risk, it's insatiable, and it's life-long. If we arrest a man who's 50, he didn't just start collecting pornography and molesting children at that age. These people are very smart and usually well traveled, well educated, extremely manipulative. Very good at covering up; they've been doing it all their lives. When they appear in court, they look immaculate. Very polite and respectful, but they have two faces.

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The inspectors' office worked more than 100 cases from Charm School. Project Special Delivery, begun in 1994, netted thousands of leads and is still the largest child-porn bust ever made. It began with a misaddressed videotape and ended with the inspection service and Justice Department taking over several businesses in a reverse sting. One of them

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According to Garn, the arrestees included "four clergymen, two Boy Scout leaders, one Big Brother, seven schoolteachers, a retired Army officer, several active and former police officers, an attorney, a history professor, doctor, electrical engineer, computer programmer, and a school counselor. The perpetrators are not who the public thinks they are. Not somebody who's retarded or the old man in the park or somebody who's a child abductor. There are maybe 200 or 300 child abductions in the U.S. every year. There are thousands, hundreds of thousands of child molestations in the U.S. every year."

Garn says they often encounter tremendous parental guilt, denial, and misunderstanding of child exploitation because the perpetrator is so often known and trusted by the family. As an example, he cites a local case in which a grandfatherly neighbor, a frequenter of Little League games, was arrested for molesting a young boy. "The victim came forward," Garn says incredulously, "made a consensual call to the guy, the guy says, 'Don't tell your parents. I'll never do it again,' and still the parents wouldn't believe it happened. They ended up collecting money for the perpetrator's defense fund.

"There aren't many people doing proactive childabuse investigations," Garn says. "Maybe 15 or 20 postal inspectors, 10 or 15 customs agents, and a couple of FBI agents, plus a few local and state officers. A few of us in the Postal Inspection Service have been doing the undercover letter-writing for so long that we have some recognized expertise. For every

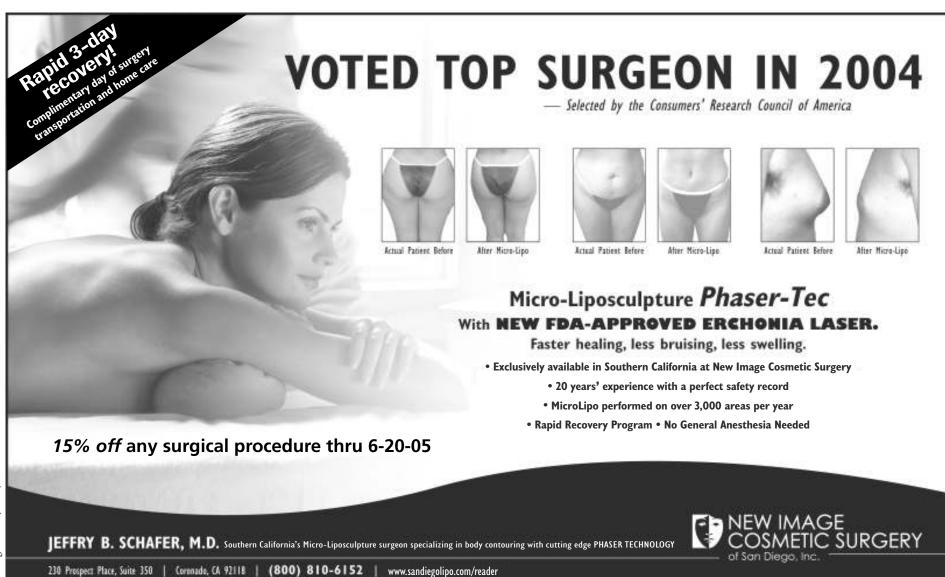
Project Special Delivery or other big reverse sting that we do, we've probably done a hundred or more cases where it has just been individual letter writing."

Back in his office, Dave Fast is considering the scope of his experience in 30 years with the Postal Inspection Service. "It's difficult to think of anything in our daily lives that doesn't have some connection at some point to the mails." Which reminds him of the woman who got a moving-company estimate to truck her household goods from San Diego to the Midwest, determined it was cheaper to ship them parcel post, boxed up everything but the large appliances, and mailed them to her new home. And a builder saved money on supplies when he bought a load of cinder blocks here and mailed them one by one to his construction site in Alaska. "Not crimes," Fast offers, "but not the kind of thing we encourage." ■

— Linda Nevin

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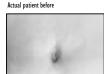


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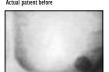


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When I was in high school, the administration regularly brought in motivational speakers, including some lunkheads thick enough to tell us that these were "the best four years of our lives." I thought of these speakers when two of my schoolmates com-

mitted suicide in one year.

Even my hormone-blunted adolescent mind was sharp enough to pierce the misty-eyed slogans offered by these motivational men, who must have been pining for the days before financial responsibility: "If these poor kids actually believed that this is as good as it gets, that it's all downhill from here, then their suicide is not so

incomprehensible. This is awful."

Strolling through the well-endowed tranquillity of the USD campus, I wonder about these students' thoughts on high school, what perspective they have gained from the vantage point of a few years. I am far from the seething cauldron of misery that was my own small-town public high school; I wonder if they have traveled similar distances and over similar paths.

Brian, a senior who attended St. Francis High School in Pasadena, regrets not taking Spanish and having to take what were to him useless classes like physics, but there is no whiff of trauma about him. He accounts for it, at least in part, in terms of psychology, his major. "A couple of theories would say that first-born children [like me] are going to have a different way of getting attention than second-born children. Firstborn children will get their parents' attention by basically doing what their parents say. I always felt like, for the most part, I agreed with my parents. It was pretty rare when we got into arguments.

"Second-born children, a lot of times, can't get their parents' approval that way, because the other person's got that sort of knocked. So, they'll come in and they'll



have a real different way. A lot of times, you'll see that they get to be a little bit more rebellious, a little bit more wild. My sister's going through much more of that than I did."

He credits St. Francis's single-sex status with the avoidance of several problems, including an overemphasis on athletic prowess, on-campus fights, generally behaving like a pack of wild dogs, and even the formation of cliques. "It wasn't as segmented as you see in the movies. I hung out with a group of guys that were pretty middle-of-the-road. They were quick, but they got along with pretty much everybody. There was a little bit, though;

everybody goes out to sit

down at lunch, and you can

see who's going where. A lot of times, you'd find people grouping together depending on their ethnicity." Of the school's mainly white, Asian, and Hispanic population, "It was pretty much the Asians who tended to hang out together, and then everybody

"Someone told me I was part of a clique, and I was really offended at the time, but it was true."

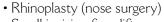
> else hung out together." German (pronounced hair-MAHN) hails from Mexico City. He is here on a tennis scholarship. Certain of my friends have what I suspect

may be overly romantic

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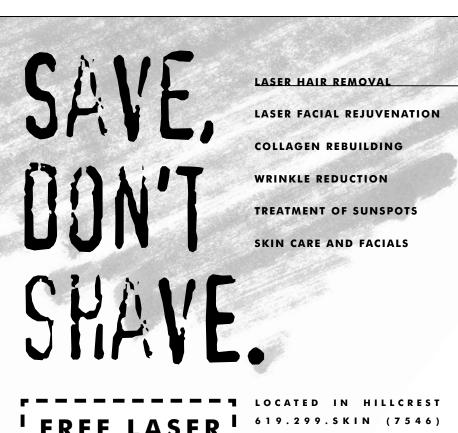












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notions about Mexican culture, praising its essential sanity and humanity. I am curious to see how my remembered U.S.A. high school adolescent narcissism compares with German's own experience.

Did you ever go through a great crisis of identity, wondering Who Am I? Did you rebel against The System in an effort to establish yourself as an individual?

"Not rebel against the system. More like, 'What are my goals? What am I going to do after I graduate?' Stuff like that."

He does, however, grant the commonality of cliques. "When you got to high school, you pretty much had to figure out who are the people you're going to hang around with. The culture in high school is pretty much the same [everywhere]. You have the people you get along with, groups of people you get along with, and that's pretty much it. You know who the groups are, the guys who are the



Jamie and Tai

sports guys, and the guys who do drugs."

His memories are free of melodrama, stories to smile over, even when the regret is real, as in the case of the class he failed because "it was on the fifth floor, and we were doing paper airplanes. I had some good planes, though." The most fun he can recall came when, "I

remember once, I had a three-hour period free between classes, and I would come back to this four o'clock class. Once we went to a bar, and when we came back for class, we were drunk as hell. It was our first time drunk in a class, and we were, like, passing out. It was funny." Did the teacher notice? "I think

she noticed a little bit, but she kind of let it go because it's not like we were making a big deal, just laughing between each other." He is grateful that his school was set up like a college — "If you want to go to class, you go to class. It's your responsibility."

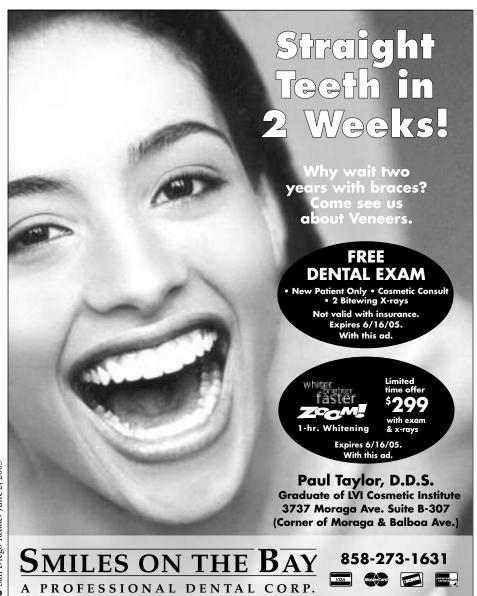
Now that he is here, German is careful not to set himself too far apart from his USD classmates, citing only their tendency to "get loose" and "go nuts" upon discovering themselves free from parental supervision and the laziness he sees in some students. "I go to a class and I study and I'm interested in the class. Other people will sometimes just go to class and not pay attention. They tell me, 'Don't go to class,' or just look for the teachers who let you do whatever. You'll end up failing the class. I learned the hard way, and it helped me a lot."

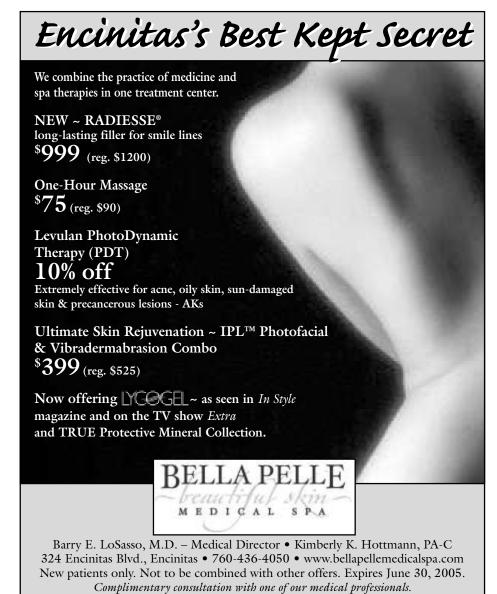
Tai and Jamie both attended co-ed private schools, Tai at Blanchett in Seattle and Jamie at Bishop Minogue in Reno. My ears perk when Tai says that her least favorite part of high school was the cliques. Will I find here a victim of high school's brutal codes and orders? "We had a lot of cliques at my school. There were the drama kids, and we had a group

we actually called the Clique. It was just the people that seemed to party a lot, and they all seemed to be not interested in talking to anybody else or being friends with anybody else. They would on their own, but as a group, they wouldn't. Everyone had their little groups at lunch, but there were certain places on the weekends where you know this party is going to be a Clique party."

The idea of a clique is naturally offensive to the American egalitarian spirit, but what, essentially, is wrong with it? "Just the word 'clique' made it sound like people were uninvited and that whole bit, mostly. Part of it was unavoidable. Someone told me I was part of a clique, and I was really offended at the time, but it was true. They were my friends, and they were the people I hung out with all the time. I guess it was part of high school. Part of it with the cliques was that you needed to have a

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good time within your little groups because the school as a whole wasn't verv united. We weren't allowed to have cheerleaders; we had a cheer squad." Though she had a rough time of it in ninth grade, after transferring in from public school, Tai is not embittered.

Jamie, on the other hand, "had fun all through high school. It was all really fun for me. I wouldn't go back or anything, but I really enjoyed things like homecoming, all the sports. Our school was really spirited about that type of thing. I did the student-council thing. Just being involved was

Still, she grants that "I could see there were groups of people in high school that didn't enjoy it. People are so immature in high school. You're going through this adolescent phase and you don't really care, or you don't really think about the things you say sometimes, things that would hurt people. Whereas now, petty things like that aren't important."

The talk of cliques has up to this point had a civilized air about it, with only Jamie's final comment to darken bright memories. When I talk to Lauren and Natalie, both of whom attended public high school (Lauren at Alameda High in the Bay Area, Natalie at Aliso Niguel in Orange County), the stories grow more familiar, more savage — especially Lauren's.

For Lauren, the worst thing about high school was "the social groups. I went to a unique high school — it was very, very diverse. There was no majority population from any ethnic group. All the Hispanic kids stayed together, all the black kids stayed together. The Asians split into two groups, first-generation and second-generation Asian.

"There was a lot of racial intensity. The Hispanics and the blacks had some tension. First- and second-generation Asians had a lot of problems between them. The second-generation kids are called ABCs — Ameri-

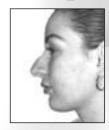


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can-born Chinese. Probably a little bit more wealthy, being second generation. The other kids from different cultures say, 'You're American, you don't know anything about your cultural heritage. You don't speak the language correctly. What are you doing?' They had major problems, gangtype problems."

And, of course, there were black-white tensions. "We had the NAACP come out to our school because a white kid decided it would be funny to send out something called 'nigger applications.' It was filled in like it would be for a black person — 'Hair type: Nappy,' etc. A black kid got hold of it, photocopied it, and put it in all the black kids' lockers. Then you had a couple of people getting beaten up. Normal socialclass problems you have at a normal, diverse school were intensified by the racial groups."

"Normal social-class problems" abounded. You got to be on top because you were white, and then money fell into it, too. We had kids from Section 8 housing with kids from houses that cost over a million dollars. The kids who could afford to go skiing in the winter stayed friends."

After the money finished its separations, activities began dismembering the student body. "There was always the artistic group, and the **Dungeons and Dragons** people who wore all black, and the athletes and the cheerleaders had their own little clique." Memberships to some of these cliques were formal, rigid, rigorous. "There was this group, they called themselves the Pink Ladies. One of the girls fooled around with another girl's boyfriend, and right away she was out of there. She lost every single one of her friends.

"One of my friends ended up coming into our group because of that. There was a misunderstanding, a confrontation with another girl who was a grade older, and she was kicked out. All of her friends stopped talking to her. Complete silent treat-

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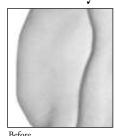


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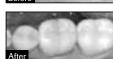


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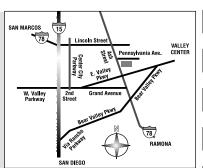
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ment from all the guys, all the girls. It was a really tight-knit group of friends — if you were out, you were out. I remember seeing the nucleus of that group forming in elementary school. A new girl would come; they'd test her out to see where she'd

The exile sought refuge in Lauren's circles, the Associated Student Body ("the involved students") and the tennis team. Both were racially mixed, and the ASB drew students from different activity groups, so the acceptance rate was relatively high.

A third circle for Lauren was provided by the academic structure. "All of my friends were in the advanced classes, so that was another cutoff. We were kind of tracked, even from junior high school. I don't know if we thought we were better than other people, but it was, like, 'You guys don't even know what we're talking about, so why are we [talking]? How can you understand what stress is? We have to write a 15-page paper, you have to write a 5-page paper."

Natalie, whose least favorite memories of high school are from her freshman year, when she was shy and less "socially adaptable," eventually achieved what might be seen as a step up on the social ladder. "Sophomore year, I was friends with a lot of guys who were in the band and stuff, because I was on the drill team, and I played violin in the orchestra. It all kind of went together."

She met her longtime boyfriend in band, and the two of them began to drift from the group. "Then, my senior year, I was a songleader — like a cheerleader. Then my close friends were songleaders and cheerleaders, and a lot of them had become friends with the football players and basketball players. So I guess I kind of fell into that category, although some of our girlfriends were from the volleyball and basketball teams, and some of our guy friends were from the other sports.



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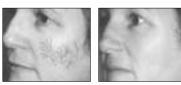






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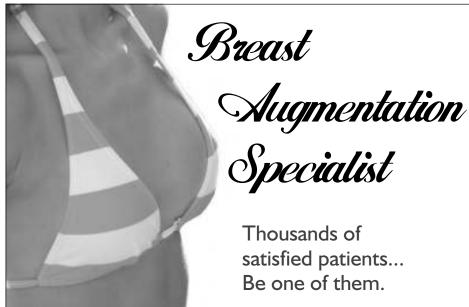
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things like that.

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didn't know he was the brunt of every single joke."

When one group's aggression reaches that kind of intensity, retaliation, even against the gods, becomes all but inevitable. "There was a big scare in the [popular] group, because you would interchange boyfriends. I mean, you didn't date outside the group; you dated inside the popularguy group, the acceptable boys. What happened was someone started a rumor that one of them was HIV

positive. The entire clique was scared. They went to parties together, there was a little bit more free sex going on in that group. It was incredible to seeeveryone in the school had this sullen face when they found out.

"Everyone got tested, but you never knew how it came out because no one talked about it. And you didn't really want to hear about it. I mean, honestly, you didn't really want to know that the people that everybody looked up to had AIDS.

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But really, a little, you did. "I'm not going to say I wasn't jealous of the popular kids," Lauren admits later. "Every single person who wasn't part of that group kind of reveled in the fact that there was something going on. There's a thing, but you didn't really want to hear about it — it was one of those weird both-sides-ofthe-coin things. You didn't really want there to be a problem, but you were happy that something was happening to them, because they always seemed like they had this perfect life."

The innate selfishness of childhood is coupled with newfound powers of destruction, and this is the fruit. "You don't know the troubles of other people," Lauren observes. "You live in your own little circle, and you don't see how hard it is for other people. The administration tried multicultural days, but you just went there for the food. If the kids aren't

explains: "You're trying so hard to fit in somewhere, and once you figure out, 'Okay, I want to be here today,' you feel like you need to belittle everyone else around you. Even people who aren't popular; they make fun of the popular people just as

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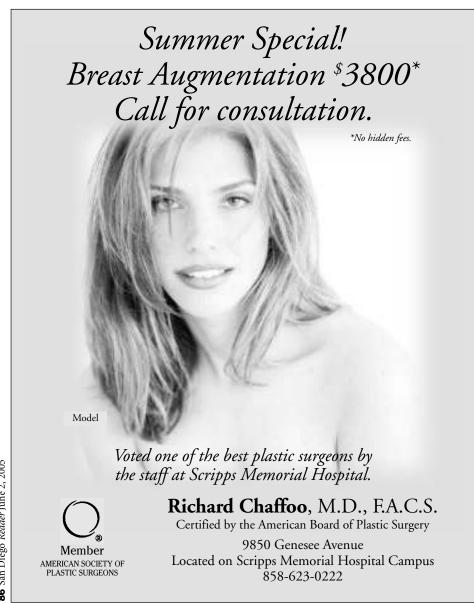
open to seeing it, they're not going to care."

But even after running through this catalog of horrors, neither Lauren nor Natalie falls into a wishful reverie for one big happy family. A few years out has afforded them some peace and some acceptance, if not wholesale approval. Natalie

much as the popular people make fun of them. You feel comfortable in your own little pod, and you have to make sure everybody else is horrible because [that makes you] feel better in your own

Adds Lauren, "It's for protection. If you think someone else's group is









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For Lauren, this fishbowl version of class warfare served as a less sophisticated, more violent prelude for the rest of life. "At a very young age, I



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got to see a very distinct fact: that there are major differences in class and culture that really affect the political world we live in.

"Here at this school, you see it a lot more. We're all almost the same: upper-middle-class people, but you see the divisions still. The very, very wealthy still hang out together. And the whole idea of a sorority [Lauren and Natalie both belong to a business sorority] is the fact that you're dividing yourself even more among people that are somewhat like you. The people in the Greek system are somewhat alike, then they divide themselves within that. Then even inside that group you have division. At a very young age, I got to see how things divide very quickly."



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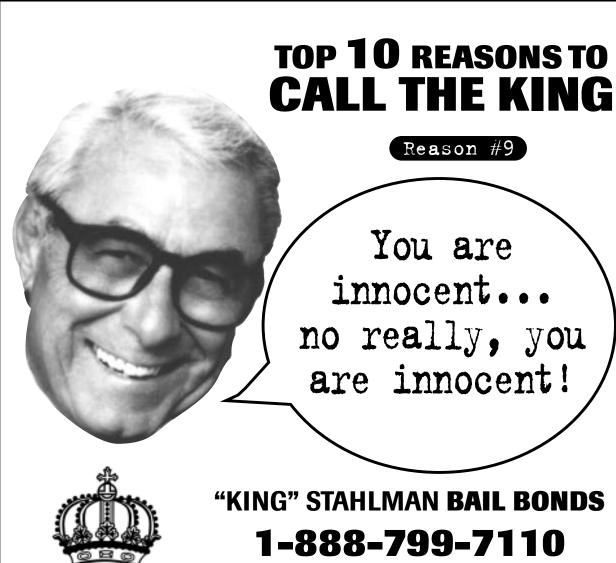
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Now, divided even in the company of her own, there is acceptance of the pattern, if not the particular practices: "I think the difference between high school and college is that I realized that if you don't have anything in common with somebody, it's very hard to stay their friend. You go away to college, and you have a certain percentage of friends who don't go. Well, within the first year and a half, you really have nothing in common. You're going to class full-time, they're working at McDonald's. They just don't understand your problems, and you don't understand theirs."

Some friends go to different schools, find different majors. "If they're majoring in psychology, they're based in this little psychology world, and their whole perspective on life is based on that line of study. If you're a business major, you consider, 'What are the economic factors?' When you make that decision of what you're going to do with your life, your whole perspective kind of goes around it." ■

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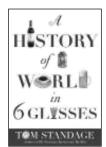
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I Could Have Been a Nerd

Eugene Ugorski Concert

t 15, violinist Eugene Ugorski has performed with over 65 orchestras, most recently in Moscow, where he played a Tchaikovsky concerto. "It was a very important concert," says Ugorski, because it fell on May 9, or Victory Day the Russian celebration of the end of World War II. "I was invited by Valery Gergiey." Gergiev is a conductor who has worked with the London Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Opera House, the Metropolitan Opera, and the Rotterdam Philharmonic.

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Born in Russia. Ugorski came to the States in 1995 at the age of five. He played a Vivaldi concerto with the

San Diego Chamber Orchestra when he was eight years old.

Eugene is the only child of pianist Luba Ugorski and flutist Valeri Ugorski. Valeri teaches flute privately, is a soloist for San Diego's Allegro Group, and has performed as a member of a Leningrad soloists group and the Baja California Symphony Orchestra Project in Mexico. Luba took up music at the age of four. Her career has taken her to Germany, Italy, and the former Czechoslovakia. Luba teaches piano privately and at Bishop's School in La Jolla. "She performs once in a while," says Valeri of his wife, "usually with Eugene and me.'

Eugene Ugorski was introduced to his teacher, Vesna Gruppman, when he was six. Gruppman has performed with the San Diego Chamber Orchestra, London's Beethoven Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Edmonton

Shortly after Ugorski began his lessons in San Diego, Gruppman moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. For six years Ugorski flew from San Diego to Salt Lake City twice a month for his music lessons. These lessons were at least six hours long — the same amount of time Ugorski practices his violin each day. Now that Gruppman lives in Rotterdam, Holland, these lessons are conducted by way of video conferencing on computer.

After his first public appearance playing Vivaldi, Ugorski exercised with the music of "various composers that help me develop my technical virtuosity." When he was 11 years old he played a Paganini concerto. "Because Paganini was a great violinist himself, he wrote very difficult pieces for the violin," says Valeri. "This piece is very difficult for adults, and it is very rare that someone 10 or 11 could play the concerto."

Ugorski is working on a Shostakovich concerto that he plans to play with the Utah Symphony in February. For his performance with his parents on June 9 he will play shorter, recognizable pieces, including a selection from Schindler's List.

Ugorski insists he has no favorite composers or pieces; he says he tends to favor whatever it is he is working on. The Shostakovich concerto qualifies as a current

What does Ugorski think about when he's playing the violin? "I think about what the composer would like me to do in this type of music based on what he wrote in the music as dynamics." Dynamics are notations composers add to indicate which passages are meant to be played loud or soft. "I think about everything my teachers told me and what I'd like to do in the music myself."

Ugorski attends La Iolla Country Day School, "Some people actually said that by coming to this school, I could have been like a nerd. But I play basketball, and everything's cool," says Ugorski. When asked to describe himself, Ugorski uses adjectives like "funny" and "cool" and makes it clear that he's "very 'not different."

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Aleks Syntek and Moenia in concert, Thursday, June 2, 11 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$25-\$85 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Electronic-Micro Festival with electronic music by Baiyon, Eamonn Doyle, Rob Rowland, Dasein, and other DJs, Friday, June 3, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Free. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Tecate Score Baja 500, 37th annual off-road race for all manner of vehicles gets underway at Riviera Convention Center on Saturday, June 4, with starts at 6, 8:15, and 8:30 a.m. Race finishes up 17 hours and 419 miles later at baseball stadium (at 6th and Avenida



Atlético San Pancho at City Heights Library, June 6 (see Film)

Guadalupe) on Sunday, June 5. Viewing is free. 818-225-8402. (ENSENADA)

Los Tigres del Norte plan concert on Saturday, June 4, 8 p.m., at Terrenazo Caliente (on Boulevard Agua Caliente, \$18 U.S. (TIJUANA)

Alejandra Guzman and Miguel Mateos in concert, Saturday, June 4, 8 p.m., at Downtown Bullring (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Tickets: \$15-\$35. 011-52-664-686-1510. (TIJUANA)

The Play Peter Pan is presented Sunday, June 5, at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., at Mezzanine (Boulevard Insurgentes #17017). 011-52-664-621-3934. (TIJUANA)

Demolition Derby car show with live music, family entertainment, Sunday, June 5, 2-10 p.m., at Cortijo San José. \$5 U.S. 011-52-664-630-1825. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

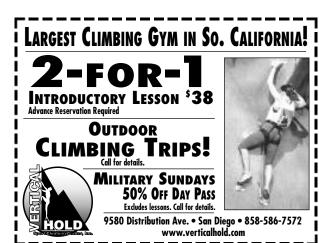
Mainly Mozart Festival 2005, annual musical series gets underway when Festival Orchestra, with Timothy Day (flute) and Julie Landsman and John Cox (horns), present a concert on Thursday, June 9, 8 p.m., at Catedral de Guadalupe (at Calle Segunda and Niños de Héroes). \$20. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

"June Gloom," the cool and intermittently overcast conditions likely to dominate the beach and coastal areas through the remainder of this month, mocks the already sizzling temperatures inland. If it weren't for the ocean's enormous resistance to changes in temperature, the hottest weather along the coast would occur soon after the summer solstice - Tuesday, June 21. Our warmest beach weather will probably not arrive until August or September, just about the time the ocean water temperatures are peaking.

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Western Azalea, a native rhododendron, is blooming this month in scattered locations throughout the county's higher mountains. Fond of semi-shade, it's often found growing along creeks and canyon bottoms. Like its ornamental cousins, western azalea's fragrant white (sometimes pink or yellow tinted) flowers are borne in ornate clusters. Palomar Mountain State Park harbors a colony of them alongside a trail linking Doane Valley and Chimney Flats. White-flowering azaleas will undoubtedly appear again along the Azalea Glen Trail in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, but it may take several years before that fire-damaged landscape sufficiently returns to life.

The Blooming of Desert Annuals is over, but not so for the stolid desert willows and smoke trees. Rooted to the beds of dry washes throughout Anza-Borrego's lower valleys, both plants gather enough energy this time of year to put on an impressive floral show. The graceful, drooping branches of the desert willow hold

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"Exploration of a Major Structural Break in the Southern California Batholith of California" — field trip sponsored by Anza-Borrego Institute in along Sunrise Highway on Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gary Girty leads exploration of geology of region with short hikes at various stops, \$50. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (CUYAMACA LAGUNA MOUNTAINS)

Help Remove Black Mustard, Star Thistle, and other invasive plant species during work party on Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to noon, at San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary (13003 Wildcat Canyon Road). Bring glove, hat, old clothes. Free. RSVP: 619-682-7200. (LAKESIDE)

Celebrate National Trails Day in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nature walks, mountain bike and equestrian rides, children's activities, vendors, live music. Find preserve at 12020 Black Mountain Road. Free. 619-484-7504. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Look for Phainopepla, Golden Eagle, Bullock's oriole, many other birds when Audubon Society birders head to Lake Morena on Saturday, June 4, 8 a.m. to early afternoon.

Take I-8 to Buckman Springs Road exit; drive south five miles to Oak Drive, turn right (west), go about two miles to Lake Morena Drive. Turn right and go through the village and on to park. \$2 vehicle day-use fee. Bring lunch (if you wish), water. Considerable hiking of somewhat strenuous nature. 619-280-7710. (LAKE MORENA)

Clean Up! Learn the difference between native plants and weeds and help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, June 4, 8 to 10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them; water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Shakes, Snakes, and Rocks, learn about all three when naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads relatively strenuous five-mile hike in Daley Ranch, Saturday, June 4. Adventure begins at 8:30 a.m. at main entrance on La Honda Drive, Bring water, wear hiking boots. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

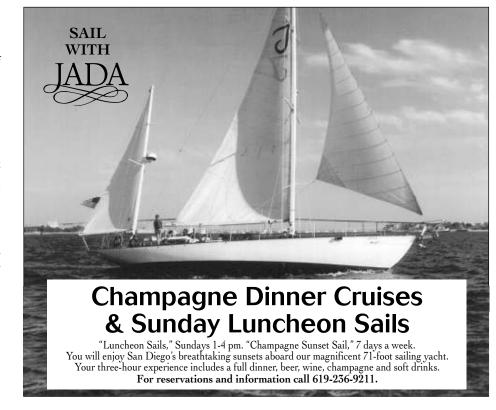
History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m., from visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, June 4, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads hike through trees, chaparral in search of birds, wildlife. Take Regents Road exit off Highway 52, look for parking lot and restroom on west side of Regents Road. 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

"Early Health 101" nature hike along Lake Hodges to the dam hosted by San Dieguito River Park program on Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. Participants learn about diet of early Native Americans who made their homes in North County. Free. Directions, reservations: 858-674-2275 x5. (ESCONDIDO)

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about adventure on Saturday, June 4. Two-hour, moderate-plus meander starts at 10:15 a.m. at northwest corner of Del Mar Heights Road and Durango Drive (six blocks west of I-5 at Del Mar Heights exit). Free. 619-231-7463.

Baby Season Is Here, and Wildlife Assist volunteers help rescue baby animals in trouble. Orientations for volunteers planned Saturday, June 4, at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Program repeated Sunday, June 5, at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive) and at Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Programs begin at 2 p.m. Free. 619-921-6044.

EnviroFest at Chollas Lake Park is Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with guided tours, music, arts, hands-on workshops. Find park at 6350 College Grove Drive. 619-563-3918. (COLLEGE GROVE)

Nature Hike, Will Smith leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including June 5, 1 p.m. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-

use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904. (JULIAN)

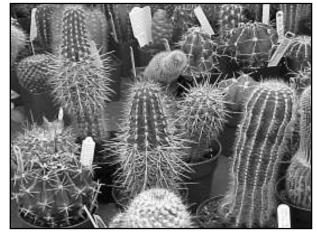
Ven Explora la Naturaleza con Migo, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, June 5, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive; 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Venus and the razor-thin waxing crescent moon form a pretty pair low in the western sky as dusk gathers on Tuesday evening, June 7. By the following evening, the much brighter crescent moon will stand well above lantern-like Venus.

Grunion Run offered by Birch Aquarium-Museum on Thursday, June 9, 10 p.m. to midnight. Lecture, film on grunion, moonlight beach explorations. Fee: \$15 for adults, \$12 for children 6–14. Reservations, directions: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

DANCE

Bracken School for Irish Dance invites all to a *ceili* on Friday, June 3, 6 to 9:30 p.m., at St. Michael's Church (15542 Pomer-



San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society show in Balboa Park, June 4 and 5 (see Special)

ado Road). Wanda Law and Friends play traditional music for dancing. \$3 per person, or \$15 per family. 858-535-8217. (POWAY)

The Privy Trippers provide the music, Erik Hoffman calls for contradance on Friday, June 3, 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)

Viennese Waltz showcased during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, June 3, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open danc-

ing. All ages, singles, partners. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on first Friday of every month, including June 3, for beginners' instruction (8:30 p.m.) and dance afterwards at My Dance Academy (3837 Plaza Drive). \$7. 760-803-9982. (OCEANSIDE)

"La Boutique Fantasque," this ballet about a magic toy shop with a bevy of enchanted dolls is presented by To the Pointe company on Saturday, June 4, 6:30 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$12. 760-752-9930. (ESCONDIDO)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, June 4, 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)

BustaGroove Hip-Hop Dance Competition is Sunday, June 5, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). College teams, high school teams, youth teams join street crews and break dancers for competition. Pre-show at 6 p.m., competition at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

"Celebrating the Solstice" is theme when Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing to live music on Monday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). \$3. 619-692-3079. (HILLCREST)

FILM

Cinema under the Stars, enjoy Stanley Kubrick's 1964 classic, *Dr. Strangelove* — boasting Peter Sellers in three roles — Thursday through Saturday, June 2–4, 8:30 p.m., at Garden Cabaret (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

The Drama *I Cento Passi* by Marco Tullio Giordana screens in Italian with English subtitles on Friday, June 3, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Unsalted: A Great Lakes Experience" by filmmaker and surfer Vince Deur offers a road trip "around the five great lakes to meet the surfers who have made surfing these stormy waters a way of life." Unsalted screens along with Next in Line on June 5 and 6. See the flicks on Sunday at Museum of Contemporary Art San

Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street; 858-454-3541) and on Monday at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101; 760-436-7469). \$10. (LA JOLLA, FACILITAE)

"¡Historias! Best of Fest" presented by San Diego Latino Film Festival on Monday, June 6, 7 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Featured film is *Atlético San Pancho*. In Spanish with English subtitles. Free. 619-641-6100 . (CITY HEIGHTS)

The Argentinean Film *Lugares Comunes* (*Common Ground*) will be shown for forum on Monday, June 6, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. The "biting social commentary" is in Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Truman Show," Peter Weir's film starring Jim Carrey and Laura Linney screens for First Monday Films series exploring "controversial social issues posing difficult moral dilemmas" on June 6, 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Discussion led by Richard Dell'Orfano. Free. 760-839-4656.

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

LECTURES

"The Hot Buttons of Collecting Old Master Prints and Drawings" explained by Bob Hoehn for "Art in the Afternoon" series at Timken Museum of Art on Thursday,













June 2, 1:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

Banking Justice, issues affecting poor and "changes needed to bring full banking services to low- and moderate-income communities" discussed by Joni Halperin of San Diego Coalition for Fair Banking on Thursday, June 2, 6 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). 619-297-4366. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Ready for Rainier? Learn proper training, trip planning, equipment, and more during Mt. Rainier slide show, Thursday, June 2, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020). Free. (ENCINITAS)

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)

New York Book Artist Rory Golden focuses on "Book Arts Today" during lecture, Friday, June 3, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Mexican Masks as Retratos: Presentation and Meaning in Mexican Folk Drama" presented by SDSU Latin American Art History professor emeritus Janet Brody on Friday, June 3, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$12. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Perennials and Grasses" are subject on Saturday, June 4, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Chef and Former Restaurant Owner Amy Su demonstrates stir-frying basics on Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m., at Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Free. Required reservations: 760-435-5640. (OCEANSIDE)

"Sustainable Organic Architecture" explored by architect Kendrick Kellogg on Saturday, June 4, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

Composting Mini-Seminars offered on first Saturday of each month, including June 4, 11 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"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)

Methods of Approaching Painting offered by David Linton when Pastel Society of San Diego meets Sunday, June 5, 2:30 p.m., at San Carlos Library (7265 Jackson Drive). 619-470-7117. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

"Gardening for Wildlife,"

Maureen Austin divulges ways to make your garden a host site for birds and butterfly populations on Sunday, June 5, 10 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$8. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

National Trust for Historic Preservation director Anthea M. Hartig speaks for annual meeting and luncheon of Committee of 100, Monday, June 6, at Balboa Park Club. Social hour: 11:30 a.m., luncheon at noon. \$45. Reservations: 619-222-0830. (BALBOA PARK)

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Artist Raul Guerrero discusses his work in conjunction with "Painted Ladies" exhibition on Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

Backpacking Basics divulged during clinics on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 7 and 8, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). Places to explore, packing techniques, gear tips. Free. 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

"Character Counts: The New Age of Personal Responsibility" is topic for conversation on Wednesday, June 8, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"The Library of Today and Tomorrow" examined by Michael Gorman, president elect of American Library Association, on Wednesday, June 8, 3 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

"Origins of Mughal Painting" explored by Cornelia Feve during Insight lectures on Thursday, June 9 (6 p.m.) and Sunday, June 12 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966, (BALBOA PARK)

"Dazzling Dragonflies and Damselflies," learn about these creatures during class on Thursday, June 9 (6:30 p.m.) and field trip on Saturday, June 11 (8 a.m.), hosted by San Diego Natural History MuROAM-()-RAMA

A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND I BY JERRY SCHAD

or much of the past century, Paramount Ranch has served the needs of an entertainment industry always hungry for rustic outdoor scenery. Since 1980, however, the core of this property has been in the hands of the National Park Service. The park service set about restoring Western Town, a set where exteriors for hundreds of TV western episodes were shot in the 1950s and '60s. From 1991 to 1998, the property was used as the outdoor set for the television series Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman. Today, the false fronts and dusty streets at Western Town serve primarily curious tourists.

Paramount Ranch is a popular spot for guided walks, but you can explore on your own just as easily. About four miles of trails lace the 326-acre proper-



Western Town at Paramount Ranch

ty. A good bet this time of year is the 0.5-mile Coyote Trail. It starts behind Western Town, goes up a ravine, and circles back along a chaparral-dotted slope. Although they are fading fast, some spring wildflowers may still be seen — woolly blue curls, owl's clover, verbena, mallow, and more. Near the uppermost part of the trail, there's a short spur leading up to a picnic site perched on a spot with a commanding view of Western Town, the brooding Goat Buttes to the southeast, and the dark summit ridge of the Santa Monica Mountains. The more-or-less pristine, mountainous area to the southeast is the huge Malibu Creek State Park, which sprawls over about 16 square miles of territory and contains plenty of movie sets familiar from movie and television features such as Tarzan, Planet of the Apes, and M*A*S*H.

Near Western Town you can follow portions of a former auto racetrack, the southern part of which has been incorporated into the Medea Creek Trail. There's a nice passage

of Sugarloaf Peak just west, which (according to hearsay, at least) was the inspiration for the familiar mountain in the Paramount Pictures logo which appears at the start of

PARAMOUNT RANCH

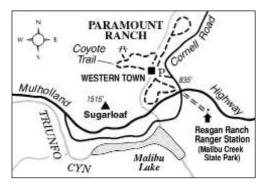
Visit a former movie set and hike a trail or two at Paramount Ranch in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 162 miles Hiking length: Loop trails, 1/2 to 1 mile long Hiking difficulty: Easy

along the bank of Medea Creek, and an easy climb of a hillock near the intersection of Cornell Road and Mulholland Highway. At the top of that hillock you can look upon the soaring profile

many an old movie.

For more information about Paramount Ranch, including its program of guided interpretive walks, visit the National Park Service website www.nps.gov/samo.



seum. \$69 fee includes van transportation for outing. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

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 Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

World-Beat Music and Dance promised when Abdoulaye Camara of Guinea, west Africa, is joined by Damaru for perfor-

mance on Thursday, June 2, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Rosie Flores performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Friday, June 3; I See Hawks in L.A. take stage after opener Rick Shea on Saturday, June 4. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Performers Sir Richard Bishop, Josephine Foster, Nick Castro, Tiffany Anders take stage at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 3, at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Donation: \$6. 619-692-0942. All ages. (OCEAN BEACH)

"2005 Grammy Winners Guitar Night" — boasting Laurence Juber,

Mark Hanson, and Doug Smith - is Friday, June 3, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). These guitarists won a 2005 Grammy award in best pop instrumental category for contributions to Henry Mancini — Pink Guitar CD, \$20. 760-434-4567 or 760-720-2460. (CARLSBAD)

Schoolhouse Rock! The Credentialed and los Chicharrones Guapos, local bands composed of teachers from North County high schools, plan a concert on Friday, June 3, 6 p.m., at Martini Ranch (485 South Coast Highway 101). Free. 760-943-9101. (ENCINITAS)

Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) continue with jump, jive, and swing music by Jump Jones on June 3, 5 p.m. Series continues on Fridays through September 30. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

2005 Sam Hinton Folk Heritage Festival hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Performances by Tom Paxton, the Chapin Sisters, Clachan Boys, Baja Blues Boys, Skelpin, many others; workshops, kids' activities, storytelling, jams, dancing. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 "young adults," 12 and vounger free.

Evening concert at 7 p.m. boasts Tom Paxton, Pine and Dale, Peggy Watson, musical MC Ken Gravdon. \$15 general, free for kids 12 and younger. 858-566-4040. (EL CAJON)

"How the West Was Sung," selections from Annie Get Your Gun and a variety of other music with choreography offered by San Diego Choraleers adult mixed chorus, Inflections vocal jazz group, Women of Note, Men of Note, Serra-Naders, Saturday, June 4, 7:30 p.m., at Patrick Henry High School (6702 Wandermere Drive) Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$4 for chil-

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Author Nelson Copp signs *Cycling San Diego* during National Trails Day events, Saturday, June 4, 1 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve (at end of Canyonside Park Drive). Free. 619-258-4911. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Where to Hike, Bike, and Camp revealed when co-author Tom Leech discusses hiking and signs *Outdoors San Diego* on Saturday, June 4, 1:30 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo Community Recreation Center (18448 West Bernardo Drive). Free. 858-674-2270. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Author Linda McMillin Pyle will sign *Pacific, Peaks, and Picnics: Day Journeys in San Diego County* on Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve (at end of Canyonside Park Drive). Free. 619-258-4911. (SAN DIEGO)

Hawaiian Fine Art Photographer Kim Taylor Reece has been studying *hula kahiko* (ancient Hawaiian dance) for nearly 25 years. Meet Reece from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, at Hilo Hattie — The Store of Hawaii (301 Fifth Avenue). Free. 619-546-7289.

Native American Spirituality discussed by Grandfather Hummingbird on Saturday, June 4, 2 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard). Free. 760-745-2724. (ESCONDIDO)

Local Sounds promised first Saturday of each month at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). David Hayes and the San Diego Saxes take stage on June 4, 1 p.m. Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"America's Musical Tapestry" provides theme for spring concert by combined voices of Pacificaires and Cedar Center Chorus on Sunday, June 5, 2 p.m., at Pacific Beach Middle School (4676 Ingraham Street). 858-456-9470. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

12th Annual Lipinsky Family Jewish Arts Festival includes "Jewish Tango Passion" — in which "dance and song tell the story of Jewish tango in Europe, Argentina, and Israel" — on Sunday, June 5, 7 p.m., at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza; \$18.

Yale Strom presents "Yiske Labushnik: A Fiddler's Travels" on Monday and Tuesday, June 6 and 7, 7 p.m., at North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). \$18.888-776-NCRT. (SOLANA BEACH)

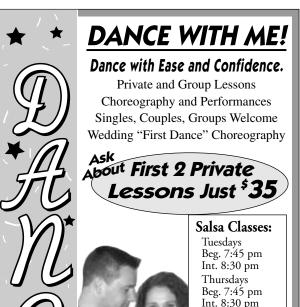
"Too Jewish — A Mensch and His Musical" performed on Wednesday, June 8, 7:30 p.m., at Lyceum Space. Piece was conceived, written, and performed by Avi Hoffman. \$22.

Violin prodigy Eugene Ugorski plans concert on Thursday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). \$18. (HILLCREST)

Festival continues through June 20. Reservations: 619-544-1000.

A "Soundpainting" Concert is planned when Mark Dresser and UCSD Intermediate Improvisation Ensemble perform Sunday, June 5, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Donation: \$5.760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"To Life on Canvas," an updating of *Cyrano de Bergerac* set on a modern-day American college campus, is presented June 6–8. San Dieguito Academy drama students spent five months working on the



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Calendar Local Events

La Jolla Playhouse project.

See play on Monday at 7 p.m. at La Jolla Playhouse/Mandell Weiss Forum (2910 La Jolla Village Drive); on Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., at Canyon Crest Academy (5951 Village Center Loop Road); and Wednesday, June 8, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito Academy (800 Santa Fe Drive). Free. Reservations: 858-550-1020 x101. (LA JOLLA, CARMEL VALLEY, ENCINITAS)

Author Donald H. Harrison signs and discusses *Louis Rose: San Diego's First Jewish Settler and Entrepreneur* on Monday, June 6, 6:30 p.m., at Benjamin Library (5188 Zion Avenue). Free. 619-533-3970. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Senior Showcase with dance, musical theater, and musical vignettes presented by seniors of

Coronado School of the Arts on Monday, June 6, 7 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at San Diego State University. Evening starts with portfolio showings of visual art and technical theater students, followed by 29 four-minute stage performances. \$8 general. 619-522-8969. (SDSU)

Readings and Dramatizations from Terror-Dot-Gov presented by author Harold Jaffe and other readers, Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m., in Nasatir Hall room 100 at San Diego State University. \$5. 619-594-4426. (SDSU)

Windy Ridge Bluegrass Band performs bluegrass music for band night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-724-1785 (ESCONDIDO)

"A History of the World in Six Glasses" will be discussed and signed by author Tom Standage on Wednesday, June 8, 5:30 to 7 p.m.,



Japanese cultural bazaar at Buddhist Temple, June 5 (see Special)

at Fresh Seafood Restaurant (1044 Wall Street). Standage will address impact of wine on history. Book "tells the story of humanity from the Stone Age to the 21st Century through the lens of beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and cola." \$55 fee includes copy of book, hors d'oeuvres. Reservations required.

Not hungry? Standage will also

sign and talk about his book and "impact of beer on history" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free, 858-454-0347, (LA JOLLA)

Hugo and Nebula Award-Winning Author Lois McMaster Bujold signs *The Hallowed Hunt* on Thursday, June 9, 7 p.m., at

Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Learn About Cosmetic Surgery when Dr. Merrel Olesen and Marie Olesen sign *Cosmetic Surgery for Dummies* on Thursday, June 9, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400). Free.

Novelist Marisa Silver discusses and signs *No Direction Home* on Thursday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

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

San Diego Padres host Chicago Cubs in Petco Park, June 2–5, at 7:05 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, at 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Home stand continues with games against Cleveland Indians, June 7–9, at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12:35 p.m. on Thursday. Tickets: 877-374-2784.

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

"Fish Like a Kid — For the Kids," kayak fishing tournament with adult and children's divisions on Saturday, June 4, at La Jolla Shores boat launch. Events begin at 7 a.m., conclude with weigh-in, awards at 2 p.m. at Kate Sessions Park. \$30. Registration: 619-461-7172. (LA JOLLA)

Elite Tae Kwon Do championships on Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Pier Amphitheatre. Fee for spectators. 760-724-5659. (OCEANSIDE)







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Tomorrow's Leaders

Will Venturi of Crew 716 is an Eagle Scout

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With the help of over 25 volunteers, Will assembled 500 "civilian ration" packages with items like lip balm, toothbrushes, deodorant, and snacks. Through Operation Independence, these were delivered to soldiers in Iraq, complete with handwritten appreciation letters.

About his service project, Will says, "I'm proud that we can make the stay of American soldiers overseas a little nicer, and show them our love and support by sending care packages and letters."





Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, June 5 (see Sports)

Family Tennis Play Day at Tierrasanta Tennis Club (11220 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) is Saturday, June 4, 1 to 2:30 p.m. All ages, abilities welcome for tennis play, clinics, games, more. Free. 858-278-3009. (TIERRASANTA)

Elfin Forest Rambling, bicycle ride hosted by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society on Sunday, June 5. The 60-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). Free. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Play Kickball with other players — competitors must be over 21 years old — on Sunday, June 5, 3:30 p.m., at Morley Park. Free. 714-293-3915. (SAN DIEGO)

The Rock 'n' 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)

46th Annual Wheelchair Regatta is Sunday, June 5, 8 a.m. to noon, at Silver Gate Yacht Club (2091 Shelter Island Drive). Details: 619-222-1214. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Pedal and Paddle on Mission Bay, tours for families with young children hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Wednesday through Friday, June 8–10. Events begin at 10 a.m. with kayaking on calm waters of Mission Bay, followed by bike ride on flat trails surrounding bay. Fee: \$55 for adults, \$35 for children, includes equipment. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (MISSION BAY)

San Diego County Fair Draft, Mule, and Friesian horse show runs Thursday through Sunday, June 9–12, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. 858-792-4288. (DEL MAR)

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 Mac-Donald, 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)

SPECIAL

One of a Kind! Annual spring craft sale — of ceramics, blown glass, and jewelry created by UCSD faculty members, students, and independent artists — continues through June 3. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, at Crafts Center at UCSD (on Revelle College campus, off Eucalyptus Grove Lane). 858-534-2120. (IA JOLLA)

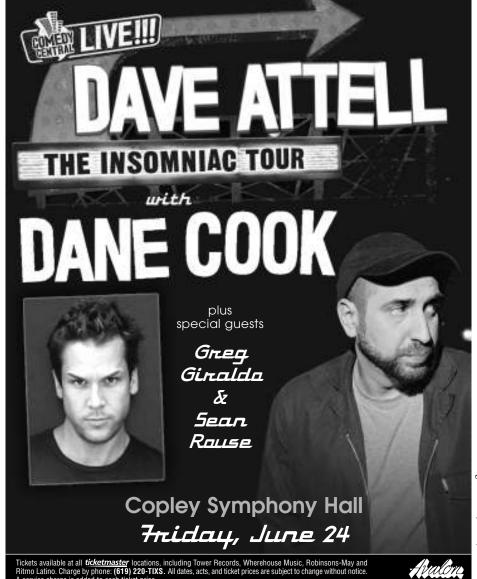
2005 Adoptathon hosted by San Diego Humane Society, June 3–5, runs 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. "Adopt-a-Pet Festival," Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Pet matchmakers" on hand, information booths, vendors, tours of facility, all found at 5500 Gaines Street. 619-299-7012. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Half-Priced Book Sale hosted by Valley Center Library (29200 Cole Grade Road) on Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 760-749-1305. (VALLEY CENTER)

Wieghorst Western Heritage Days, cowboy poets, Western music, square dancing, mountain men, crafts and art, deep-pit barbecue, on June 4 and 5, at Olaf Wieghorst Museum (131 Rea Avenue). Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. 619-440-6161 or 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

"The Artful Garden: A Mediterranean Palate of New Plants and Design Inspirations" — featuring seminars (by Judy Wigand, Scott Daigre), shopping, and lunch slated for Saturday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gar-

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San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Show runs Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free, 619-239-0512, (BALBOA PARK)

"The Greatest Show on Turf." annual car show sponsored by San Diego Automotive Museum and Greater San Diego Car Club Council on Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on grassy area between Hall of Champions and Park Boulevard. Up to 450 cars are expected to participate, with exhibition vehicles and judged classes. Free for spectators. 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

Cheers for Charity, wine tasting, microbrew sampling, auctions, food, entertainment during this benefit for international Rotary service projects, Saturday, June 4, 7 p.m., at La Jolla Marriott (4240 La Jolla Village Drive). \$60. 619-437-7131, (LA JOLLA)

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Guitar: An American Life



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FROM THE DUST JACKET: "Shortly before his 50th birthday, baggage handlers destroyed Tim Brookes's guitar, his traveling companion of 22 years. His wife promised on the spot to replace it with the guitar of his dreams, but Tim discovered that a dream guitar is built, not bought.

"He set out to find someone to make him the perfect guitar – a

quest that ended up a dirt road on the Green Mountains of Vermont, where an amiable curmudgeon master-guitar-maker, Rick Davis, took a rare piece of cherry wood and went to work with saws,

"When Tim wasn't breathing over Rick's shoulder, he was trying to unravel the symbolic associations a guitar holds for so many of us, musicians and nonmusicians alike. What was it about a small, humble folk instrument that allowed it to become an American icon? How did the guitar come to represent freedom, the open road, protest and rebellion, the blues, youth, lost love, and sexuality? Why is it that the guitar outsells all other instruments combined? His quest took him across the country, talking to historians, curators, guitar makers, and guitarists.

"Arriving with conquistadors and colonists, the guitar has been in an extraordinary variety of hands: those of miners and society ladies, lumberjacks and presidents' wives, Hawaiians, African-Americans, Cajuns, spiritualists, communists, and singing cowboys of the silver screen. Inventors and crackpots tinkered with it. introduced electricity, and the

humble folk instrument became the basis of a musical revolution. In time it became America's instrument, the voice of its soundtrack."

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Kirkus Reviews: (starred review) With a storyteller's and a guitarist's – sense of pitch and timing, NPR commentator/essayist Brookes delivers both a cultural history of the guitar and a chronicle of the intricate process that went into the construction of his own dream instrument.

It all started when airline baggage handlers destroyed Brookes's guitar. His 50th birthday was approaching; his generous wife suggested a nice new one. Expanding on that idea, he decided to get a custom guitar "that would curl up on my lap like a cat," built by one of the many fine-instrument makers in his

home state of Vermont. The luthier he chose lived nearby, so Brookes was able to observe the process. He shares his observations with readers, who also benefit from his extensive knowledge of the guitar's past. Interweaving these two stories, warm and droll by turns, Brookes gracefully blends the personal with the factual, never letting one get the upper hand. The guitar-making, a beautiful thing to witness, is still largely a mystery: it seems the physics of guitars is too complex for human understanding, thus the endless tinkering and innovation. The guitar's history is equally fascinating and just as mysterious, at least in its early years. It was always the object of the swells' suspicion: a thing of the gypsies, the blacks, the poor whites; an outlaw object that became even more dangerous to the keepers of moral order when it fell into the hands of Chuck

Berry and Elvis Presley, Brookes covers a wide swath: the dash of flamenco and the surf rock of Dick Dale, the handiwork of Frnest Tubb and Angres Segovia, early blues, late blues, parlor music, Hawaiian steel, black slide, the British Invasion, the mainstreaming of the instrument, and its domestication.

An intelligent work with the quality of a sonorous voice drifting from a radio.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Tim Brookes: Born of poor but honest parents in London, England. Mother played piano, grandmother sang strange and oddly cruel music-hall songs, father seemed to have little musical interest but nevertheless owned the best Django Reinhardt LP. Had the usual boring, humiliating piano lessons as a child. Took up the guitar at 17 in the usual

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"How did the guitar come to represent freedom, the open road, protest and rebellion, the blues, youth, lost love, and sexuality?"

try — is Saturday, June 4. Parade begins at La Mesa Boulevard and University at 10 a.m., proceeds down La Mesa to City Hall (on Allison Avenue). Pre-parade concert in grandstand area near La Mesa Middle School at 8:45 a.m. Free. 619-667-1300, (LA MESA)

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)

Taste of Carlsbad, local restaurants offer samples of their specialties and student art sale, Saturday, June 4, 3 to 6 p.m., on Roosevelt (between Carlsbad Village Drive and Grand Avenue). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door; tickets 15 food samples from variety of restaurants. 760-730-9200. (CARLSBAD)

The House of Denmark presents a program of Danish music, songs, and dances for lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, June 5, 2 p.m. Danish

foods offered for sale. 619-234-0739. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Japanese Cultural Bazaar with Buddhist lecture, hondo (altar) tour, martial arts and cultural demonstrations, koto, taiko drumming, dance, ikebana, foods (for sale), games, and crafts for children, Sunday, June 5, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market Street. 619-239-0896. (GRANT HILL)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, June 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Everything Photographic from vintage to modern equipment — on offer during Bargain Camera Show, Sunday, June 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). General admission: \$4, 310-578-

RansomNote Productions' writers' group meets Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., at Ducky Waddle's Emporium (414 North Coast Highway 101). Writers of every genre welcome. Free. 760-632-0488.

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, June 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)

Palomar Observatory Tours, get up close and personal with the 200-inch telescope, and behold sky through the 60-inch telescope, "the biggest telescope used for naked-eye observing." Unique evening is Saturday, June 25. \$50. Reservations: 619-238-1233 x802.

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

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day, \$135 for both. Reservations: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

Enjoy Big Joe's Favorite Stories through Sunday, June 5, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Lynn Trimble explores The Magic of Ventriloquism June 8–12.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Theater located near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Grease" Is the Word when Broadway Bound Youth Theatre's production of the musical is presented June 3-5 at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Over 70 local youths are participating. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. \$15. 858-748-0505.

Make a Wee Garden and enjoy fairy lore during class for those seven and older on Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$37 fee includes supplies. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Music Innovations explored during family day activities on Sunday, June 5, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Arts workshop led by artists participating in Spring Reverb festival and Trummerflora Collective with electronic sound production technology, collaborative composition, included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"The Faces of Latin America" provide theme for family festival at San Diego Museum of Art on Sunday, June 5, noon to 4 p.m. Handson arts projects, artist demonstrations, entertainment, all in conjunction with "Retratos: 2000 Years of Latin American Portraits." Free, 619-232-7931, (BALBOA PARK)

Pajamarama Story Time featuring Little Quack's Bedtime by Lauren Thompson is Monday, June 6, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

"Russell the Sheep" cannot fall asleep - listen to the tale and make a sheep craft during story time on Tuesday, June 7, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

"Elmo's Coloring Book," Sesame Street Live hits IPayOne Center at San Diego Sports Arena to find out "what would happen if all" the colors disappeared. Per-



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gesture of protest. Wanted to be a writer but played guitar in pubs and wine bars when all else failed. Emigrated to America in 1980. Now plays flute and guitar duets with his wife Barbara at the usual New Age Vermont weddings and teaches in the Professional Writing Program at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont. Guitar: An American Life is his fifth book.

WHAT THE AUTHOR SAYS:

Yes, yes. It's true, that's how it all started, with the horror of seeing my guitar with its neck cracked so badly that only a thin strip of veneer was holding the head on. And the fact that this ghastly experience turned into a book was entirely due to two things my wife said. The first, when she found me making pathetic whimpering noises over my ruined guitar, was "I'll buy you a new guitar for your 50th birthday" — more a gesture of moral support

than anything else, as neither of us had any money, but it helped. The second, when I told her what difficulty I was having making a choice because in the previous decade or two the entire world of guitars had burst into this fascinating, kaleidoscopic new array of makes, models, and color, was to reply, "You should write about this."

Now the book is done — though, what fascinates me more, looking back over the last two and a half years, is not what started it all off but what kept me going. A nonfiction writer is kept going by discoveries, either in the material world or in himself or herself, and those unexpected discoveries were what kept the subject unfolding like an infinite series of fractals, each as interesting as the last.

The first was in the field of pure research. I found that the New York Times was now available online in searchable form and started reading in a way that would never have been humanly possible before, tracking every single use of the word "guitar" from

the mid-19th Century onward. (The American Memory pages of the Library of Congress site are also searchable and later gave me a similar series of serendipitous glimpses.)

Some were mentions of people whose name was Guitar. Some turned up on pages entirely covered with print so tiny I never did find the reference. Some were repeated advertisements, though those in themselves were interesting, showing as they did images of turn-of-the-century ladies in long dresses and men in straw hats taking their guitars, mandolins, and banjos down to the beach or out in a canoe.

A spectacular number, though, were news stories. Not news stories about guitars or guitarists, though. No profiles, no reviews, no new-gear test-runs, no interviews with famous tight-trousered mullet-heads. Not even brand consciousness. I didn't come across a single guitar brand name until the 1960s. Even a handsome or expensive or wellmade guitar was still just a guitar, not a Martin or a Joseph

Bohmann or a Weymann or an Ashborn. A guitar was just a thing you had around the house. It was the badminton racquet of instruments.

Here's the thing: over the second half of the 19th Century the guitar had fallen from favor as a performance instrument. Consequently, every time that the guitar was mentioned it was mentioned in passing, glimpsed out of the corner of the reporter's eye, and as a result it always seemed to be keeping exotic or even bizarre company - company so interesting, unexpected, and now long gone that the guitar became a way of looking at America, an oddly angled keyhole, a bent periscope.

Take the story about the guitarist who played one of the very first gigs to be broadcast over the radio and was promptly tracked down by his wife (and a patrolman on nearby traffic duty) and arrested for abandonment and failure to pay child support. How could he not have known that he was doing something so stupid? He must not have grasped

exactly what radio meant: that the guitar no longer had an effective range of maybe 30 feet and that now its range was almost infinite. Radio was causing a quantum change in America in general, and the guitar in particular, and this story perfectly captures that drama, that bewilderment.

Or the story of the Long Island hotelier who was so incensed that the college boys on his staff spent so much time romancing the lady guests with guitars and mandolins that he called a cop, who said, "I'll give you ten minutes to gather up your guitars and your fancy socks and get out of this town." Guitars and fancy socks? What does hosiery say about the company the guitar was keeping? There's class warfare at work here, and the Irish cop was incensed that these sons of the wealthy were idle enough to be playing guitars - a charge that would be repeated loud and often, 60 years

Guitars were strangely often mentioned in connection with

crime. I read that when the leader of the notorious Black Hand Society of Northern Westchester, the Sicilian Antonio La Rosa, was arrested, his sweetheart, also Sicilian, claimed he had an alibi: at the time of the robbery in question, she was playing her guitar and singing to him. Or more dramatic, the testimony of Prince Yousoupoff that yes, he had poisoned Rasputin and passed the time waiting for the monk to die (unsuccessfully, as it happened) by playing his guitar. Or most dramatic still, the report that Clyde Barrow, of Bonnie and Clyde fame, had begun his career in crime by getting a shopkeeper out of bed on the pretext that Barrow wanted to buy guitar strings and Barrow shooting the man as soon as the man turned his back.

Some guitar stories were flat-out bizarre, infinitely more fascinating than anything that has ever appeared in *Rolling Stone*. How about the story of the sad death of a Coney Island carnival pig called Strenuous Lifer, killed by the carnival's lion. The pig

formances at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 9; at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 10; at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 11; and at 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 12. Tickets: \$13, \$17, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum

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

Barona Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1095
Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2.
((AKESIDE)

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.

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at

the Bayfront E Street Trolley Stahas tion or at the center's parking lot at ter, the foot of E Street and Bay Boulerom vard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included

in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in

Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

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

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

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

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

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

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlague House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum,

the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51



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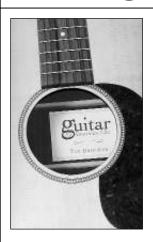
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was said to have been worth \$700 on account of the amazing tricks he could perform: donning a napkin, eating a meal from soup to cheese without soiling the linen, and playing on a guitar.

The more I read, the more I found guitars where I least expected to find them: guitars being played in beer gardens, on railway station platforms, at racetracks, between the bouts in boxing matches, on river outings, at the beach, on picnics, by blind preachers and at a college for the deaf and dumb, by Italian barbers and Russian gypsies, by young ladies at finishing school or the YWCA, by soldiers in Pershing's army and on the Staten Island ferry. It was the last age of live music, and everyone was grateful for whatever entertainment was on offer. When a San Francisco-Chicago train was so badly held up by snow that the journey took three weeks, at one particularly long holdup in Percy, Wyoming, the passengers, who included Susan B. Anthony, senators, Japanese princes, and a Russian count, held a "ball" in the back of a grocery store, with dance music furnished by a guitar, a mouthharmonicon, and a fine-tooth comb." By all accounts, the Times reported, "The pleasure was exauisite.

I was fascinated by this exotic landscape, vivid and bursting with life in the wonderfully

expressive prose of turn-of-thecentury journalism, yet unfathomable, as if under a pane of glass. For two months I wished I could write nothing but true stories of this extraordinary America, using the guitar as little more than a thread and an excuse.

What gradually took over, though, as the guiding and energizing force behind the book, was a more internal question. Whatever I write about, I try to find a mystery at the heart of it, and the mystery that occupied me almost constantly until the book was done, and still occupies me, is the question of the cat on the lap. What is it about the guitar that makes it such a personal instrument, so intimate to both player and listener?

(Behind this is an even deeper mystery, the very question of how it is that something as intangible and transitory as music is able to have such a powerful effect on us, an effect so exquisitely tuned – so to speak that an A minor 6 chord has a completely distinct emotional gestalt to, say, an A minor 7, which has only one different note, and that only half a tone different. But I soon realized that this question was simply too much for me or for anyone.)

The whole conundrum was summed up, for me, in a photograph someone took at a party when I was in college. It shows two people and a small bonfire. It's very late in the evening: the mayhem phase of the party has died down, most of the mayhemeers have left, and the time has come to pull out a cheap guitar, go out into the small back yard, light a bonfire, and sing songs. I'm wearing jeans and sneakers and a thick coat like a navy peacoat my hitchhiking gear - and playing the \$35 classical guitar I took everywhere, even across the Atlantic to America, leaning slightly forward as if folding myself over the instrument. The guitar is the most intimate instrument: it's the only instrument shaped to fit the human body, the only instrument you enfold into your heart, your lungs, your gut.

On the other side of the small bonfire is a girl called Tina Rogers, who if anything is leaning even farther forward, as if listening to the music through the top of her head. We liked each other very much, even dated for a few days, but the photo isn't about that, exactly. It's about the fact that the guitar is bringing us together in a way that nothing else could. Something unforgettable is taking place, something without a name, a mysterious physics that is enveloping player and listener through the medium of a very basic guitar played without much skill. It's the alchemy of live music.

By the end of the book, my new custom-made guitar has been finished, some 11 months after the original disaster. During those 11 months I started to respect both the complex and volatile history of the guitar itself and the even more complex and volatile nature of music. To see these pieces of wood be cut and shaped, to hear from the guitarmaker that nobody understands the physics of guitar building or guitar acoustics, that every builder works slightly differently and keeps making slight changes with every guitar he or she makes – it seemed as if all these facts and pieces of evidence had merely built up and encased that central mystery like the wood of the guitar itself, a box full of air. The product of the guitar is invisible and weightless, but it is as powerful a device as any ever invented.

The first time I heard my guitar played, it was lying on the maker's workbench. He twanged a single string, and the note reached out, grew, spread out through the whole body of the guitar, then through the air in the box, then rose above the soundhole until it seemed to have had nothing to do with the act of playing the string. It hovered independent of the materials, as if in being released from the instrument, it had now become the spirit of the note.

It took a good 15 seconds to settle, like the settling of acoustic dust, back to nothing.

— Tim Brookes

Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees.

Ongoing.
"P-51 *Mustang*," celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's Mustang is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane - 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the

Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291, (BALBOA PARK)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS Midway is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive, Exhibits include Navy iet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Computer Museum, featured exhibit is "Enigma — A History of Cryptology." Also on view: a 100-year-old Millionaire calculator; a Brunsviga Midget calculator (circa 1906) and General Precision LGP-21 (circa 1966). Ongoing exhibits include vintage computers, video games, punch cards, calculators, more. Find the museum on the campus of Cole-

man College (7380 Parkway Drive).

Viewing is by appointment only:

619-464-8220. (LA MESA)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922) West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400, (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. "Rail Town," an "O" gauge operating model train exhibit, is on display through August. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of African Art, collections are represented of

all regions of the African continent, covering civilizations of Sarah and Asante empire to Zulu kingdom in south. Find museum at 3066 North Park Way; 619-295-6622. (NORTH PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Backyard Monsters" features giant robotic insects, up to 11 feet high and 22 feet long, are paired with interactive learning displays and "one of the world's largest private specimen collections." Visitors may build a bug, create a bug orchestra, take a robotic insect for a walk. Through December.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through January 2006, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

"Fossil Hunters San Diego" shows how museum's paleontologists hunt for local fossils - what they look for, tools they use, how fossils are excavated and transported, how they're prepared and studied. Also on view: "Natural Treasures: Past and Present." Both close on Monday, September 5. Current "giant-screen films" include Ocean Oasis and A Rainforest Adventure - Bugs! 619-232-

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue;

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

760-632-9711 (ENCINITAS)

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest. the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo History Museum,

the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)





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Mainly Mozart Festival 2005, annual musical series opens with performances by pianist Anne Marie McDermott and Fine Arts String Quartet on Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$38. (LA JOLLA)

The Fine Arts Quartet returns to perform on Sunday, June 5, at 2 p.m., at Laurel Restaurant (505 Laurel Street), \$26; and at 6 p.m. in Shaker Room at Martini Ranch (528 F Street), \$38. (DOWNTOWN)

Pianist McDermott takes stage to perform selections by Bach, Mozart, and Schubert at Neurosciences Institute on Wednesday, June 8, 8 p.m. \$38.

The Festival Orchestra, with Timothy Day (flute) and Julie Landsman and John Cox (horns), presents a concert on Thursday, June 9, at Catedral de Guadalupe (at Calle Segunda and Niños de Héroes). \$20. (TIJUANA)

Except where listed, concerts commence at 8 p.m. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (LA JOLLA, DOWNTOWN, TIJUANA)

Beethoven's "Piano Concerto

No. 4" is on tap when 40-member New City Sinfonia performs on Friday, June 3, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Program includes Copland's "Variations on Simple Gifts," overture to *Faniska* by Cherubini, and "Intermezzo No. 2" by Kalinnikov. 619-527-4457. Free. (HILLCREST)

"Festive Finales" with selections by Steiger, Schwantner, and Orff promised when La Jolla Symphony and Chorus perform on June 4 and 5. Concerts start at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday, in UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$25 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Upper- and Lower-Division Voice Master Class students plan recital on Saturday, June 4, 4 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Scottish Organist Douglas Brice lives in Switzerland but plans concert on Sunday, June 5, 7 p.m., on new 40-rank Schantz organ at Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-273-7423. Offering. (CLAIREMONT)

The San Diego Youth Symphony presents concerts on Sunday, June 5, at 1 and 4 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B

Street). Recitals showcase various symphony orchestras and ensembles; program includes "Vintage Renaissance" by composer-in-residence William Kraft, who will attend concerts. Tickets: 619-233-3232. (DOWNTOWN)

Standard Classical and Romantic Music for intimate ensembles expected when students of Päivikki Nykter and János Négyesy perform Sunday, June 5, 8 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. 858-534-4830. Free, (LA JOLLA)

The History of Music examined in concert by John Howard on Sunday, June 5, 1:30 p.m., celebrating 136th anniversary of First Baptist Church of San Diego (5055 Governor Drive). 858-457-4827 x104. (SAN DIEGO)

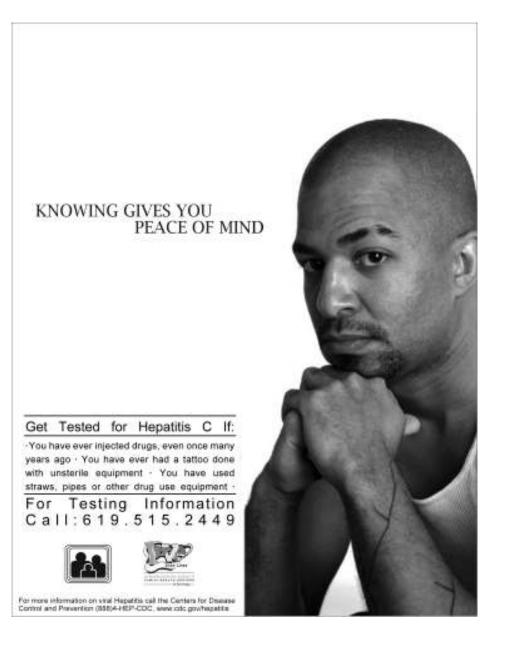
Musical Merit Foundation Awards Concert is Sunday, June 5, 3 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street). Free. Reception follows. 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Emeritus Robert Plimpton presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, June 5, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Trios by Mozart, Muczynski, and Brahms promised when Oberon Trio performs Wednesday, June 8, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668. (DEL MAR)

12th Annual Lipinsky Family Jewish Arts Festival includes concert by violin prodigy Eugene Ugorski on Thursday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). \$18. 619-544-1000. (HILLCREST)







Ghost Likeness

Over one shoulder stands a monkey (lust), over the other, a black cat (infidelity).

REV

ast year I reviewed here a revelatory exhibition in Los Angeles of *casta* painting in Vice Regal Mexico, which tried to establish a pictorial taxonomy of the increasingly diverse racial mix of the post-Conquest period,

all the physical types (and social behaviors) created by inbreeding among Spanish, Creole, Indian, and African populations. The San Diego Museum of Art has re-

cently opened the perfect complement to that show. Retratos: 2000 Years of Latin American Portraits creates a historical matrix not only for casta painting but for the many varieties of religious and secular portraiture that now constitute a distinct, resilient tradition. Retratos is superbly inclusive, fanning out from pre-Columbian times to practically yesterday.

I had a memory jolt when I entered the first room. Last December, wandering the Art Institute in Chicago, I happened on many deftly modeled, powerful terracotta heads from Moche culture, the civilization that flourished on Peru's northern coast roughly between A.D. 100 and 800. What makes them remarkable is that, while they possess the uniformity of much pre-Conquest art (heads shaped like jugs or bottles, with stirrup handles, glazed with a narrow palette of earth colors), the Moche heads possess something of personality. I mean, they express something of the inner life, in the tilt of the head, the quality of gaze, the resolution (and wisdom

and delight and ferocity) modeled into drawn brows, pressed lips, pinched eyelids. Each of the several heads included in the exhibition bears a different texture of feeling. The most startling one is of a tattooed (or painted) warrior with a

scarred lip, a portrait of stoic grace under pressure.

The smashing opener of *Retratos*, though, is a large portrait of a nobleman from the Classic

Mayan Period, around A.D. 700. Most Mayan representations of the powerful are stylized: almond eyes, large lips, and slanted, flattened forehead. (Mothers attached a board to the forehead of infants so that their skulls would take the shape of a corn cob, because the maize god ruled their lives.) This head has a more individualized presence and spreads its forehead, cheeks, and huge ear spools like a grand humanoid bird. But look in particular for the slivers and streaks of brilliant Mayan malachite blue left over from its original coloring, then imagine the stunning power the original must have possessed. You're forgiven for thinking, Give me more of that blue!

In the 18th Century, portraiture was considered in Spain (and therefore in Mexico) inferior to the grandiose, large-scale history painting taught in the academies. Portraits celebrated esteemed personages for private collections. Family portraits usually demonstrated not intimate relationships but household responsibilities, domestic hierarchies, and conventional roles. The contrasts in

presentation of couples can be startling. One picture of a nobleman offering a rose to his wife, quite apart from its elegant balancing of forms, beams forth a reserved but clearly worshipful conjugal sweetness. A double portrait of the powerful Miguel de Berrio v Saldivar and his wife, on the other hand, is fraught with tension and dyspepsia. They were apparently famous for their quarrels, and it shows in his clenched face and (despite the rose in her hand and richly brocaded dress) his lady's pursed-lip, don't-messwith-me glare. Other, less official portraits served as keepsakes and memento mori. In the

subgenre of *angelitos*, or dead infants, the painter more or less affixed a standard-issue body to the face of the actual deceased.

Vice-regal portraiture is, as you'd expect, saturated with Catholic religiosity and a piety many of us may find stultifying (and stiffly painted, for sure). The most exotic was a genre peculiar to Mexico at the time, the *monjas coronadas*, or crowned nuns. Painters gave much attention to detail in these pictures, in which the nun, upon entering the convent, was pictured as wearing the crown of Christ and bearing liturgical objects

Portrait of a Nobleman, circa 700 A.D., artist unknown, Guatemalan, Mayan culture

Retratos: 2000 Years of Latin American Portraiture San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park Through Sunday, June 12. For additional information, call 619-232-7931.

used in the ceremony: palm branches, candles, flowers, a doll-like Christ held in one arm, a round shield depicting important patron saints covering her breast, and the ring that weds her to God. To my eye and heart, however, the most moving depictions of devotion were the most pedestrian and humble, the *exvotos* and *retablos* mass-produced for ordinary folks who wanted to thank a saint for some benevolent intervention in their impoverished lives.

Traditions mutate. In the modern period, after the Revolution shut down many churches and



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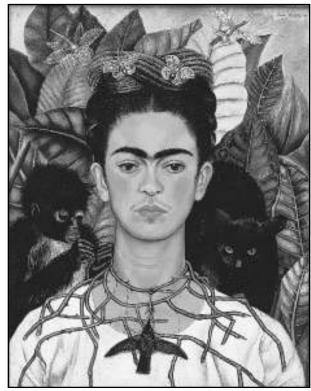
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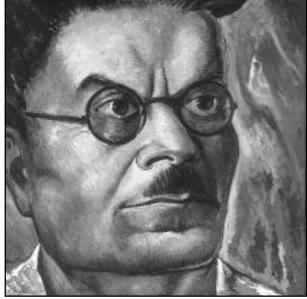
formal aesthetic issues (and political statements) became more important in Latin American painting, Frida Kahlo, maybe the greatest tragicomic self-portraitist of the century, makes a picture that riffs on the monias coronadas tradition. Instead of a crown, she wears a coiled headband decked with butterflies, symbols of the soul; for a breast-shield she wears a necklace of thorns from which hangs a dead hummingbird, a Mexican love charm; over one shoulder stands a monkey (lust), over the other, a black cat (infidelity). She has appropriated an entire, originally religious iconographic pattern and turned it into a fable of competing sexual urges. Her dead-on stare, faintly brushedin goatee, and raven-wing eyebrows all tell us she's absolutely earnest, almost.

The late 19th and early 20th Century marked the passage from mannered religiosity (more lively, less mannered painting had come out of



Self-portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird, Frida Kahlo

Puerto Rico and Cuba during the vice regal period) to psy chology and politics. The celebration of the ordinary, formal experimentation, and portraiture as an investigation into selfhood, came to dominate Latin American art, just as they dominated European painting. Carlos Baca Flor's brushy, cozy Girl in White is really a variation on a theme by



Iosé Clemente Orozco, Roberto Montenegro

Mary Cassatt. Xavier Tizoc Martínez's dusty self-portrait and the Chilean Pedro Lira's rendering of Don Guillermo Puelma Tupper might in passing be mistaken for a Courbet or Eakins. The fire roaring behind the huge, closely cropped head of the great muralist José Clemente Orozco, in a 1945 painting by Roberto Montenegro, reminds us of the political storminess Mexican and South American painters have lived through in the past century. And the ugly cubist picture by Diego Rivera reminds us that his achievement could be very

Most exhibitions don't give the summative view of a genre as Retratos does, which concludes with contemporary portraiture. There are wellknown pictures like Nahum Zenil's Frida of My Heart, where the bloody image of Frida's head covering the artist's chest sprouts vines and leaves from its ventricles, but I prefer the terrific Puerto Rican Myrna Baez's Spectators, a dreamy living room interior where the artist's own realistic image in a mirror is swarmed and haunted by windswept

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The exhibition concludes, fittingly and eerily, with a couple of images by the youngish Brazilian Vic Muniz (who now lives and works in New York City) from his Sugar Children series. He makes images of children of sugar cane workers from the island of Saint Kitts by drawing with sugar on black paper, which he photographs then wipes clean for the next application. He makes the process of erasure part of the making of the portrait. These children have their presences archived by a photograph, while the first "state" of their being is wiped away. Muniz makes pictures of the ghost of the very tradition of portraiture he continues to practice.

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GALLERIES

"Three-Point Perspective: San Diego Studio Furniture" opens with reception on Friday, June 3, 6 p.m., at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard). Exhibition, in conjunction with ninth annual Furniture Society Conference, closes on Saturday, July 2. 619-232-5004. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Continuum" by Eric Nation — exploring the relationship of manmade structures in our environment opens with reception on Friday, June 3, 6 p.m., at BorrelliSpace Gallery (second floor, 4411 Park Boulevard). 619-549-6196. Closes on Friday, July 22. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Women's Work: Furniture **Exhibition"** with work by Mia Hall, Norma Pizarro, and Katherine Ortega, opens with reception on Friday, June 3, 6:30 p.m., at Park Boulevard Artworks Gallery (4411 Park Boulevard). 619-692-0734. Through Friday, July 29. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Water Is Precious," juried show of water-media paintings is on display through Saturday, June 25, in San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: June Maxion. Exhibition includes posters from 2005 Children's Water Conservation Poster Contest. Artists' reception is Friday, June 3, at 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

San Diego Visual Artists Guild opens new gallery with reception on Friday, June 3, 6 p.m., at 1098 Ninth Avenue (beneath Churchhill Hotel). 619-890-6120. Through June. (DOWNTOWN)

"True Tales from Beyond the Cosmos," featuring new work and installation by Sergio Hernandez, opens with reception on Friday, June 3, 4 p.m., at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). 619-757-

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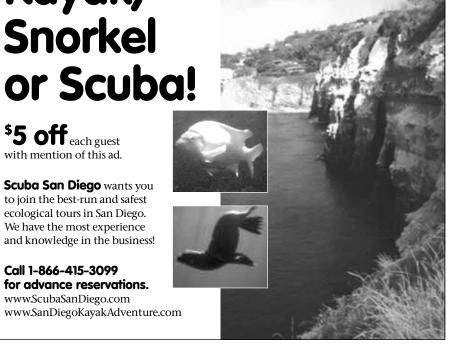
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Spring Fine Art Show at Banner Queen Gallery (36766 Highway 78) opens with reception for artists on Saturday, June 4, 2 p.m. Closes on Sunday, July 3. 760-765-2168 or 760-765-0815. (JULIAN)

Ceramic Artists of San Diego open new gallery with reception on Saturday, June 4, 6 p.m., at 3824 Ray Street. 619-543-9791. (NORTH PARK)

What Do Illustrators Do in Their Off Hours? They "paint, of course." Commercial illustrator Tracy Sabin exhibits "People, Places, Things" through June at First Street Gallery (820 South Coast Highway 101; 760-753-5458). Meet Sabin during reception on Saturday, June 4, 4 p.m. (ENCINITAS)

"Archetypes," a collection of sculpture and drawings by Stephanie Bedwell, opens with reception on Saturday, June 4, 7 p.m., at J. Dewers Gallery (715 Eighth Street). Closes Friday, July 1. 619-233-5888. (DOWNTOWN)

"Old House Interiors" — collection of paintings, pottery, lighting, and furniture "designed to enhance any old (or new) house" — opens with reception on Saturday, June 4, 5 p.m., at Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech Street).

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Through Saturday, August 20. 619-233-6679. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Painted Ladies," a group exhibition featuring work by six California artists, opens with reception on Sunday, June 5, 5 p.m., in William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Show explores female figure as theme and subject matter. Through Friday, July 29. 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

"Hollow-Core: A Make-Believe Metropolis of House-hold Proportions" created by Barbara Holmes opens with reception on Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m., at Art Produce Gallery (3139 University Avenue). Holmes has spent the last year "reclaiming and reworking" discarded doors to assemble a "complete environment," on display through Sunday, July 17. 619-584-4448. (NORTH PARK)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Making It: Ten Years of Artist Commissions at California Center for the Arts, Escondido" continues through Monday, July 4. The exhibit "examines the intimate collection of artworks produced through artist residencies held between 1995 and 2005" at the museum, with work by

Stephen Curry, Roman de Salvo, Jay Johnson, Peter Walker, Eloy Tarcisio, Esther Mera.

"Mixtec Medicine" celebrates "the antiquity, intelligence, and beauty of Mixtec culture and medicine." Exhibit uses photographs from fieldwork and images from ancient Mixtec books called codices. Closes Monday, July 4.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum,

"Origami Masterworks — Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding" includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the objects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals. Continuing.

"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through summer.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "The Beaded Universe — Strands of Culture" includes beads from 40 cultures, inspired by and based on *The History of Beads* by Lois Sherr Dubin. Exhibit includes beaded globe four feet in diameter created by Huichol Indians, a Yoruba chief's robe, garments by New York artist Sandra Rubel.

Concurrently, see "JoAnn Tanzer — Architectural Enamels." Works were created by painting with vitreous glass on steel. Continuing.

Ongoing: "Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Richard Allen Morris: Retrospective, 1958-2005" explores oeuvre of this "painter's painter" with 150 paintings on view through Sunday, August 28. Exhibition includes examples of Morris's work from the many different styles he has adopted throughout his career.

In "Cerca Series: Jaime Ruiz Otis," the Tijuana-based artist creates minimal installations and sculptures addressing "economic and cultural reality unique to life on the border between the United States and Mexico" using items culled from maquiladora Dumpsters. Through Sunday, June 26.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001.

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Threshold: Byron Kim, 1990-2004" focuses on the artist's significant body of easel paintings,

nificant 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" 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 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)

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Conflicting Codes

If she squeals, every cop in New York will ostracize her. Or she could lose her job.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

enneth Lonergan's moral comedy, *Lobby Hero*, concludes with something you should know in advance. Young Jeff, the security guard for a high-rise Manhattan apartment, will fall asleep at his desk. Then, to save his job, he'll deny it.

He hasn't been at the building — at 147 West 57th Street (across from Carnegie Hall) — all that long. And he's failed at guard

duty before: got a dishonorable discharge for smoking dope in the Navy. Since he works graveyard, Jeff's alone most of the time. So he reads, some. He's halfway through *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and Kerouac's *On the Road.* But he's so bored he often inspects the brightly lit lobby with his flashlight, even shines it under a glass table to see if anything's there. At one point he holds the beacon to his left eye and clicks it on. Then he watches after-images pock the familiar padded chairs and polished marble floors.

Jeff's so bored that, given the slightest opening, he'll tell you his life story, and want to hear yours. Nothing is off-limits. And because of his need to talk, a quiet Manhattan lobby becomes a nexus of ethical conflicts.

You don't realize how much of a slacker Jeff is until you meet his Captain, William (Jeff, of course, wonders why there aren't any "corporals" in the company). A discipline-obsessed "Robotron," William just fired a man, two years from his pension, for sleeping on the job. Now William's brother's been accused of murder.

William and Jeff have one thing in common: they want to do the right thing. But what if two rights compete? Or two wrongs?

The only people who visit the lobby in the wee hours are police officers, Bill and Dawn. Like

William, Bill's a vet. Like Jeff, Dawn's a newcomer on probabation. She may, or may not, have assaulted a suspect with unnecessary violence. If she grants Bill

sexual favors, he'll clear her record. Though on duty, he heads straight for 22J, where he might be having sex with Mrs. Heinbald, a model/call-girl. We haven't seen the murder, haven't seen Dawn wield a billyclub, haven't seen Bill frolic with Mrs. H. The only accusation our eyes can verify is that Jeff was asleep at his desk.

What we hear, throughout, are denials, coverups, potential blackmails, and falsehoods. Some seem small, like Jeff's (but it's still a lie). All raise urgent moral questions about where the line gets drawn.

When faced with conflicting laws — obey a civic ordinance or obey the gods and bury her slain brother — Antigone takes immediate action. She follows the higher law and pays a heavy price. Jeff, William, and Dawn have Antigone's instincts but live in a slippery, relativistic world where even identifying the right thing is difficult. And acting on it can have shattering consequences.

At the Cassius Carter, J. August Richards expresses the dilemma with a single gaze. He plays



Lauren Lovett, Nick Cordileone in Lobby Hero

Lobby Hero, by Kenneth Lonergan

Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park Directed by Kirsten Brandt; cast: Nick Cordileone, Mark Espinoza, Lauren Lovett, J. August Richards; scenic design, Nick Fouch, costumes, Mary Larson, lighting, David Lee Cuthbert, sound, Paul Peterson Playing through June 26: Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through

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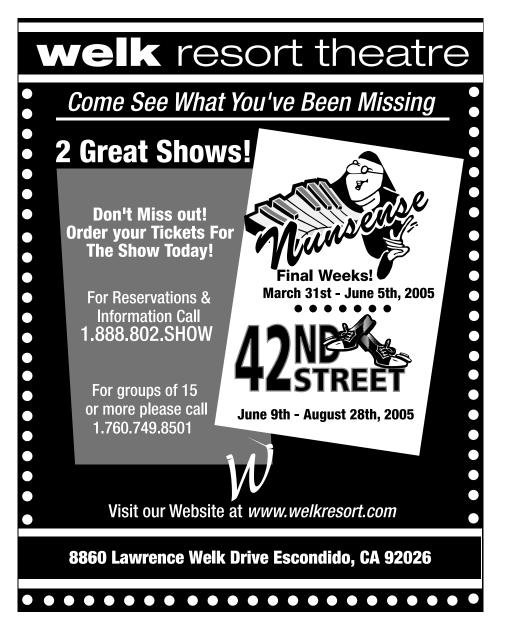
William, the African-American security captain obsessed with rules. His recidivist brother's at Riker's Island, possibly one of three men who brutally murdered a 27-year-old nurse/single mother of three. He swears he was home alone

that night. So he needs an alibi. Should William choose loyalty over the law? Also, the state-appointed lawyer showed up drunk (either that or he was just stupid). An inept defender for a black man? William's convinced the trial won't be fair.





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So break the code and alibi. But William is a moral being. A storm rages in the actor's eyes.

Mark Espinosa's Bill and Lauren Lovett's Dawn exemplify a different code. In police terminology, you do not rat on your partner. Espinosa makes Bill a loose cannon. He's got such a big ego, there's no room for a conscience (when Jeff asks him for his "autograph," to sign in the register, Bill thinks it's because he's a recognized supercop). Espinosa does the best kind of acting: he's so wired he could erupt at any moment. He struts and bullies, a Napoleon in NYPD blue, and makes Bill a self-assurred untouchable.

The dilemmas of *Lobby Hero* intensify so much that even the title gets tricky. And once it's clear that facile solutions won't work, you hope that, at the very least, someone bops Bill off his pedestal. Lonergan's right: we do live in shadowy times. And few contemporary plays articulate it as well as *Lobby Hero*. But even so, no one should be above the law.

Bill breaks the rules by having sex on-duty. He also finesses William's brother's case. Dawn, who has idolized Bill up to now, has Antigone's dilemma: conflicting codes to honor. Bill's a walking violation. But if she squeals, every cop in New York will ostracize her. Or, like Jeff asleep at his desk, she could lose her job.

Wearing one of designer Mary Larson's excellent, straight-from-headquarters police uniforms, Lauren Lovett gets the script's biggest arc and convinces each step of the way. Torn between the law and moral order, Dawn becomes so across-the-board disillusioned she almost falls apart. But she doesn't. And when Dawn makes her choice, the spectre of Antigone stands behind her.

Lobby Hero registers high on the verbiage scale, and the Carter production has some "air," slow patches and pauses that need taking out. But to the credit of director Kirsten Brandt, the show is thought-provoking and funny. San Diegan and Lamb's Players mainstay Nick Cordileone sees to both

It's hard to imagine anyone else as Jeff. I don't know how he does it: would rather not know, in fact. Cordileone simply, truthfully is the wellmeaning security guard — not a "doorman," mind you — adept at self-sabotage. He sees a need for boundaries but doesn't know where or how to find them. His earnestness makes him sympathetic and hilarious. This is a special performance. And thank's to Jeff's persistent probings, by indirections the conflicts in the lobby find directions out. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Amy's View

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages David Hare's drama about a woman who tries to love unconditionally in a conditional world. David Ellenstein directed. Rosina Reynolds plays Amy.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE,
987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, SATURDAY, JUNE 4, THROUGH JULY 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY (AND "SELECT WEDNESDAY EVENINGS") AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Bronze

Sledgehammer Theatre presents the world premiere of Ruff Yeager's comedy about a bronzemedal ice skater holding hostages at gunpoint in an all-night diner. Yeager directed.
SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, ST. CE-CILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, SATURDAY, JUNE 4, THROUGH JULY 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEF SUNDAY AT

Dane and Duane, the Only Thing Missing Is U

2:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

The Fritz Theatre presents music and comedy, performed by Dane Stauffer and Duane Daniels (both starring in *Triple Espresso*).

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH JUNE 12; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-233-7505.

Death by Survival

Vantage Theatre, in association with Centro Cultural de la Raza, presents Elizabeth Ruiz's drama about the "dirty war" in Argentina and the "disappearing" of students. Dori Salois directed.
CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2125 PARK BOULEVARD (AND INSPIRATION POINT WAY), BALBOA PARK, THROUGH JUNE 5; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-235-6135.

The Fantasticks

Coronado Playhouse stages Jones and Schmidt's popular musical about innocence, experience, and the proper cultivation of radishes. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, PAVILION, CORONADO FERRY LANDING, (NEXT TO IL FORNAIO), 1335 FIRST STREET, CORONADO, THROUGH JULY 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

42nd Street

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the Tony Award-winner. If stagestruck Peggy Sawyer can learn "25 pages of dialogue, six songs, and ten dance numbers in 24 hours," she just might become a star! Jon Engstrom directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THURSDAY, JUNE 9, THROUGH AUGUST 28; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

Get A Clue!

Black Rabbit Theatre Company presents the world premiere of Joseph Grienenberger's parody of "film noir, murder mysteries, mediocre theater, hideous show





MISALLIANCE

By George Bernard Shaw Directed by Stephen Wadsworth Now – June 12 Old Globe Theatre In Shaw's comic masterpiece *Misalliance*, two dashing aviators crash onto the scene to shake up the stuffy conventions of Victorian morality.

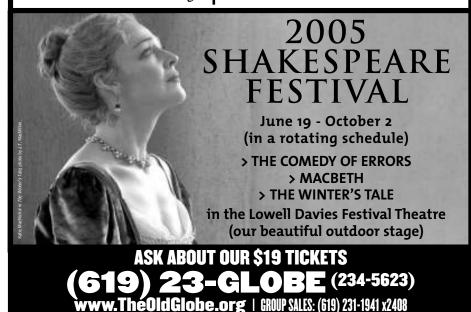




LOBBY HERO

By Kenneth Lonergan Directed by Kirsten Brandt Now – June 26 Cassius Carter Centre Stage Lobby Hero begs the question, "Should you always do the right thing if it's for the wrong reasons?" This comic gem delves into four characters that interconnect in both petty and significant ways.

For mature audiences.



tunes, hellacious divas," etc. Grienenberger directed. BEN POLAK FINE ARTS CENTER/LAMP-LIGHTER'S THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH JUNE 5; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY. MAY 29, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-281-BRTC.

Godspell

OnStage Playhouse presents the popular musical, based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew. Raylene J. Wall directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH JUNE 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

Irish Step Dancing

Dublin Square Irish Pub and Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, and song. DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB AND GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWN TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 9:30 P.M.

Joey and Maria's Comedy **Italian Wedding**

The Culv Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot. DIAMOND BAR/CULY THEATRE, 338 SEVENTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 800-944-5639.

Killer Reunion

Mystery Cafe's newest interactive comedy takes place at a high school



Misalliance

reunion that doesn't go according to plan.

IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

The King and I

Broadway/San Diego presents a touring production of the musical based on the real-life adventures of Anna Leonowens, a widow in Siam. Songs include: "Hello Young Lovers," and "Shall We Dance." SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVENUE (AT B STREET), DOWNTOWN, TUESDAY, JUNE 7, THROUGH JUNE 12; TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.

The Last Sunday in June

Korbett Kompany Productions stages Jonathan Tolins' drama about a gay couple whose guests converse "about relationships, selfacceptance, and the very meaning of what it is to be gay." Bob KorADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, (AT IDAHO), NOR-MAL HEIGHTS, SATURDAY, JUNE 4, THROUGH JUNE 19; FRIDAY AND SATUR DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

Late Nite Catechism

Back by popular demand: In most interactive theater the audience needs time to warm up, get into the spirit of performance. Vicki Quade and Marzipat Donovan's one-person show, by contrast, takes two seconds max. Sister, a nun substitute-teaching St. Bruno's adult catechism class, walks in, beams a pleasant smile, then orders latecomers to take their seats NOW. She's here because it's Father Murphy's poker night. And she's from the pre-Vatican II, don't-spare-the-rod school (when she taps a ruler on her palm, half the audience rubs its knuckles from suddenly unrepressed memories). Hulking around in heavy black gabardine, a python-sized rosary coiled at her waist, she commands such a presence that eyes avert when she

glares at them. And - whether threatening a gum chewer with eternal damnation, or delighting in church loopholes (St. Vernoica probably had an eating disorder; St. Patrick was actually a Scot) she's as strict as a drill sergeant and funny as a crack stand-up comic. Late-Nite Catechism, which began in 1993, has become a cult classic. It's The Rocky Horror Show for anyone hwo had an old-school, parochial education. And everyone

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE. 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, MONDAY, JUNE 13, THROUGH JUNE 28: MONDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival

The 12th annual version of this popular festival features plays by Alan Havis and Yale Strom, and music, including a "Klezmer Summit."

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LO-MAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO, 4190 FRONT STREET, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JUNE 14; FOR DAYS, TIMES, AND PLACES OF EACH EVENT, CALL 619-544-1000.

Lobby Hero

Reviewed this issue. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK THROUGH JUNE 26; TUESDAY, WEDNES-DAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Looking for Normal

Diversionary Theatre stages Jane Anderson's "bittersweet transgender drama" about a husband and wife of 25 years. Marriage counseling reveals that "he's a woman trapped in a man's body." Lisa Berger directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH JUNE 11: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY.

JUNE 5. AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097 The Lost Players' Rapunzel

San Diegan Doug Sheehan's family musical gets a world premiere staging by the Lost Players (a "wandering troupe" of Gypsy performers). Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed.

LYCEUM STAGE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, JUNE 3, THROUGH JUNE 26; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SLINDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?

Julie dumped Bobby two weeks ago. Just split. His fiancée. Now he's so conflicted, so "out of balance," he can't even remember why. So Bobby decides to "find out what women want." He drinks Coronas and tries to discover, as well, his right-brain, "feminine' side. He's a dysfunctional mess, but to his credit, and thanks to Julie, he at least recognizes it (though he shouldn't blame the Y chromosome; that's an old-hat dodge). Male Intellect never dips beneath pop psychology stereotypes about gender but is a consistently funny 90-minute take on today's dating scene. Like Scrooge, Bobby is haunted by visitors: five male chau vinists ranging from a 123-year-old geezer still searching for the perfect woman to the Colonel, who deals with women by the book...his book. Ford Austin plays Bobby and the MCPs with an engaging audience rapport and an ability to disappear into another character. Robert Dubac wrote Male Intellect, which, like Forever Plaid and Late-Nite Catechism, has become an international touring show (you can't help but hear the author, behind the jokes, patting himself on the back for being so sensitive). When asked which of the characters he identified with most, Dubac replied: "Separately they are individuals, but put together all one guy. Women who see the play say, T've been out with every one of those guys!' '

Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, ONGOING RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

A Midsummer Night's

The Poor Players give their "no holds Bard" approach to Shakespeare's comedy of mistaken identity, Richard Baird directed. POOR PLAYERS, HEARTH THEATER, 3

CIVIC CENTER DRIVE. SAN MARCOS THROUGH JUNE 12; FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-255-1401

Misalliance

George Bernard Shaw's 1910 comedy isn't about bad Survivor stragegy. Hypatia Tarleton, nouveau riche, is supposed to marry Bentley Summerhays, broke aristocrat. The match is a misalliance. But by the end of act one, nothing is alligned at Hindhead, the Tarleton's Surry estate. You wouldn't link the parents with their children, or anyone with their dreams. To prove the estate's aptly named, Shaw inserts an alien invasion: an acrobat/aviatrix from the sky; and a poor angry clerk from the Turkish bath. Things fall apart. The play calls for a pre-Method, flamboyant style (constant motion, freeze-tableaux, playing front). In the Old Globe production, not everyone pulls it off. It's a nervous, stagey approach that often feels imposed, artificial, vocally scattergunned. Those who succeed make the rest look like marionettes (Mary Bacon's Hypatia and Oliver Wadsworth's Bentley pout and pose by the numbers). On the plus side, Jeff Steitzer fills John Tarleton, the autididact, with acres of optimism and human foibles. Adam Stein and Lise Bruneau, as the intruders, become the hurricane and its calm center. Kevin Rupnik's handsome set, the Tarleton's spacious living room, has enough vertical stripes to suggest a cage, even a prison. Worth a try.

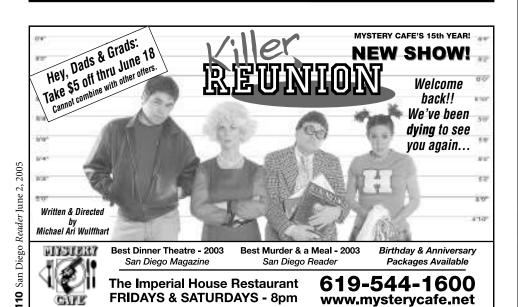
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BAL-BOA PARK, THROUGH JUNE 12; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic di-



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rector Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on 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. Worth a try.

MAROUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET. MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Nunsense

The Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular musical about the Sisters of Hoboken and their need to raise funds fast. Ray Limon directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH JUNE 5: THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE

THURSDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

The Pajama Game

Patio Playhouse presents Adler and Ross's musical about love and labor in a Midwestern pajama factory. Deborah Zimmer directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVENUE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH JUNE 19; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-746-6669.

Play It Again, Sam

The Julian Theatre Company (formerly the Pine Hills Players) stages Woody Allen's comedy about Allan Felix. To win the dating game, he seeks advice from the spirit of Humphrey Bogart. JULIAN TOWN HALL, 2129 MAIN STREET, JULIAN, THROUGH JUNE 18: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-765-2119.

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.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE VARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COL-LEGE AREA, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE "FAMILY" SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P.M. ("RATED PG-13"). 619-465-7469

The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents ar evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun.'

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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 THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY 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 ques tion "Is an entire life measured by

the presence of a man?" Katie Rodda directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH JUNE 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-233-7505

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.

SEGERSTROM STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH JUNE 26: TUESDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555

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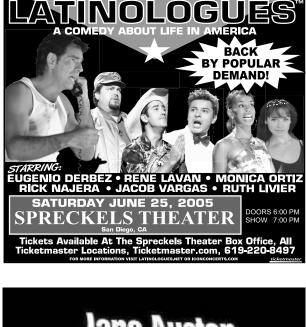
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Wall of Sound Goes "Boom" Two people have talked to me about record producer Phil Spector's affiliation with guns. A

one of his albums, so I asked Prine about Spector's situation. Prine said, "Isn't that such a strange thing? It's a crazy situation, but it's not hard to see how something like that happened."

I asked if Spector ever pulled a gun on him. He said, "He always, always had guns on him.'

the inside track

photographer who once took photos of John Lennon (and sold me an autographed Lennon album) told me a story 13 years ago about how Spector and Lennon got into an argument in the studio and Spector pulled out a gun. He told me Lennon responded, "You always pull out the gun. Well, do something with it or put it away already!

More recently, on May 13, while I walked through Horton Plaza, I saw musician John Prine. I knew Spector had produced some songs on

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"Yeah, but did he ever pull

one on you?'

Prine paused, then looked up, smiling. After a few seconds of silence, he said, "Let me say this again: he always had guns with him."

— Josh Board

Geezer Punks Descend on Ensenada "We got our name because we're all getting

a little bit older, and it's about time to send us off to the glue factory," jokes Greg Lowther, 40-year-old drummer for Glue Factory. "We're not

hiding our age like Mick Jagger. We're embracing the fact that we're geriatric punk

On June 18, Glue Factory will play Hussong's Cantina in Ensenada with 3rd Alley.

"It's the first time a punk rock band has played at Hussong's," says Ensenada businessman and part-time rock promoter Memo Ramirez. Gringo rock bands

have never played Ensenada's famous watering hole. Established in 1892. Hussong's is known for its strolling mariachi bands. The bar is packed most weekend nights. Ramirez savs he suggested the idea to the bar owners and they liked it. Lowther likes the idea, too.

"I've been drinking at that bar since I was 15," says

Lowther. "Ensenada is my favorite city outside the U.S.... Memo wanted us to play at Rosarito [Beach], but Rosarito is not as cool as Ensenada. Rosarito is a bad version of Huntington Beach.

In the past, Ramirez has booked Shortbus shows at

Ensenada's Papas & Beer. Shortbus includes former members of Sublime and now records for the Long Beach Records label owned by Lowther. Long Beach Records' roster of ten artists (3rd Alley and Glue Factory among them) includes musicians that played in bands alongside Sublime in the late '80s and early '90s.

Glue Factory and 3rd



GLUE FACTORY: READY TO ROCK AND BE RENDERED

Alley appear 9 p.m., June 18, at Hussong's Cantina in Ensenada. Must be 18.

– Ken Leighton

Beach Boys Control Media When the Beach Boys play Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay on Sunday, June 5, the venue isn't allowed to report boxoffice totals "unless the

concert is a complete sellout," whereupon "it must be reported to all industry-

related newspapers and magazines, i.e. Billboard, Performance, Pollstar." And "no form of media advertising...shall include the word 'oldies' in conjunction with the artist's name or

Expected backstage munchies include a dozen bananas ("a must"), 25 pieces of "boiled and peeled high-quality shrimp with cocktail sauce," three half-pound bags of M&Ms ("2 plain, 1 peanut"), a jumbo bag of Freedent spearmint gum and a bowl of white ("not red") pistachio nuts. Supplies: two rolls Viva paper towels ("must be very soft"), a carton of Marlboro Lights soft-pack cigarettes ("not 100s, not in a box, this is an essential item"), a box of Betty Crocker Homestyle microwave popcorn and three cans of Copenhagen long-cut dip tobacco ("not more than one week old"). For most dates, the Boys require 'availability of the service of a licensed masseuse or masseur

qualified in either Swedish or Oriental deep-tissue muscle massage." (From three riders



BEACH BOYS LEERY OF "OLDIES" TAG

posted at entertainment-lawattorney.com and thesmokinggun.com)

- Jay Allen Sanford

Curse of the Locust The Locust recently posted on their website: "Clear Channel is still dead set in [our] rifle sites [sic].... [We] call for a boycott and follow up...by not playing Clear Channel shows, no matter how incredible the line-up." In the forums section, guitarist Robert Bray elaborates. "Turning down shows with our friends the Yeah Yeah Yeahs or Fantomas at the Fillmore isn't the easiest thing to do, but instead of it being a thorn in our side, it's more like an early coffin nail for







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Clear Channel."

Drummer Gabe Serbian says the Locust canceled five recent opening spots on Fantomas' North American tour. "The shows took place in Clear Channel clubs. Clear Channel is anti-competition, which makes them anti-America, and they support Bush and the war in Iraq.

They put a muzzle on free speech. All you hear when you listen to the radio now is what they want you to hear. . Which is usually shit."

Another group statement maintains that

"The band still refuses to play anything but all-ages shows...it's stupid to discriminate against someone due to their age."

– Jay Allen Sanford

Resprung Monkeys "We sold around 350,000 albums [worldwide]." Sprung

Monkey drummer and cofounder Ernie Longoria is proud of his band's track record. "We cracked the top 20 on Billboard's Modern Rock chart. We got MTV play.'

Active from 1991 to 2002, Sprung Monkey had radio hits "Get 'em Outta Here,' "Naked," and "What's That You Say." They toured 15 European countries, opened for Sublime and Sugar Ray, and released four albums. For

the past three years, though, the local quintet has been on

"I guess we were missing something," says Longoria. "Maybe it was the timing factor. We ran out of juice. We needed a break." Longoria and bassist Tony Delocht have been active with former P.O.D. guitarist Marco Curiel in Accident Experiment. Longoria says Accident Experiment is "...still on full

Now, Sprung Monkey has reunited for its first local show in years. Recording plans and a tour are possible. The reunion brings to mind the recently reconstituted Lucy's Fur Coat.



SPRUNG MONKEY SHOULDN'T BE KILLED

Says Longoria, "I think they look at it like we look at it: why kill something that shouldn't be dead?"

Sprung Monkey appears June 25 at the Casbah. Admission, \$15. Must be 21.

— Ken Leighton

Sacked Chargers

quarterback Doug Flutie surprised some last month by turning up on the New England Patriots' team roster for a one-year "backup" gig. The audience at the Medford, Massachusetts, Music for Middlesex III concert got a surprise on May 14 when the sometime-drummer turned out to be the advertised "surprise guest" on a bill that included Jon Butcher, Ian "Bay City Rollers" Mitchell,

James Montgomery. Rumors swirled that Steven Tyler was to be the surprise guest after the Aerosmith singer was Band. spotted (with Flutie) in the

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concert venue the afternoon of the show. Near midnight, Flutie took the stage with Montgomery's band and played drums (barefoot) on two songs, including Bo Diddley's "Road Runner."

Flutie, who lives in Natick, Massachusetts, and won a Heisman trophy while at Boston College, "took the place by storm," according to attendee Brian

Gibson. "Everyone was slapping him on the back and saying, 'Welcome home'.... He's a real hero around here. We're glad the Chargers fired him.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Boys Hook Up with Blues Mama "They haven't died out, but they singing with Fro Brigham, Tomcat Courtney, Len Rainey, and the Fuzzy Blues

I STILL THINK

IT'S WEIRD, A GUY IN HIS FORTIES BUYING SYSTEM

OF A DOWN.

NO WEIRDER

THAN YOUR BARBIE

Whitsett, a chef at the Mission restaurant in North Park, does two gigs a week with Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, her newest band. She is backed by four musicians from San Diego's



LADY DOTTIE AND HER ROUGH-CUT DIAMONDS

modern-rock scene: keyboardist Joe Guevara (Operator X, Lovelight Shine, Jejune), drummer Andy Robillard (GoGoGo AirHeart), guitarist Nate Beale (Dirty Sweet), and bassist Stephen Rey (the Deere Johns).

"I'm 60, but I feel like I'm 25," says Whitsett, a New York native. "The kids don't feel like I'm 60 either. When the kids see me singing, it makes them think they can do it too.... We have a video coming out. I think we're going to record some tunes. I'd like to go on tour....

Lady Dottie and the Diamonds appear every Monday at 10 p.m. at the Tower Bar in City Heights and 9 p.m. Wednesdays at Henry's Pub in the Gaslamp. Both are free admission. Must be 21. They'll play the Independence Jam at SDSU's Open Air Theater on June 18, too.

— Ken Leighton

Big in China Noah Gabriel plays Paul McCartney's "Blackbird" at the Sunday market in San Diego's old Chinatown (at Third and J). A year and a half ago, he was a singing star in China...well, around Shanghai, anyway. In late 2003, Gabriel says he went to China to join a tai chi school. Instead, he joined a Chinese theater troupe.

"Two things happened," he says. "One, the school wasn't ready; two, SARS hit." The disease sent most entertainers packing. "It wasn't going to freak me out," says Gabriel. "One night, I was in a restaurant where expats hang out. They had no entertainment. I asked the owner if I could play. I sang them '50s songs. They loved

The owner invited Gabriel to come every night. Soon, he was rocking China: in Ningbo, Ninghai, Hangzhou. Gabriel says his appearances drew the attention of a young Chinese government official who introduced him to a traveling Chinese theatrical troupe of dancers, fire-eaters, contortionists, child gymnasts, and Chinese rock stars.

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

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AFFAIR ?

"Every Chinese person knows three western songs," Gabriel says. " 'Yesterday Once More,' by the Carpenters. 'Say You, Say Me,' by Lionel Richie, and 'Country Roads,' by John Denver. They could all sing that one right through, in English."

When Gabriel would break out — in Mandarin with "Tian Tian Kan Dao Ni" ("It translates to something like 'Always Wanting to Be with You' "), he says he'd feel something extraordinary. "It's a song by A-Do, a big rock star there. They reacted so beautifully. They felt that I was honoring their culture, their people, their country.

— Bill Manson

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Robot Talk

"It was nice to see she's human."

MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

had a dream that I met Jimmy Page on an empty red-carpeted spiral staircase, backstage at some big event," says local solo artist Bridget Brigitte, "and our eyes locked in one of those 'I wish this would last forever' moments and then...'

And then?

'Dreams get smoky," she says with a smile.

She holds a Ph.D. in French and comparative humanities. When she's not composing for the 12-string guitar, piano, and harp, Bridget keeps busy as vice president of the Asian-American Repertory Theatre, running the record label Bionic Sisters, and publishing poetry in such literary journals as the G.W. Review.

TRICKIEST MUSICAL PROBLEM PLAYING

"Forgetting. If it's not my pick, it's the capo. If it's not the capo, it's my guitar strap. If it's not the guitar strap, it's the cable. If it's not the guitar cable, it's the irreplaceable power cable for the keyboards. If I could give my brain a tuneup

LIST OF INSTRUMENTS/EQUIPMENT?

"Varies. Mostly two 12-string electric-acoustic guitars. Sometimes my Jimmy Page burgundy double-neck Gibson. If I have my way, a concert grand piano, but I'm usually stuck with my trusty Roland 88 weighted keyboard with only three sounds. A delicious Ampeg bass amp. Crate guitar amp with pedal. Microphones are usually used with accompanying musicians on cello, violin, congas, percussion, drums, hambone, vocals, etc. I never shy away from simple 'me and my guitar' shows either.'

TOP FIVE FLICKS?

1. The Incredibles. "It's fluff, I know, but funny. The women are as strong as the men, and they

don't die at the end." 2. House of Flying Daggers. "It's a beautiful martial arts film featuring a bunch of strong, deadly women, and the rival teams are not men against men, but men against women. And the women

3. Amelie. "Give me a French film any day of the week. While a gorgeous woman is at the center of this story, it's not about sex, or sex appeal, or her relationships. It's a light tale about her conscious role in mending some other people's love

4. This Is Spinal Tap. "There is nothing like dry British humor.'

5. Thelma and Louise. "Minus the fact that they die at the end.'

BEST BRUSH WITH SOMEONE FAMOUS?

"At a dinner with Maria Shriver. It was fun hearing her talk about how she loves Target since it's the only store where she can find everything. This was after talking about her book Ten Things mean, it was nice to see she's human.'



Bridget Brigitte

WORST BRUSH WITH SOMEONE FAMOUS?

"Aerosmith's drummer Joey Kramer...although the band sometimes looks like drugged-up robots behind the unstoppable and energetic Steven Tyler and Joe Perry, I thought maybe they'd be human...I attempted a conversation, but when he figured out I actually wanted to talk music and was not trying to sleep with him, he looked at me as if I were five million other people...ants might be the better word...that exasperated

WEIRDEST GIG?

"I played a big Body/Mind/Spirit festival in Oregon...you know, crystals, massages, yoga...so my favorite booth was of course the organic chocolate one where I'd casually walk by and keep consuming the chili chocolates set out for tasting. I got up to play and my voice had accidentally become a whisper because of all the fiery chili...I faked my way through some instrumentals, and luckily sound returned to my pipes. Beware the chili chocolates! Just eat them a day before the show." ■



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Bad Religion [297]: House of Blues, Saturday, June 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Rick Springfield [581]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 4, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

MONDAY

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.

TUESDAY

Bad Religion [297]: House of Blues, Tuesday, June 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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JUNE

Tegan and Sara: House of Blues, Thursday, June 9, 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.

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.

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Lhasa: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, June 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

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.

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REO Speedwagon [587]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 17, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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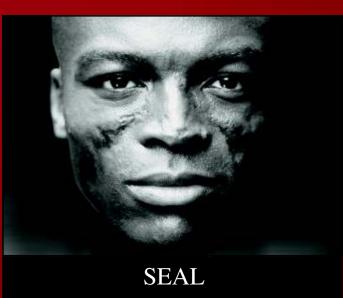


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Luciano [732]: House of Blues. Tuesday, June 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497

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Merle Haggard [783]: House of Blues, Wednesday, June 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

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.

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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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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.

Billy Idol: House of Blues, Friday, July 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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 Coordinates by the Bay, Friday, July 8, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons [628]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Billy Corgan: Soma, Monday, July 11, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

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Alanis Morissette [228]: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, July 15, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown.

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

The Alkaline Trio [345]: Soma. Saturday, July 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Ray Lamontagne: House of Blues, Saturday, July 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Ja Rule: House of Blues, Sunday, July 17, 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.

Ted Nugent: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

Rusted Root: House of Blues, Thursday, July 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

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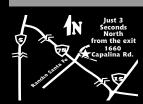
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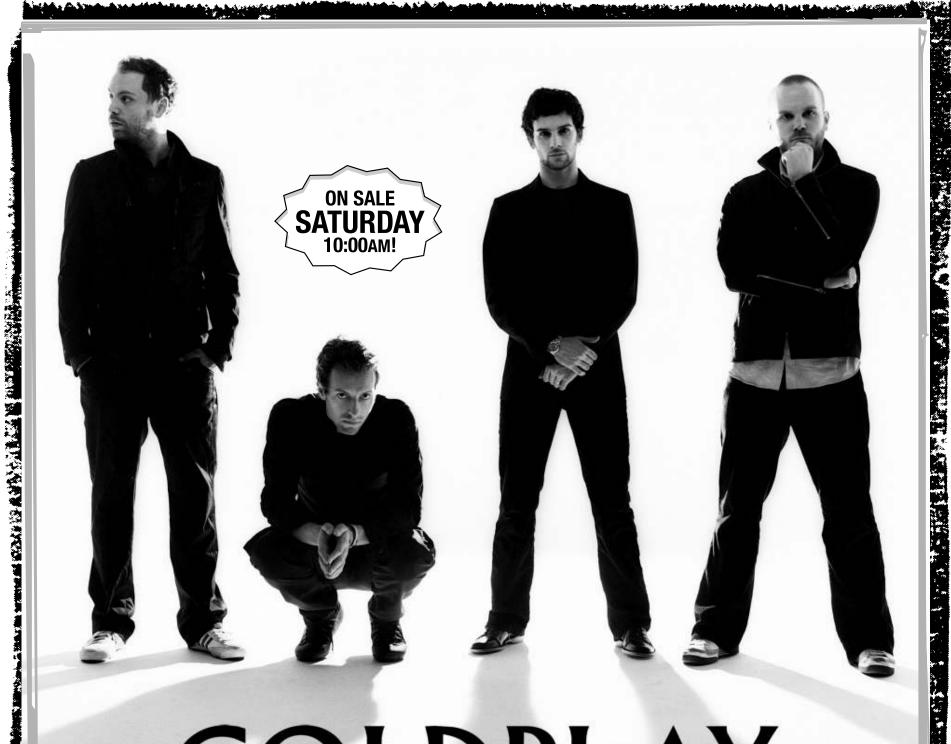
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Hank Williams Jr. [771]: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Tuesday, August 2, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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.

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Big Head Todd: House of Blues, Sunday, August 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

Amv Grant [613]: Vieias 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.,



BY DAVE GOOD

We were at dinner the other night when a tribute to the late Hunter Thompson began to form in a room next door. I sat next to a young man who planned to read from Thompson's regrettable novel The Rum Diary. The best part of the evening? A film clip of Thompson made years ago that showed him rambling on about the bad politicos of his generation: Reagan, Bush, and Oliver North among them. I wondered if Thompson owned any Tom Paxton records in his lifetime. Perhaps a bit light for the gonzo journalist's tastes; he was said to favor garage rock by acts like the Yardbirds and Doug Sahm. But at the heart, Paxton and Thompson shared a similar fear and loathing for corrupt governments and cheap lawmakers: "Five judges selected the President," sang Paxton of the

2000 presidential election. "Five judges had their way / And I expect they'll all retire / To Florida someday.

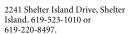
Paxton called John Ashcroft a boob in song once. He calls Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson the American Taliban. But his vitriol is generally sweet. Paxton's music is classroom simple and faithful to the rhyme, no matter how caustic the words may be. It wouldn't surprise me to find that he gave Mr. Rogers singing lessons. Paxton's been

around a long time. A school-aged Arlo Guthrie used to go see him perform in Greenwich Village. "I think," Nanci Griffith once said, "we are all born singing Tom Paxton songs.

She may be right — he recorded a lot of stuff for kids. He hints that he might blend some new songs with the old during his appearance here, which may number among his last. After 34 albums, the Grammy nomi-

TOM PAXTON nee is starting to slow down. He e-mails me that he "just did five concerts in four states with Anne Hills. Pooped. I truly cannot do that stuff anymore." He says he will lay off touring after January. "Not retiring," he says, "though it'll look a lot like it."

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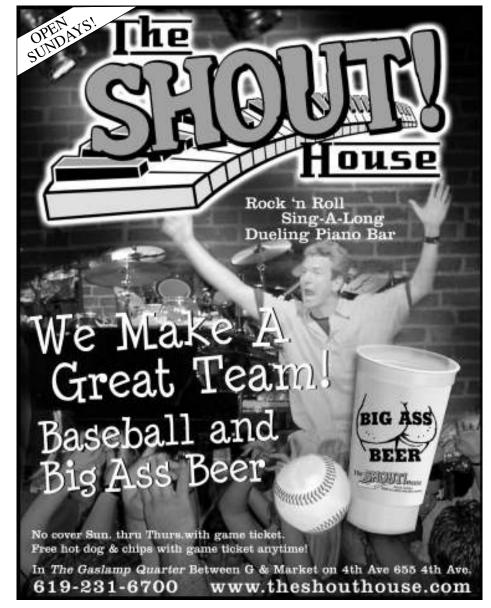
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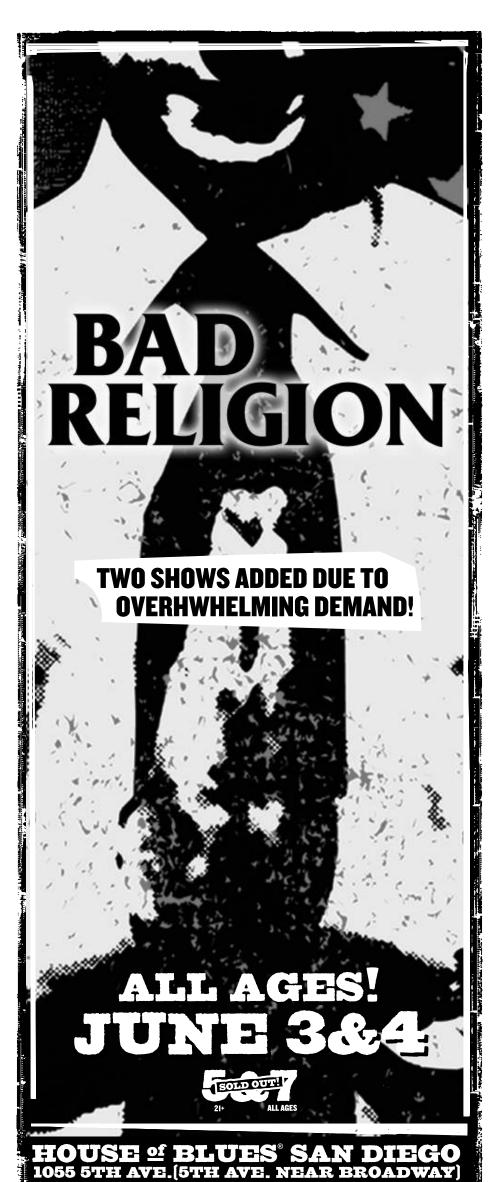
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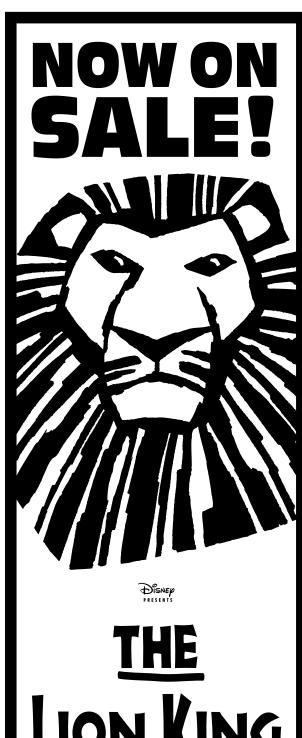
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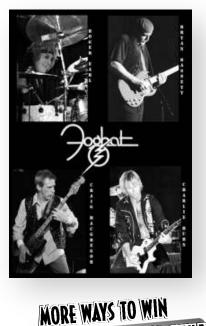
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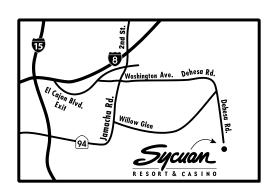
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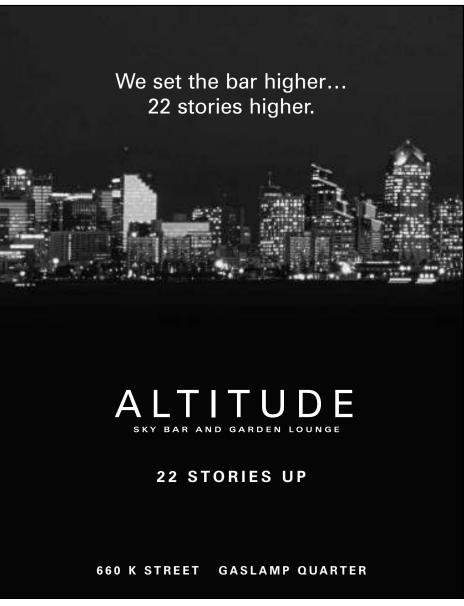
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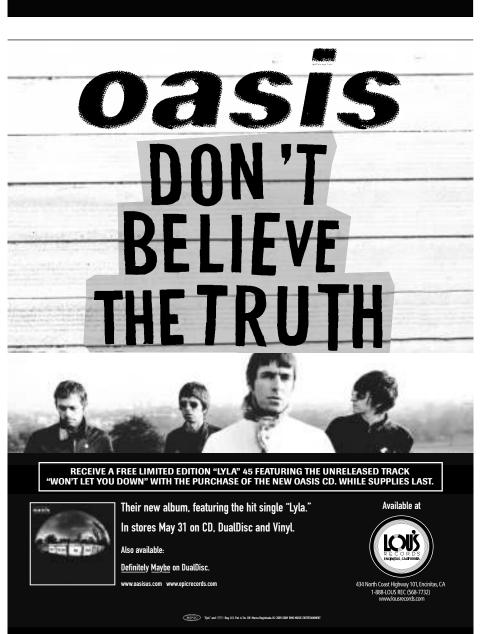
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Natural Selection: The Metaphor

Night Shift: Woody's Sports Bar

Pale Black: Second Wind (Santee)

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

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The Screaming Yeehaws: The Kensington Club

Serious Guise: Second Wind (San

Shakedown: Hennessey's Tavern

The Shotgun Wedding Quintet:

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The Stilettos: McP's Irish Pub and

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Undecided: McP's Irish Pub and

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Zone 4 [499]: Second Wind (San

EXTENSION 4004

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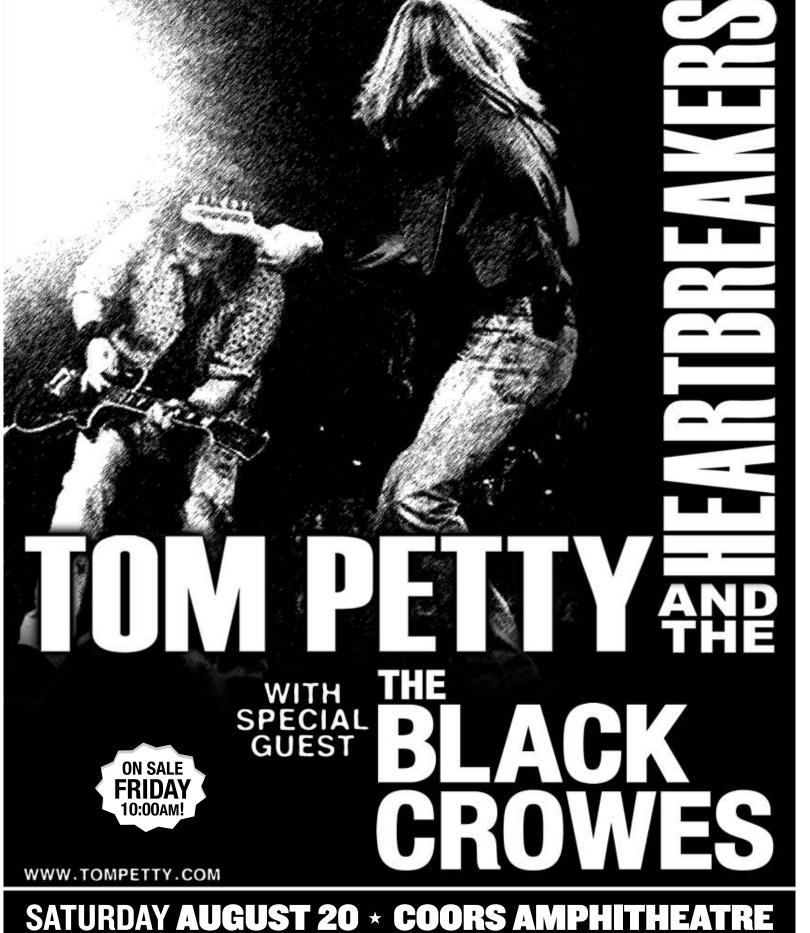
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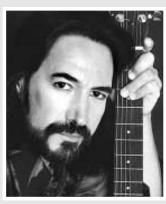
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JAZZ / BIG BAND

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The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Bourbon Street Jazz Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

The Sacha Boutros Quartet:

Pasquale on Prospect

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe

John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet:

Bruce Cameron: Aurora Trattoria Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Joey Carano: Turquoise Cafe

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American

The David Patrone Quartet [647]:

Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze Dora Hall: Aurora Trattoria

The High Society Jazz Band: The

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del

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]:

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrev

Nice & Easy: The Metaphor

Nova: Aurora Trattoria

The Old Town Jazz Band: The

Sue Palmer [641]: Martini's Bar &

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel Sambajazz: Scalini Restaurant

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Coyote Bar and

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Along with their 2004 album Satanic Panic in the Attic, the Athens, Georgia, band Of Montreal included a bonus disc of cover versions that reveals a lot. Although Of Montreal has strong ties to the Elephant 6 collective, their choices show little of the 1960s fixation for which most of their peers are famous. Instead, Of Montreal picked contemporary indie acts, from the famous (the Shins) to the obscure (V-Twin). And all get the full Of Montreal treatment...which is to say they all come out sounding like Brian Wilson's Smile played at 78 rpm. That makes for some strange transformations: Broadcast's original "Colour Me In" derives its strength from its contrast between a sweet lullaby vocal melody and a darkly atmospheric instrumentrack, but Montreal's version is so sunny that it just sounds like a children's song.

As you might expect from a band that has put out a lot of releases on a record label called Kindercore, a childish spirit permeates just about everything Of Montreal does. Bandleader Kevin Barnes has a boyishly high voice, and apparently a childlike need to play with every

instrument that comes his way and stuff it into every arrangement. And like a kid with more energy than patience, these arrangements race by at brisk tempos, with many sudden shifts. But this is also a band that sings about being "lost in lysergic bliss." so this is not the Barney show. Instead, the



result is a kind of kiddie drug music or druggy kid music. And that's why, lurking behind all Of Montreal's happy circus music, there's something disturbing.

OF MONTREAL, Ché Café, Saturday, June 4, 8 p.m. 858-534-2311. \$7.

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon

Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado

The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]:

Vintage Vegas: Martini's Bar &

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REGGAE / SKA

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Diego Roots: The Blvd. (San

Majek Fashek & the Prisoner of Conscience: Belly Up Tavern

Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels:

The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote

NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Thicker Than Thieves [200]: Belly

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Greg Laswell: Lestat's Coffee House Jim Moore: McP's Irish Pub and

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Tommy Price: Island Sports &

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Shea Stratton: O'Connell's Pub and

Peter Thurston: Lestat's Coffee

Michael Tiernan: Omni Hotel

Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and

Cory Wilkins: O'Connell's Pub and

Alex Woodard: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II

The Blue Aces: Lael's Restaurant

Blue 44: Lestat's Coffee House Blue Rockit [955]: Island Sports &

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken The Blues Invaders: Pal Joey's

The Blues Pharaohs: Coyote Bar and Grill

Tommy Budd: Island Sports &

The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken

Dave Camp Blues: Patrick's II Chet & the Committee: Etta's

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Chateau Orleans

The Detroit Underground: Dick's

Family Style: Patrick's II

The Fremonts [923]: Patrick's II

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: 's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Fred Heath & the Slidewinders:

Robin Henkel [914]: Coyote Bar

The Hoodoo Blues Band: Tiki

L.A. Jones: Patrick's II Jump Jones: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]:

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken

Nite Life [934]: Tio Leo's Lounge

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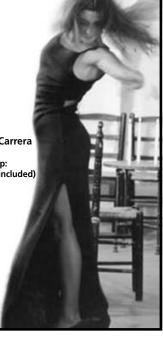
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One Nation: Second Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

Plum Loco Saloon: Thursdays, Latin Night with DJ Rick La Voz. Fridays, hip-hop with DJ Lenny. Saturdays, old skool and hip-hop with DJ Rick La Voz. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 2511 Sweetwater Road, National City. 619-475-7313.

Pnutz & Collagey: Wednesdays, party hip-hop, loungey downtempo, and dancehall. The Morena Club, 1319 Morena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-275-4431.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins hip-hop, reggae, and Latin. Fridays, Club Fandango, DJs Tito G, Lucho, and Chilaquil spin hop-hop, reggaeton, and salsa. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, R&B, and retro. Sundays, guest DJs spin Latin dance. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, hiphop. Fridays and Saturdays, house. Sundays, Sunday Night Shakedown with DJs Jersan and Beatnik. Tuesdays, Step, house music with DJs Red Sonya and J-Be. Wednesdays, Relax, '70s and '80s funk. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-2838.

Rock My Soul: Mondays, fresh beats with DJ Shoeshine and Little Brother. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-284-2848.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163, Hillcrest. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Sanctuary Sundays: House, hiphop, and Latin dance with DJs Xcite, Moreno, and Puga, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.;

no cover. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

Soul Lounge: Wednesdays, DJ Kutfather and Groove set the mood with R&B, hip-hop, and soul muzik. First Wednesday of the month, Old Skool Wednesday, 9 p.m. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

subLIFE: First and third Fridays of the month, DJs Chronick and Chris Two Four with Voz Frontera. Deep/funky house. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

Suspiria: Wednesdays, dark '70s and '80s rock and dancepunk, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, electro, and gothic with DJs Bryan Pollard, Darkman, and DarkAngel. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

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.

Urge: Thursdays, house music. Rich's Nightclub, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-295-2195.

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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., Majek Fashek & the Prisoner of Conscience and Thicker Than Thieves, reggae/ska. Friday, 9 p.m., Swing Out Sister and Kinnie Star. Saturday, 9 p.m., Nina Hagen. Wednesday, 8 p.m., the Mar Dels, pop/Top 40.

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., Steve White, blues, 9 p.m., Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels, Diego Roots, and the Bredren, reggae. Monday, rock. Wednesday, country.

Boars Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Liquid Blue*, pop rock.



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Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Triple X*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live blues/jazz/reggae nightly.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Crossroads*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Boneyard, rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Robin Henkel, blues. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Blues Pharaohs, 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 Jerry McCann Band, reggae, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Red Lane, rock.

Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Performances are on the patio. Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Stars on the Water*, Jimmy Buffet cover band. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Geese in the Bog*, Irish folk

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *60ne9*, classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern

(Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *the* New Breed Band, jazz/pop.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe,

5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-4717778. Music is alternative/heavy rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Truckless and the Wild Ones. Friday, 9 p.m., Erase the Day, Shadow Drop, Relic, and Attic of Love. Saturday, 6 p.m., Muff, Breaking Ground, Hattrick, Flat Foot 56, and the Rat City Riot. Sunday, 7 p.m., Off Track, FM Revolver, Spiraling, Chagrin, and Thin Will. Wednesday, Apnea, Contortion, and Broken Foundation.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues. Friday, Bill Magee Blues. Saturday, Plato Soul. Sunday, Blues Brokers, blues. Monday, the Charles Burton Blues Band

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., the Gore-gons, the Blank Sets, and Misled, alternative.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic 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, 7 p.m., the Old Town Jazz Band. Friday, 8 p.m., Social Green, Lights & Sirens, and High Tide, rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., Natural Selection and Foreign Emminence, rock and roll. Sunday, 2 p.m., open mike. Monday, 6:30 p.m., the Bourbon Street Jazz Band. Tuesday, 7 p.m., Nice & Easy, swing.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Saturday, live music

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.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Thursday,



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Album name: Paraphernalia (2004)

Artist: The Loons Label: UT Records

Songs: 1) Sweet Turns to Sour 2) Follow the Rain Down 3) Falsehood 4) Some Kind of Asylum 5) The Ghost of the Grey House 6) Turned to Stone 7) The Search 8) Craig Smith? 9) Getting Bitter 10) Another Life

Price/Where Available: www.ugly-things.com for \$14.50 (includes shipping and handling)

Names of band members: Mike Stax (lead vocals), Anja Bungert (bass), Marc Schroeder (guitar), Chris Marsteller (guitar), Mike Kamoo (drums)

Extra Info: Formed in San Diego in 1995, the Loons are launching their second album with a European tour. The tour began in London last month and continues with dates in Paris, France, and Germany

Website: www.ugly-things.com

The second release from the Loons introduces the full scope of their sound: Beatlesque vibes reincarnated in the form of post-punk

fervency.

With hard rockers, alternative folk ballads, and retro pop hooks, the disc is reminiscent of Kinks rock operas

of the late '60s. "Turned to Stone" and "Sweet Turns to Sour" capture the same kind of force, with the emphasis on the innovative use of feedback and vintage instrumentation. The lyricism does fall short due to simplicity and repetition. Take these lines from "Falsehood": "Watch what they say / they're standin' in your way / they're gonna make you pay / make the change today / pick the locks on your chosen cage / ain't it time to change." The biggest downfall is a lack of complexity. Still, the band pulls it off well, with each cut crafted into a well-performed singalong.

The voice of front man Mike Stax is indistinguishable from other indie vocalists, but he does hit a groove as he shuffles over the album's most memorable line, "Exploding jasmine seeds become our fantasy." The ballad "Follow the Rain" includes a back-



Mike Stax, Anja Bungert

ground melody line that suggests a facet of complexity to the Loons' sound.

The disc's most striking aspect is the excellent fusion of psychedelic rock with pop. The album never abandons the New Wave and British Invasion influences sharpened with ambitious melodies and indie attitude.

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Silent Type and Elvis in Chains, alternative/rock. Friday and Saturday, the Wild Ones. 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.

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

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Saturday, *Nihilist, the Daggers*, and *Detonated*, rock/alternative.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Cash'd Out* and *the* West Coast Pin-Ups, country. 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.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock.

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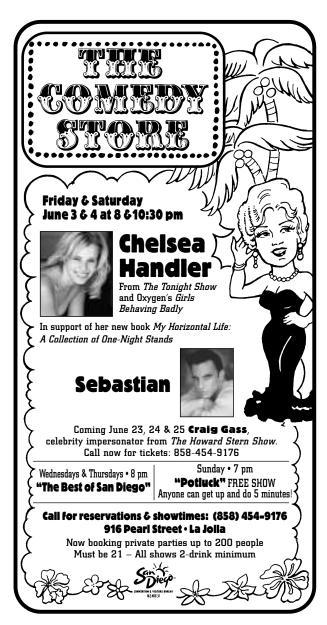
Aurora Trattoria, 1025 Prospect Street #250, La Jolla. 858-551-8554. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Bradley Leighton and Dora Hall, jazz standards and contemporary. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., Nova, Latin jazz/flamenco. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Bruce Cameron, jazz/Latin.

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West Vacation Road, Pacific Beach. 858-274-4630. Live music, call club for information.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, CDM, Forever Unscene, and Slab. Friday, Tubby Deadline Friday, and Dave Tamkin Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Jesse & the Fools, 9 p.m., Di, Wick, Media Backlash, Jell, and Last Minute. Sunday, call club for information. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, Carbine. Wednesday, Release the Elephants.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780, Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Fat Camp, Jack the Original, Ricksha, and Late Night Drive. Friday, Cantina and Reaganomics. Saturday, Dead Man's Party, Oingo Boingo tribute band, also, the Shotgun Wedding Quintet. Sunday, the Antiques, Clockwork Army, Suckerfish, and Rock Dirty Raw. Wednesday, Sound of Urchin, Shaggin Wagon, Thriving Ivory, and Spoken

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, Quebb. Friday, Right Above the Platypus and Core. Saturday, G Lounge. Sunday, Brandon Silveira, country.

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 Wednesday, live jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456 7625. Friday, Jake and Midnight Till

12. Saturday, Ivyl Vinyl and Epileptic

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Shakedown*, pop rock. Saturday, NZ Rough, reggae

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma, 619-224-2272, Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Ratz Pack, American classics. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Salvador & Cesar, opera.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Barry Levich, jazz, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Rick

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.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Call club for

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, the Sacha Boutros Quartet, jazz.

Sam's by the Sea, 4315 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-270-6850. Saturday, 9 p.m., Jody Foster's Army, the Gizzards, and the Drunkin Punkin Idiots, hardcore punk rock.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, Brain Buckit, rock. Saturday, the Hoodoo Blues Band. Sunday, Jimmy Lewis, acoustic. Wednesday, the Debi Graham Band.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Thursday, *Amelia Browning, Joey* Carano, and Danny Weller, jazz. 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

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822.

Thursday, Israel Maldonado Band, Latin rock. Friday, Vegitation, reggae. Saturday, Dive Bomber, Honey Bucket, Rap Bastardz, and d.fRost, alternative/rock. Sunday, 145th St. Deluxe Blues Band. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Tuesday, Kumba Dawa, world beat. Wednesday, Aphrodisia.

SAN DIEGO

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*

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*.

Blarnev 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, Fail for Fun, Dying Wish, and Worth Every Scar. Friday, Eve White/Eve Black, Revenge Club, Machine's Agenda, and Red Light Runner. Saturday, Meatshits, Mummification, Damnation Epicedium, and Severed. Sunday, Kicking K8, Tempernoi, Malachi Crunch, Mother Mae I, Reward Drive System, and BPB. Monday, Vs. the World, C24C, Monsters Are Waiting, and Forever & Fall. Tuesday, the Vacation, Nervous Return, and the Frantic. Wednesday, Juliet Dagger and Genial.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday. This Day & Age, June, Long Live Logos, A Midday Atlantic, and Your Little Secret. Friday, Terror, Comeback Kid,





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Modern Life Is War, Sinai Beach, and Last Priest. Wednesday, Eisley, Lovedrug, and Pilot Drift.

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, *Billy Watson*,

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, Fischerspooner and West Indian Girl. Friday and Saturday, Bad Religion, alternative. Wednesday,

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Live music nightly, call club for information.

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.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Friday, Thirsty and the Dissimilars. Saturday, the Kissfits, Hell on Heels, and the Screaming Yeehaws.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, Peter Thurston, folk. Friday, 9 p.m., the Emerson Band, alternative, and Greg Laswell, folk. Saturday, Gregory Page, acoustic. Sunday, Blue 44, blues/jazz. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, blues

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Music is rock/alternative. Friday, *Tap Water*, Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Murder of Crows* and *Cory Wilkins*. Monday, 8:30 p.m., the Ruined. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Siren's Lure, James Hurley, and Shea Stratton

Omni Hotel, 675 L Street, San Diego. 619-231-6664. Saturday, *Michael Tiernan*, acoustic folk.

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, *the Blues Invaders*, 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.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday, Mike Ruggarillo, acoustic/folk. Friday, Serious Guise, classic rock. Saturday, Zone 4, classic rock. Tuesday, J.J. Slude blues

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Friday, *Authority Zero, Spell Toronto*, and *Grandview*, alternative/rock.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, Jump Jones, blues/swing. Friday, Nite Life, blues. Saturday, Ritmo Caliente, salsa. Monday, tango. Tuesday, xydeco. Wednesday, 7 p.m., the High Society Jazz Band.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Capriccio String Quartet*, classical music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Live acoustic/folk music. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Chris Carpenter. Friday, 7:30 p.m., Roy Ruiz Clayton, Alex Esther, Davida, Keri Highland, and Sam Bybee. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Curtis Peoples, Krister Axel, Michele Rae Shipp, Dave's Son, Kai Brown, and Alex Woodard.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park.



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MUSIC ➤ rock, blues, jazz, alternative, hip-hop, R&B

SPECIAL NIGHTS ➤

Sunday–Tuesday, karaoke; Wednesday, DJ; Thursday–Saturday, live band

CLIENTELE ➤ 21 and up; average

age mid-30s (range of ages, early 20s to late 70s); mostly couples, 60 percent male; 60 percent Caucasian, 20 percent African-American, 10 percent Latino, 10 percent Asian COVER ➤ none (bartender told me one might be implemented in the future because "...the fire marshal keeps giving all these clubs around here a hard time")

HOURS ➤ 6:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. daily **DRINKS** ➤ happy hour 4–7 p.m. daily (\$2.25 wells and domestic beers); nothing on tap, but 20 bottles (imports \$3 during happy hour)

FOOD ➤ only during happy hour

(and it's free, usually something like nachos); during Monday Night Football, they have pot roast and hot dogs; noon Friday pot luck (\$3 donation with purchase of a beverage); lots of restaurants in the area

ACCESS ➤ west of the I-5 in Carlsbad Village; large parking lot with enough spaces for everyone (bus stops nearby)

DRESS ➤ casual (even though it's near the beach, shirt and shoes required); a lot of leather jackets, a few Hawaiian shirts, a few polo shirts, a few sweaters, a few striped shirts, and a few T-shirts ("Pink Floyd," "Bebe," and "Marines")

DANCE FLOOR ➤ 10' x 25'

BATHROOMS ➤ men's had one urinal and one stall (next to each other with no partition...when door opens people in hallway can see

inside), a condom machine, and towel dispenser (with graffiti scratched into it); women's had two stalls, graffiti-free; both were clean and had one sink; when you open door, it's easy to hit someone walking through the narrow hallway CAPACITY > 120

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ smoking area on the side, which is covered; only three tables, but 40 people out there

FURNISHINGS > 35 seats at the bar, all with a view of the stage, eight small tables, a few booths, ledges all around (including over the stage) with plants, six TVs, carpeted floors, mirrored walls in the back, an ATM outside, and dimly lit with candles on each table DECIBEL LEVEL > 111 when band did a cover of "Jenny Jenny"; 120 when the house music was

WEIRDEST BAND NAME ➤ the Love Rangers

QUOTABLE > "I love the bass in this song. I think unless you are playing dance music, a bass player isn't even necessary."

I was talking to the bouncer at the door, asking him why it's only the Love Rangers I ever see playing here. He told me, "They are our house band. We have other bands on nights they can't make it. Or, on New Year's Eve, we have a few different bands."

As we were talking, three drunk girls tried getting into the club. They didn't have IDs on them and were getting loud. A different bouncer came over and talked to them; they left without any incident.

When I made it inside, I was impressed by the band. They did a good mix of covers and originals. One song mixed in the "Me so horny" line from *Full Metal Jacket* (which has been used in countless rap songs).

There were a few couples dancing, but I was surprised that more people made it onto the dance floor when the band took a break and the house music came on. It could've been because it was so much louder, which made it harder to talk.

– Josh Board

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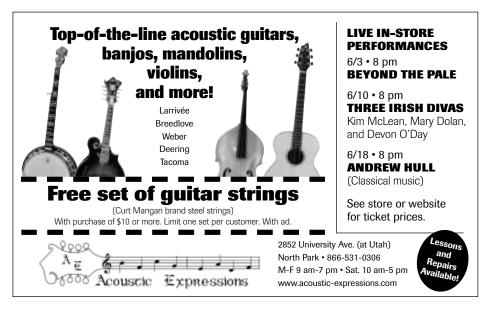
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Art on Rice

As every good chef — and good mom — knows, we eat with our eyes. Food is both a visual art and the artful combination of flavors. In traditional sushi, the visuals are vital. Sushi isn't raw fish, but art on rice — literally, edible sculpture. Drawing on discipline, talent, and creativity, a well-schooled sushi master makes art, from the finely proportioned geometric abstracts of nigiri (plain rice rolls), to the fanciful creatures, bouquets, and landscapes of elaborate "party rolls." It's an evanescent beauty, demolished in two bites (food for Buddhist meditation).

What separates Samurai (and last week's Nobu) from run-of-the-mill neighborhood sushi bars are their classically trained sushi chefs, who are mindful of this vanishing art of the nosh. Samurai is tucked like a jewel into a corner of a mall, the Japanese fountain at its entrance demarcating a world apart from the realm of cars endlessly parking, parked, and debarking. The interior is divided into several rooms. A spirits bar in red and black looks very Vegas. A Teppan room includes several mini-bars surrounding flat, electric-powered Japanese grills, where chefs cut and sizzle their patrons' chosen entrées. In the three private Tatami rooms, groups sit on straw floor mats to enjoy traditional multicourse Kaiseke dinners.

The main dining room greets you with a vivid samurai banner and a maze of booths; wooden barriers create a feeling of intimacy at each table. The sushi bar runs along two walls and is reputedly the longest in California, seating 50 and attended by as many as 12 chefs at a time. Mural-size reproductions of Hokkusai paintings decorate the walls (Mt. Fuji here, a Hokkaido Island "surf's up!" seascape there). Over the bar, scores of paper lanterns float, inscribed with graffiti inked by gratified patrons.

We arrived at 6:00 on a Monday night to beat the crowd; by 6:30 six chefs worked the bar as the regulars poured in — a family crowd similar to that at Nobu. We received a warm, damp washcloth and two bowls of nibbles: fresh, wellsalted edamame (boiled soybeans) and a cabbage-carrot salad swamped in mayo. The washcloths and free snacks are among the indications of a top-class traditional sushi bar.

Our chef, Ken, was in his late twenties, already deft and swift. The uni was superb -



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clean-tasting, with a melt-in-the-mouth texture — and the seasoned rice was balanced between sweet, sharp, and neutral. A spicy scallop hand roll, constructed in a flash, was only gently spicy but beautifully composed, wrapped

in freshly toasted seaweed as crisp as a cracker. Toro (bluefin belly, at \$10 market price) was a wow fatty and silken, with crosshatched scoring on the meat and a smear of wasabi atop the rice.

Two large, wiggling freshwater shrimps, one in each of chef Ken's fists, auditioned for our de rigueur ama ebi of the evening. Swinging a metaphorical samurai sword. Ken turned away to decapitate them, then served the bodies nude atop nigiri touched with a little lemon juice, with a ramekin of fierce ponzu sauce for dipping. He held up two disembodied heads. "These are not your shrimps," he said. "We have extra heads from people who order the shrimp cooked. Do you want fried, or do you want soup?" "Can we have both?" we asked. In the first treatment, Ken split the heads in half, then stuffed them with

spicy tuna dotted with fresh red pepper. They were then flash-fried and draped over more moist meat extracted from the head-shells. Since the shrimp were large, their shells were thicker than usual, a good reason to split them. "I invented

this," said Ken, as he handed us the grand finale: shrimp heads REVIEW simmered with manila clams and ribbons of softened nori (seaweed) in a delicious miso broth.

Hurrah for three courses of two-headed shrimp! We felt obliged to try one "fancy roll" and, based on its name, chose the Samurai Special Roll, an inside-out roll of rice sprinkled with

sesame seeds, surrounding a sheet of nori filled with salmon, cucumber, imitation crab, avocado, and — aagh! — cream cheese. Sorry, Philly goes fine with lox on a bagel, not with sake (salmon) on rice.

Meanwhile, chef Ken and a colleague were creating striking seafood arrangements for a couple a few seats down. These customers were enjoying an omakase ("chef's mercy") on the theme of scallops. One plate that Ken passed

Samurai Japanese Restaurant

★★★¹/₂ (excellent to extraordinary) sushi menu: ★★ (good)

Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032, www.samuraijapanese

HOURS: Monday-Friday, lunch 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; dinner seven nights, 5:00-10:00 p.m., until 10:30 weekends.

PRICES: Appetizers \$6.50–\$15; sushi \$1–\$15; sashimi platters \$16-\$46; dinner entrées \$12-\$33 (less at lunch). Teppan room grilled entrées \$16-\$43.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Pristine, creative Japanese sushi and sashimi made from neverfrozen seafood; standard Japanese restaurant menu. Full bar including Japanese and West-

PICK HITS: Sushi — your choice or chef's

NEED TO KNOW: Sushi bar seats 50, but it's still best to arrive before $6:00~\mathrm{p.m.}$ or after $8:00~\mathrm{p.m.}$ Tatami Room offers Kaiseke (prix-fixe) dinners for groups of 4 to 14: reservations required 24~hoursahead, menus at \$60–\$100 per person. For Teppan room, reserve (especially for weekends), two-person minimum. Banquet room seats up to 20.

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along the bar looked like a Cartier jewelry ad, all onyx-black nori, white rice, pearly scallops, and glistening iet beads of masago (smelt roe). I didn't just want to eat it, I wanted to wear it.

We were too sated to continue (that accursed cream cheese is so filling!) but managed a few last bites when we each received half an orange, hollowed out and refilled with a swirl of chilled fresh orange sections and kiwi slices. We swore we'd come back soon to fling ourselves on our chef's mercy.



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When we returned at lunchtime, chef Ken was working in the back, probably helping itamae (head sushi chef) Makoto Ishihara sort through a delivery of fresh fish. When we specifically asked for him. Ken must have ducked into a phone booth, because he soon exploded out (ta-da!) in his sushi chef costume. We told him that we'd admired his scallop compositions on our previous visit and would like three or four beautiful dishes — his choice.

He placed a large clamshell in the center of a plate, lined it with lemon slices, and topped them with strips of giant clam (mirugai). Then he sliced ocean scallops, slit their edges into fringes, and arranged them along one-half of the dish's edge. He sprinkled the seafood with masago and — off to the other side arranged a mound of daikon shreds and dark romaine leaves. It was a sparkling combination, playing the briny, chewy clams and crunchy roe and salad off the sweet slickness of the scallops.

Ken repeated the twoheaded *ama ebi* but this time made it even nicer. He presented one shrimp, butterflied tail-on, stuffed into a hollow lemon shell, as though the living shrimp had dived inside. He sprinkled orange tobiko over the other two bodies set on the *nigiri* rice cakes. He gave the fried heads a squirt of a delicious sweet-hot mustard sauce, then decorated the plate with flowers carved of lemon and scattered with red sesame seeds. The same soup was served, but in two bowls with two spoons (versus one of each the previous meal).

Next, he produced tender fillets of sheepshead fish (a relative of sculpin), marinated in sweet miso sauce, then broiled until just translucent. He topped the fillets with raw kaiware (daikon) sprouts, crunchy seaweed, and sautéed shiitake strips, the latter's texture reminiscent of scallops. Ken magicked up a handful of bright-red, flash-fried tiny whole sand crabs, and scattered them over the plate. "Eat them whole," he told us. Their crunchy texture and subtle taste resembled Champagne crackers. To finish? Ken and I simultaneously asked, "*Uni*?" This time he gave us a doublehigh load of the luscious urchin.

Duty required me to try a full dinner from the menu. A secret truth: I'm crazy for sushi but tepid about Japanese cookie-cutter restaurant dinners. But dine we did. Full meals include salad (mostly iceberg) in a spicy ginger dressing, the house miso soup (served plain, sans clams and shrimp heads), plus steamed rice and veggies. Keep these extras in mind when you order, because the appetizer plates are more than generous.

Samurai's kitchen staff includes two chefs specifically in charge of making dim sum (little bites that originated in China, e.g., pot stickers and egg rolls). Our order of shumai (steamed crab dumplings) was huge — ten little wraps, the same quantity you'd get in a frozen-food package from Trader Joe's, and enough to take two nibblers halfway through the Super Bowl. They were pleasant, if ordinary, and

came with a thick, tasty soybased dipping sauce. An appetizer of chicken yakitori (also available as an entrée) offered standard white-meat cubes brushed with sweet teriyaki sauce and grilled on skewers.

The cooked entrée list runs to the usual suspects. Our deep-fried dishes tasted very much like those we'd eaten at Nobu Restaurant, for good reason: Nobu used to be Samurai's head chef, supervising the current chef. His influence remains — at both restaurants, tempura are thickly battered and tonkatsu (pork cutlets) are heavily breaded. The frying medium is cottonseed oil, which has a near-neutral flavor that, to my palate, tastes greasy.

The main reason to go to Samurai is for sushi — done "the old-fashioned way" by chefs rigorously trained in Japan. The downside of sushi bars multiplying into neighborhood-pub equivalents is that the sushi can slide into just another type of pub grub. When you're chomping up your zillionth California rollvariation at the corner bar. where a local-born, locally trained journeyman presides, it's easy to forget that this food genre has a keen aesthetic base. Samurai also offers a "neighborhood family scene," but here the chefs (and patrons) know what sushi should be. Along with Kabuto, Nobu, and Ota, this is one of the county's

ABOUT SAMURAI

In 1976, Korean-born restaurateur David Song arrived in the US and bought a little coffee shop in Leucadia. Three years later, he closed the cafe and opened Samurai Japanese

Restaurant on Highway 101 in Solana Beach. It was the first sushi restaurant in North County and gained immediate popularity. In 1982, his son Charlie Song, the current owner, joined him at the restaurant, and they worked side by side until David's passing in 1992. Meanwhile, a fire destroyed the original premises in 1986, and Samurai reopened a year later in its current location inland, a block east of the Lomas Santa Fe Drive/Solana Beach freeway exit. "At the old location," says Charlie Song, "we had more people coming in late to drink — a lot of young people, more of a crazy party, more problems. We moved here, and it's a family crowd now. It's better for a quiet dinner.

"Nearly all our sushi chefs are Japanese. Our head chef, Makoto Ishihara, has worked here 23 years. He moved to the US in 1974, I think. He worked in Little Tokyo in L.A., but when he married and wanted to settle somewhere, he moved to San Diego in 1983. He was a young man — now he's 55 years old and talking about retirement. Five more of the sushi chefs have worked here at least 10 years. We have 12 sushi men altogether, five kitchen chefs, and two dim sum chefs. Seven years ago we started hiring from here, and we've started teaching them."

Charlie does have one Korean chef, but he prefers sushi chefs who have a Japanese background, preferably with some initial training in Japan. "The culture is different. A lot of people these days open Japanese restaurants, sushi bars, but those aren't real traditional Japanese restaurants. They're thinking fusion-style. Sushi means shari [pronounced SHAH-dee], the traditional rice with vinegar, sugar, all mixed up in a certain way. Shari with raw fish or other things on top that's sushi. But a lot of people just cook the rice plain, with no seasonings, and put the fish on and then bake it with some sauce on top. It's fish-market style, like oysters Rockefeller, stuff like that. Or a lot of fusion sushi — it's all [party] rolls, you know, 'Sexy Roll,' 'Tootsie Roll,' they make up all the names and you don't know what's in there, but the rice tastes just plain. They use frozen fish and bake it, and it tastes okay, you know. Six or eight pieces each roll, it makes full inside the stomach, but it's not quality. Some places don't even have nigiri (seasoned rice with fish on top) on the

menu — it's all rolls, 12, 15

different rolls." Samurai uses four different seafood purveyors, two with locations in L.A. One is a giant company whose proprietor also owns the Empire State Building; fresh fish arrives from every ocean in the world. Another is a major Japanese fish company, Showa Marine. Its seafood comes from Japan, Hawaii, Pacific, Boston — whatever is fresh and fine. "Our restaurant, we have tuna, halibut, yellowtail, kampache [baby yellowfin tuna] - 80 percent is all fresh fish. We get it airmail, overnight delivery on ice. We cut it and we season it. We pay \$30 or \$40 for toro, we sell it for \$8 or \$10 for two nigiri, but people recognize the quality and don't mind spending the money. We buy local uni from Catalina Offshore Seafood downtown [Morena

district]. They sell 80 percent to Japan, but they let just a few restaurants here buy from them — Nobu, Ota, me."

I asked him about chef Ken. "He's originally from near Tokyo. He was working at a small restaurant in Oceanside. I taste sushi all over San Diego, and I saw he had a lot of skill. I gave him my card, and 'Oh, I heard about Samurai Restaurant! Give me a chance!' So he came here in 2000. He's been learning from my head chef, and he's really good. He's only 27 or 28 years old, part of my young group for the future, five people. He's really doing good."

Although Samurai and Nobu share the same small town, Song feels no rivalry. "Nobu was my head chef and moved with me here after the fire. In '91 his wife's family sponsored him to open his own place. It's traditional in Japanese restaurants, when you're getting older, you want to open your own restaurant and be the boss. He'd been working hard and was already an old man, and I never felt we were in competition. We're still good friends. I go to his restaurant, he comes here. Nobu tutored my chef, Makoto-san. They worked together in L.A. for ten years. Makoto learned a lot from him. In the San Diego area, there are so many Japanese restaurants, but the traditional sushi is mainly Samurai, Nobu, Ota in Pacific Beach, and Kazumi-san in Hillcrest. Kazumi-san worked at Samurai when it first opened, 1979. Ota is a good friend too. He was working at Mr. Sushi in P.B. when we opened. I think that may be all. Everybody else is doing fusion or some kind of mixed style." ■





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ourse, you know I love this. Swap meet. Real people, real stuff. No fancy buildlings, displays, or printed ads, just piles of clothes and garage-sale antiques and pots and pans. Sort of like the markets of old. Medieval,

that's the word. Robin Hood probably wandered through stalls like these, looking for a stool for Maid Marian and keeping a wary eve out for the Sheriff of Nottingham.

I'm here looking for, uh, not so much a stool as that easy chair I promised Carla about a year

ago. I saw this place at the South Bay Drive-In while on the 933. Pulled the cord. Jumped off. Paid a clam to get in. But I'm feeling...lousy, if you must know. Last night I downed one bottle of Miller High Life — okay, the large — and this morning I feel as if I tied one on at the Super Bowl. Never used to happen. Now I've got to line ye olde gut, and soon.

'Yes, there's a place you can get something to eat," says a guy at a used-computer stall. "It's the drive-in snack bar. Blue and white. Look for the portholes and the dolphins.'

I wander along with moms, kids, strollers. Vendors calling out to passers-by lines, nearly all in Spanish, like "¡más barato!" Finally I come to a big awning with tables set out underneath. I get a whiff of smoke. Oh yes. BBQ. Carne asada? A girl stands at this big flaming grill, cooking up a couple dozen carne asada slabs. She flips 'em all over, then puts on 30 or 40 pink hamburger patties. Man. That's a lot of eatin'. The folks at the tables are chowing out of brown cardboard boxes.

> "How do I get one of these burgers?" I ask the gal through the

> She points her spatula towards a building I hadn't noticed. Blue and white, just as the computer guy said. It's curved and has big portholes climbing up the side. It looks like a stranded ship.

But there's no sign, only two small comfort-station notices. "Men" and "Women.

I spy the dolphins now, two of them, a sculpture in the middle of gardens that arc out in a semi-circle from the building. I follow some people through unmarked side doors into — wow. A great big white-walled cafeteria, with customers lined up at a U-shaped center island. Behind the counter, women scribble down the orders.

Menu boards hang on either side. Okay, this is standard fairground-type stuff, but the prices are right. Hamburgers, \$1.75; double, \$2.50. Nachos, \$2.00; corn dogs, two for \$1.50; burritos, the same. Hot dogs, \$1.50; chili cheese dog, \$2.00; bowl of chili, \$1.50; carne asada, \$3.50; carne asada burrito, \$2.50. That's pretty

Except, oh yes. They have one other item:

menudo. Great! It's that soupy tripe mix that all Mexican men believe will cure their hangover. White or red. Doesn't say which is served here. It's only \$1.50 for small, \$3.00 for the large.

When I get to the front of the line, I ask for the small menudo and a burger. That's it. Heck, \$3.25. The girl writes out a number, 89, hands me the slip, and points me 'round to the side.

The food comes in a flap-up box. I add mayo, chopped onions, and relish to the burger, then stride outside and plunk down at a table where a smart-looking pair — a middle-aged man and an older woman — sit eating and nattering. Chris, and his spunky mom Colleen. She's finishing off a plate of nachos, he's chewing a carne asada burrito. Me, I dive into my menudo. It's red. Little polystyrene pot. Lots of onions, cilantro. I squeeze the slice of lemon they

"Want more?" says Colleen. She slides down a lemon wedge.

"Sure. Thanks," I say. And you know what? It's a marvelous menudo. Not too tripey. You don't get that shiver down your gut as you swallow. The soup is rich. The onions are fresh, the cilantro too. Plus I've got two nice steaming-hot corn tortillas wrapped in foil. Good deal.

It's definitely helping my poor head. (Later, inside, I spot the manager, directing operations from his stool. Julian Villalvazo. "Why's the menudo so good?" I ask. "Well, actually, it's canned, Juanita's brand," he says. "But we add fresh onions, cilantro, oregano, red crushed peppers, and lemon. That makes a big difference." So does barbecuing the burger outside. It's served with cheese, lettuce, tomato, all the usual fixin's — but it's the patty's crispy burnt crust and smoky taste that make it, well, a crunching good burger.)

Turns out visiting swap meets is Chris and Colleen's way of getting together and having fun. "Mom took me to my first swap meet in L.A. when I was a kid. We've been going ever since," he says. "It's a treasure hunt every time."

And often, a heckuva bargain. Colleen says you can pick up silk ties for a dollar here, dress shirts for three, good brand-name jackets for five. 'This buckskin jacket I've got on," she says. "I got that for five, I think it was.'

Chris says a lot of the clothing-stall owners buy their stuff from dry cleaners. Left-behind items. "They get it by the pound," he says.

"The secret to doing well here," says Colleen, "is don't come looking for something. You probably won't find it. Just be ready for opportunities.'

"But if you're young, or poor, you can furnish your whole house," says Chris.

Uh-oh. Furniture. Ay! Still got to locate Carla's chair. I may not be 21, but poor? I qualify.

I get up. Failure on this mission is not an option. ■

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Phantom Children

"There are no ways of knowing that kids aren't doing these things. This is a preemptive strike."

nless this column is your only source for information about the wine world AND the Supreme Court of the United States, you've probably heard by now that the Supremes recently rolled up their robes and stomped

around a bit in the bizarre field blend that is U.S. alcohol regulatory policy. I curled up with the decision, and a few other fun texts, and had myself a time.

The Court ruled that New York and Michigan were in violation of the Commerce Clause of the Constitution when they en-

acted laws that allowed in-state wineries to ship directly to consumers but required out-of-state wineries either to work through the three-tier distribution system or, in the case of New York, set up a New York-based office — a prohibitively expensive affair. The majority opinion, delivered by Justice Kennedy, concluded that "if a state chooses to allow direct shipment of wine, it must do so on evenhanded terms." Discrimination based on the wineries' being in or out of state was ruled unconstitutional.

This was a victory for the little guy, the small winery that might very well get lost in the everexpanding portfolios of the ever-shrinking number of distributors. The decision noted that "between 1984 and 2002, the number of licensed wholesalers dropped from 1600 to 600," while the number of wineries in the United States has

broken 3000. Small wineries that don't make enough wine (or money) to attract notice from the distributors have found a new marketplace: direct shipment, particularly through the Internet. The ruling again: "From 1994 to 1999,

consumer spending on direct wine shipments doubled, reaching \$500 million per year, or three percent of all wine sales." And that was six years ago. (Of course, the little guy may be making a decidedly unpopulist \$75 Syrah, but if he makes only 400 cases, he remains a little guy for our purposes

here.) It was a blow to the wholesalers, distributors, and retailers who would rather not see their system bypassed.

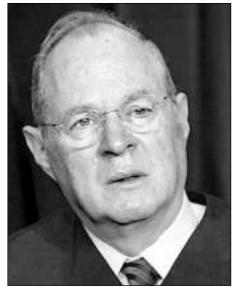
Or maybe not. Justice Kennedy wrote that "the current patchwork of laws — with some states banning direct shipments altogether, others doing so only for out-of-state wines, and still others requiring reciprocity — is essentially the product of an ongoing, low-level trade war." Now that it's an all-or-nothing proposition, the war for the states will heat up. There's still an easy, if expensive, way for the wholesalers to win: lobby each state's legislature to ban direct shipments altogether. Tom Wark's wine blog Fermentations recently posted a lengthy list of contributions from the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers Association to various politicians and political groups during the 2004 election cycle. (Did I mention the list

was long?) It runs to something just shy of a million dollars. About the Association, he wrote that its "most important mission over the past decade has been to prevent wine lovers from being able to buy wine direct from retailers or wineries.

That's not how they put it, of course. Wark also provides the text of some prepared remarks read by WSWA president and CEO Juanita Duggan at the Association's 2005 convention in Orlando. They're worth reproducing here, if only in part: "Let me ask you the same question I asked a roomful of police chiefs in Albuquerque last year: What would you do if you saw a guy parked near a school with his trunk open, putting bottles of alcohol in brown paper bags, and handing them out to kids? Their answer — lock him up, of course. But you can only lock him up if you can find him. And chances are you can't find him if he's selling that same alcohol on the Internet."

She goes on to say that "controlling access to alcohol is our moral obligation.... The issue is one of morality.... It is a stark choice between regulated versus completely unregulated sales of alcohol.... The economics of the sale and distribution of alcohol in the United States derive from our unique moral legacy. It's not sales or margins that are at stake. It's our moral credibility.

Strong words, words that find an echo in the halls of government. Right after the Court's ruling, Nida Samona — head of Michigan's Liquor Control Commission — said she would urge the state's legislature to prohibit all direct sales. She didn't mention money either (though Fermentations made note of her associations with the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association). Like Duggan, she wanted the prohibition because it was the best way to keep the demon wine out of the hands of minors. (As I'm writing this, I'm just finding out that she's backed off her original statements and is now "leaving her mind



Justice Anthony Kennedy

open to looking at other alternatives." Fermentations again.)

But even if she's backing off, the "what about the children" argument was still advanced by the states, which, wrote Kennedy, "aided by several amici, claim that allowing direct shipment from out-of-state wineries undermines their ability to police underage drinking."

That claim brought up one of my favorite paragraphs in the decision: a Supreme Court justice talking about the young people of today. Kennedy started off with the data: "A recent study by the staff of the FTC found that the 26 states currently allowing direct shipments report no problems with minors' increased access to wine.' Data presented, he started opining. "First, mi-



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nors are less likely to consume wine, as opposed to beer, wine coolers, and hard liquor.' Amen. "Second, minors who decide to disobey the law have more direct means of doing so." Fake IDs and of-age buddies, anyone? "Third, direct shipping is an imperfect avenue...for minors who, in the words of a past president of the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, 'want instant gratification.' Without concrete evidence...we are left with the states' unsupported assertions." Kennedy went on to note that minors could just as easily order their alcohol from in-state wineries, or if they live in Michigan, from retailers licensed to deliver directly to consumers. Duggan and company have a solution for that, but what came before must have been hard on their eardrums. Their phantom problem had failed to terrify the Court. (And there's reason to believe they knew it was a

phantom. When the Coalition for a Responsible Michigan formed, in part to fight direct sales of alcohol over the Internet, a Michigan pollster who collected data on the issue went on the record saying, "The point is that we know there are no ways of knowing that kids aren't doing these things. This is a preemptive strike. Why make it a problem? Why even make the potential of a problem?")

My other favorite part of the decision came in Justice Stevens's short dissent, which comes before Justice Thomas's much longer dissent in the text. In it, Stevens notes that "the notion that discriminatory state laws violated the unwritten prohibition against balkanizing the American economy while persuasive in contemporary times when alcohol is viewed as an ordinary article of commerce — would have seemed strange indeed to the millions of Americans who

condemned the use of the 'demon rum' in the 1920s and 1930s.... Today's decision may represent sound economic policy and may be consistent with the policy choices of the contemporaries of Adam Smith who drafted our original Constitution; it is not, however, consistent with the policy choices made by those who amended our Constitution in 1919 and 1933." Point noted. I'll take the contemporaries of Adam Smith any day. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of nearly 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at

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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

Bistro Soleil 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. The fare here is French but not too "Frenchy," in the sunny Provencal style that seems closer to Italy than Paris, with more olive oil than butter, more tomatoes than truffles. Owned by Claude Barrare, a surfing fanatic transplanted from the Atlantic beach town of Biarritz, the bistro recreates the laid-back atmosphere of its cousins overseas. Naturally, the Gallic comfort food here is more free-form and California-fied than you'd find in southern France. Highlights of the seasonally changing menu include classic poached foie gras, an unconventional but tasty bouillabaise, and, when available, a luscious mushroom cream soup. Save room for the ethereal fruit desserts. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays; reserve on summer weekends. Upper moderate. - N.W. (8/03)

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This

tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. N.W. (10/01)

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive): Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchilada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (12/03)

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Cen-

ter, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market. just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata espinaca ("Greek eggs"), and pain perdu (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean choco-

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latey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-therice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of 1–5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushimaster also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. For breakfast, they carry sfogliatelle, light, moist, faintly lemony multilayered breakfast pastries. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W. (8/03)

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Claire mont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big castiron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E. W.

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked

your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for rest rooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — N.W. (10/04)

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — NW (501)

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

GOLD COAST

Arterra Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do

the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bittersweet tangerine souffle pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (4/02)

Barone's Trattoria Del Mare

2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Nino Barone, owner and chef, has got the Italian restaurant business finessed to near perfection. The taste of his gnocchi or his tortellini al gorgonzola is worth ditching your diet for. Outdoor dining offers daytime ocean viewing, while indoor guests eniov soft-hued decor with linens and fresh flowers. The welcoming staff allow the customer space and linger-time while remaining available. Nino pre-pares everything in-house: the crusty Italian bread, the pastas and their companion sauces, the veal, seafood, and chicken dishes, and the irresistible cannoli. The wine list is generous yet modestly priced and, surprise, it's purely Italian. This off-the-beaten-track Italian restaurant may be one of the most delectable secrets in North County and it won't put a crunch on your entertainment budget. Lunch is a real deal, with soup or salad and dessert included in the price. Open nightly for dinner; call for lunch schedule. Moderate. — S.M. (4/04)

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and

pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — S.M. (3/04)

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème friche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crèpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M. (4/04)

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato and Gorgonzola pizza with bacon. (Potato with pizza? It works.) Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger—big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Cafe Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. This hopping "meet market" literally overflows with the area's beautiful go-getters on Thursday and Friday nights, and is almost as busy the rest of the week, too. What draws the crowd, besides the crowd itself, is the smashing decor, breezy patio, and beautiful-looking plates of Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegtables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best (if you can get to it through the mob). Keep an eye on the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Valet parking (or free validated parking in lower-level garage). Open daily. Expensive. — *E W*

La Jolla Cantina 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. Huevos rancheros (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and machaca (carne asada, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out











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on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla. 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes ev-ery visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift, Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

P.F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese

food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, sa-loon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, daikon sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and tobiko wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 858-456-1138. — N.W. (11/04)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate spe-cial requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This clas-

sic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, his-toric photos, and colorful mummers' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffulletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscotting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try mi ga, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order banh mi thit, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (4/99)

Todai 2828 Camino Del Rio South Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Calbased chain restaurant. It calls itself "The Mother of All Seafood Buffets" and ha spawned branches in suburban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disneyland — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, *teppanyaki*, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., "Dungeon" crab

oked to mush). They do rotate the dishes regularly until a half hour before closing, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only. Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. — N.W. (10/02)

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serv ing up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the soontofu soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food - Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

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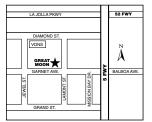
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serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to re-serve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *tara-masalata*), outstanding moussaka, aboveaverage gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asiansorta-health-food to the beach. A selfconfessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, lus cious omelets, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. N.W. (10/04)

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for

larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch, Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

Go Greek Cafe and Grill 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss minimall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The taramasalata (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, saganaki for additional starters; fine homey moussaka and grilled fish are among the entrées (but gyros are ordinary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Belly dancing Friday nights. Open Mon-day through Saturday, lunch and dinner; sporadically on Sunday. Low moderate. N.W. (3/02)

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mis sion Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs - they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here—is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boule vard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen s reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. N.W. (6/02)

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wetaged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny little-neck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Thee Bungalow 4996 West Point Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfortfood entrées like grandmaman used to make. And like *mamhre*'s, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reserva-tions strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — N.W. (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

El Morelense 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelosstyle cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of carne asada), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the carne de adobada (pork dish), caldo de res (beef soup), huevos rancheros, and menudo or pozole soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Island Spice 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, escovitch (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/01)

Mailo's Cafe 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602, OK, so Mailo's is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo's cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971 1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. E.B. (10/01)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Ana Maria's 8680 Navajo Road (northwest corner at Lake Murray Boulevard), San Carlos, 619-337-8636 In this homey little restaurant, the food is regional Peruvian, specializing in the coastal area from Callao on north, plus some recently adopted Caribbean influences from Colombia. Highlights include the elaborate "Ana Maria's Ceviche," an array of citrus-marinated seafood with sweet potatoes and *cancha*, smoked hominy corn kernels. The *an*ticuchos (heart kebabs) boast a zesty marinade, and the *lomo saltado* (sautéed beef loin strips with tomatoes, peppers, and French fries cooked right in with the liquid) is an outstanding version — it's made with tender steak, not the typical chewy *carne asada* meat. Beer and wine. Early dinner Tuesday through Thursday; lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday; dinner Sunday afternoon to early evening. Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W. (10/04)

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are stan-dard: gyros meat, spanakopita, moussaka, dolmades. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're

ungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas* rojas, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting ten-derness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the carne asada; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesdsay through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M. (7/01)

Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cui**sine** 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include *prik pow* beef, som tum (papaya salad), panang curry, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the







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owner, Montry Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a e-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of Kratin Daeng, Red Bull. It s a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to glug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. -E.B. (6/02)

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mus*saman, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authen-tic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: Som tum, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/04)

Shmoozers Kosher Dairy Restaurant 6366 El Caion Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felafel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers - local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale, and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and — aren't exactly chug-suds.) Crusts - white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The moz zarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour with cut-price beer, etc., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — A.M. (4/02)

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for vou: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa et al.) used to hang out here on hunting and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a halfpound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. – *E.B.* (5/02)

The Mount Signal Cafe 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in

the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a banderillera, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. -E.B. (11/00)

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

The Abbey Cafe 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap - or the Ahi Tuna (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. In-expensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous



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for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays; closes 4 p.m. on Saturday. — E.B. (901)

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangeruses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent

calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunches Tuesday through Friday; dinners nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.* (2/04)

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. No red meat is served, and numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Fri-day and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or pessaratu (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, dhal, and

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chutneys). Or vegetarian vindaloo. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asiantouches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly ten-der, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringuebased banana *tres leches* cake is every-one's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrellatopped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W. (12/00)

Region 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. Two of our best young chefs — Michael Stebner and Allyson Colwell — are creating inventive, daily-changing menus inspired by superb seasonal ingredients from local farms and artisans. The decor is rustic and the style is "pure and sim-ple" to showcase the intense flavors of wild-caught fish and naturally raised meats and produce. Don't miss the house-made cheeses and brilliantly unconventional desserts. You can order à la carte, or a whole table can share a well-priced "trust the chef" tasting dinner drawn mainly from the evening's menu, with an optional matching wine-flight. An adventurous wine list at reasonable markups adds to the fun and the bar-tender offers inventive cocktails. Reservations urged, especially for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift available (ask bartender). Can be noisy, banquettes are quietest. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. High moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737
India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place the same of the same o

chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue

(a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those some-things are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are half price at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. N.W. (10/02)

DOWNTOWN

A La Carte on Sixth Avenue 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Assaggio 835 Fourth Avenue (near F Street, between the two Bandars), Gaslamp, 619-234-6538. Sit on the sidewalk patio and you'll feel like you're in Italy at this authentic Italian trattoria. which started out as a bakery and evolved into a full-scale eatery. Soups and pastas are usually wonderful (try the *penne* ubriache); however, entrées are more pedestrian and seafood isn't a strong suit. Every meal here has a happy ending: the delightful desserts are made in-house and baked fresh daily. Match them with some of the best espresso in the city (even the decaf tastes the way coffee smells) and you've got the perfect spot for cap-ping your evening after the movies or show. Narrow wheelchair access to rest room. Beer and wine. Brunch/lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday until 11 p.m. — N.W. (10/04)

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nior Center and City College, offers nononsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisianastyle sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad, Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), downtown, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. The menu claims "New York Style Fine Chinese Cuisine. Would you settle for decent Brooklynor Bronx-style take-out? Way better than

at the 99-cent joints, soups are based on sturdy peasant stock (Chinese mother style) and the sound sauces are made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. But don't look for fresh-picked veggies too — it's Brooklyn, Jake. Chef Chen's menu includes Mandarin, Szechuan and Cantonese favorites, with a page of multi-regional "Chef's Specialties (#90-#107). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805. Open for lunch and dinner daily (except Saturdays) until 10 p.m. Entrées mostly \$7 to \$10. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

Chowtown Chinese Buffet 1041 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-3389. Looking for Gaslamp swank? You're on the wrong side of the

south, of Broadway. On the other hand, you won't leave hungry. Tai Thanh Le Le has been into All-U-Can-Eats since 1982 and runs a tight ship. He and his wife Lien Hong are Chinese-Vietnamese and escaped Saigon in 1975. Mr. Le usually has around 30 items on display including BBQ pork in black bean sauce, veg-etable chop suey, curried chicken, garlic fried shrimp, egg fried rice, salad, fruit, and ice cream. Lunch and dinner prices include soda or tea. Take the endless pots of Chinese tea. Open lunch through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two

types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — E.B. (4/03)

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lob-ster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding Caliornia and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-ac-count pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive.

McCormick & Schmick's Omni panding chain from the Pacific Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. At this branch, the chef is Brian Johnston (formerly of Star of the Sea), but most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties which are pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered

daily, in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team's in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy." with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to

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ify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-divid-ing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails, Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. - N.W. (10/04)

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring greasy Can-tonese-American fried classics, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner until 11 p.m.; weekends until Moderate. — *N.W.* (10/04)

Old World Restaurant 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — home-made corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape). Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restau rant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a blackand-white movie, right down to the gray

color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist on week ends), keeping the energy and noise lev-els high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a spe cial oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the "Sicilian steak." But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner daily until 11 p.m. weeknights and 1 a.m. week-. Reservations advised. Expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco. 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or co-conut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the champurrado drink: milk mixed with masa — ground corn meal - chocolate, and cinnamon In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B (10/02)

Top of the Market 750 North Haror Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867 The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards—flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That

doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious - the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The *papa* relleno is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. Seco de cabrito features young goat in a complex, herbed stew explod-ing with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with chancho, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's' buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Flamingo Cafe 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista. 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there's always a "Sundowner" special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, in-cluding sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. E.B. (3/01)

Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m, weekdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/02)

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway,

Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached in side the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Sea-

coast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish— fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are gen-erous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/01)

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.

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're sur-rounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Havworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fight-ing bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), bacalao (cod fish) a la Vizcaina, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory machaca de venado (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer machaca. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries

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La Espadana Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef - steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadañas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (11/04)

La Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard), Tijuana, 686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs' "red spinach"? Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterrey cheese, all swimming in a chocolatey mole sauce. You haul the *huazontle* branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reves's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: Dedos Montezuma ("Monna's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak; torta de camaron seco is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; cecina Oax-aqueña is cured meat with cactus salad. But there're also steaks, mole poblano (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too — built around a fountain Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Mondays. Moderate. — E.B. (2/05)

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1737. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a much shorter menu (no venison) and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and 3rd, Tijuana. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to minal mesa, steak ranchero, carne asada, chille relleno, and pescado (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top

of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is mesquite-broiled with no sauces and no special preparations but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of two side dishes. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (3/04)

The Fish Market 750 North Harbon Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants - namely, mesquitegrilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are gen-erally simple and consistent among lo-cations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and ex-pert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. N.W. (9/01)

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive ar-chitecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from sfilatino con bistecchina (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquitegrilled 22-ounce bistecca alla fiorentina vith lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple penne alla sor-rentina — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza puttanesca is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B.* (1/02)

Oggi's At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambiance (with multiple video screens) or just the nearubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so malladapted that no mamma mia in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143: Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — E.B. (8/01)











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Prequelitis

The dire warnings of the film's unsuitability for children seem a bit off base.

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

he Zurich train station, the Hauptbahnhof as we world travellers would call it, had been partially blocked off for a makeshift movie amphitheater on May 19, so that Zurichers could participate *en*

masse in the appointed Third Coming, the global premiere of Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith. Or so

I gathered. I was not really interested. I was on vacation, and the last of the three prequels, evenly spaced out at three-year intervals, could very well wait for my return home. The previous prequels, after all, had struck me as perfectly awful, in addition to uncalledfor, so it was difficult for me to get swept up in the media groundswell. The media these days, forgetful of how swiftly the earlier episodes had been swallowed in the summer stampede, are not wont to temper their enthusiasm based on the worthiness of the enterprise. Not when there are prospective customers to be curried and coddled; not when there is a bandwagon to be boarded; not when there is a wind to be blown with. I myself, meanwhile, might have been said to be looking forward to the film only in the sense of getting it over with.

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More properly, I might have been said to be looking past it.

What is there, presently, to be looking at? Following one of those prolix prologues for the benefit of viewers like me who have done no

boning up since 2002, the action picks up *in medias res* (standard practice for classical epics), with our master

and apprentice Jedi Knights, Obi-Wan and Anakin, threading their way through an incoherent air battle to wrest the abducted Chancellor Palpatine from the clutches of Count Dooku and General Grievous, George Lucas's latter-day visual style comes back to us in a twinkling: the flatness of the humans and the overfertilized fluorescence of their computer-generated surroundings, something like sticks of wood in a stop-motion tomato patch. Even the most static scene of dialogue will be busied up in the background with clouds of spacecraft as thick as mosquitoes in a Minnesota August. The waxy, plasticky, rubbery flesh of the humans, in Lucas's state-of-the-art DV image, could be said to help them blend in with the cartoon creatures and con-



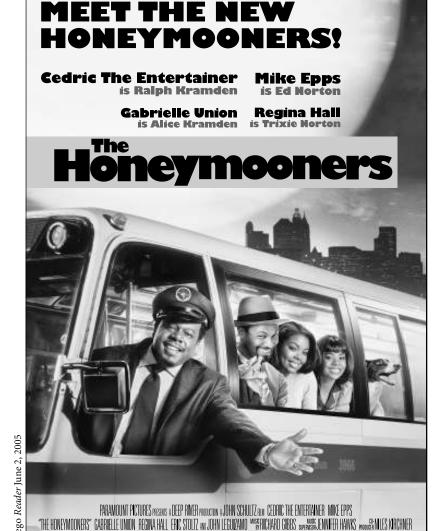
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traptions; it could not be said to redeem their humanity.

But to return to the action: Anakin, as we all are aware ahead of time, is on course to explore the Dark Side of the Force, his personal Darth side, "motivated" by his impalpable passion for Padmé, the Senator formerly known as Queen, and by his premonitions of

her death in childbirth. (She, having not seen the original trilogy, is more concerned with the fate of her offspring, little Luke and, in short order, little Leia.) "The fear of loss," elucidates Yoda, dropping his customary scrambled syntax for extra clarity, "is a path to the Dark Side." After the fact, he reverts to form: "Twisted by the Dark

Side, young Skywalker has become." In truth, about the only fun in the film — at its expense, not to its profit — comes from the Little Green Man's fractured and re-spliced sentences ("For the Clones to discover the recalibration, a long time it will take") or sentence fragments ("A prophecy that misread could have



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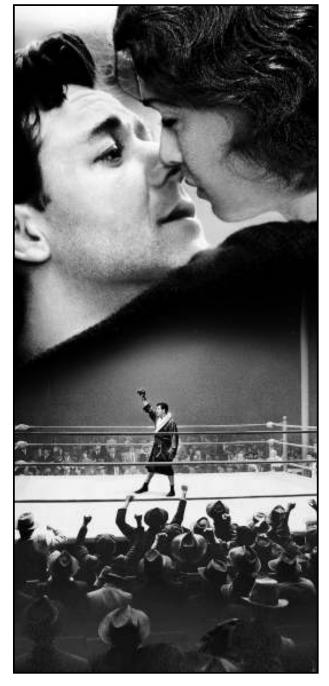
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been"). Even that unlovable cut-up, Jar Jar Binks, is brought back only to take part in a funeral procession and to keep his big mouth shut. This is a dark time indeed.

Looking more and more like Uma Thurman (pupils floating upwards) and talking more and more like Ryan Phillippe (pouty lips over tight jaw), the leading man, Hayden Christensen, appears to plumb the depths of darkness about as far as a college sophomore facing a term-paper deadline when he would really rather be chugalugging beer. It's true that he has a hand in a lot of carnage (personally dispatching a roomful of "younglings," sentimental overkill reminiscent of the slaughter of Macduff's family in Macbeth), and yet the dire warnings of the film's unsuitability for children seem a bit off base. Surely it's more suitable for them than it is for adults. Lucas's obsessive castration symbolism (a fear bordering on hysteria) may be over their

heads, but on the other hand they will be less likely to carp at the murky exposition of the faux-Shakespearean political skulduggery, more likely to sit there in contented incomprehension, inasmuch as the murkiness, thick though it is, fails in the slightest to obscure the goodness of the good guys and the badness of the bad. So clear is this separation that Anakin's change of allegiance — Jedi selflessness for Sithian selfhood — reduces him to a dupe at best and a loon at worst. And, in the midst of what looks to be an erupting volcano, his climactic lightsaber duel with his mentor (has everyone remarked by now on the erectile properties of a switched-on lightsaber? — the lengthening, pulsing, ready-for-action glow?) leaves him quite literally diminished in stature (or symbolically, once again, castrated). The operating-room followup does provide an explanation of Darth Vader's heavy breathing, without fully explaining why he thenceforth sounds like James Earl Jones. Any loss of luster in our Black Knight — now a sort of Wizard of Oz with the curtain thrown back — is no great loss to me. Never much luster in my eyes, he had to begin with. Needed to be under nine years old, perhaps I would have.

I was somewhat more interested, or thought I was, in Dominion: Prequel to the Exorcist. Paul Schrader's telling of the backstory to The Exorcist — the Nazis, the loss of faith, the postwar archaeological dig in Africa, the first exorcism, the renewed vocation had been deemed unreleasable in its finished form, and been replaced by Renny Harlin's retooling of it from scratch, with the same star (Stellan Skarsgard) and same cinematographer (Vittorio Storaro). By the time the replacement version hit the big screen last summer, under the name of Exorcist: The Beginning, speculation was already afoot that the Schrader version would yet see the light of day on cable or DVD. And now here it is, a summer later, and a brighter day than forecast, on the big screen itself. I was not entirely sure what I was seeing. Or why. Storaro notwithstanding (who may have grounds for a lawsuit), it has the telltale look of cut-rate digital video: greenish flesh, shadelike physiques, fuzzy edges. This cannot be a fair representation.

Quite apart from their respective images, any comparison between the two versions — they tell substantially the same story — would be more interesting if the films themselves were more interesting. Such a comparison, as we doubtless should have divined, is only possible because they're not. We can now see for ourselves why the Schrader version — solemn, slow,

stagy, talky, listless — was thought to be unreleasable. Why, though, it was thought to be remakeable, or for that matter makeable in the first place, is not so apparent. And why it was subsequently thought to be releasable after all, in light of the box-office egg laid by Exorcist: The Beginning, is an even bigger enigma. (Opening in the same week as Star Wars, it has pretty much skulked out of town already.) For those of us who boldly predicted that any Schrader film would be bound to be more interesting than any Harlin film, there is plenty of egg to go around. (Napkin, please.) If nothing else - most especially not the computer-generated hyenas or the maggoty baby — the evocative central image of a buried church, a desecrated church, a downward-facing church, is put over with more punch, more showmanship, in the Harlin.

The main claim to fame of the Schrader comes down to the distinction, if that's the word, of being the first Hollywood film to identify itself as a prequel in its very title. The further citing of another film title in the title. however, causes a crisis of typography which would seem to dictate an abrupt exit from italics: Dominion: Prequel to The Exorcist, But how could you know for certain where the title ends? Perhaps a better alternative might be the adoption of negative numerals whereby a prequel such as this one would become The Exorcist -I: Dominion, or vice versa. (To be read as The Exorcist Minus One....) A trilogy of prequels, accordingly, would be obliged to take the form of a countdown, beginning, let's say, with *Star Wars –III: The Phantom Menace* and concluding with *Star Wars –I: Revenge of the Sith.* A still better alternative, a veritable rule of thumb, would probably be an abstinence from prequels altogether.

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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)

Cinderella Man — Ron Howard directs Russell Crowe in the role of Depression-era heavyweight boxer Jim Braddock, with Renée Zellweger and Paul Giamatti. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 6/3)

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 bleedingheart 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; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

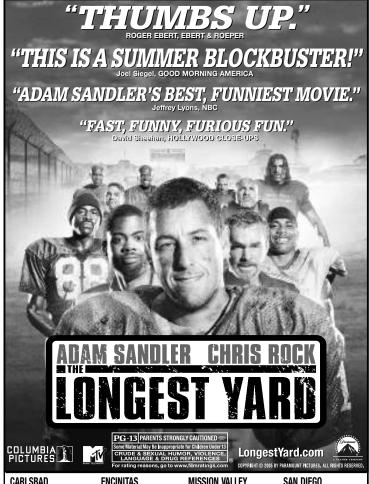
Dominion: Prequel to the Exorcist — Reviewed this issue. With Stellan Skarsgard, Gabriel Mann, Clara Bellar, and Billy Crawford; directed by Paul Schrader.

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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)

Dr. Strangelove — Stanley Kubrick's scattershot spoof on the military in the push-button age. Several of the players — Sterling Hayden, George C. Scott, and Peter Sellers in two of his three roles — have their own assigned areas well under control, while Kubrick darts helter-skelter in eagerly salivating pursuit of comedy mate-



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ten and directed by Alex Gibney. 2005.

★★ (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.

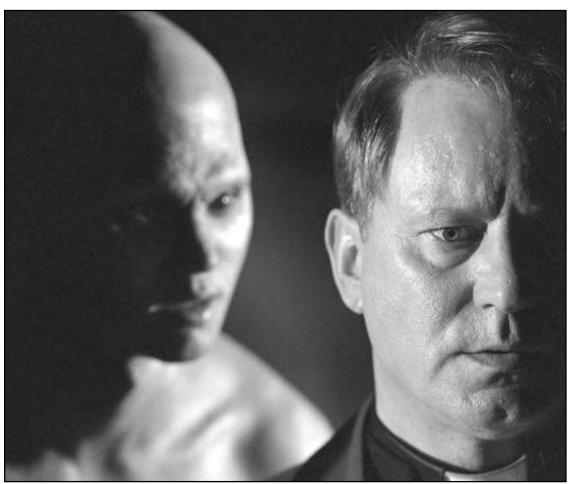
• (GASLAMP 15)

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 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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14; 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 Ira-



Dominion: Prequel to the Exorcist

nian-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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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; GROSS MONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Kung Fu Hustle — Advertised as "a new comedy unlike anything you have ever seen before." Uh-huh. Or perhaps ever wanted to. A hunk of martial-arts madcap in which a gang of axe murderers will form a 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)

Ladies in Lavender — Thirties period piece about two British sisters (Judi Dench, Maggie Smith) who befriend a Germanspeaking stranger; directed by Charles Dance.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Layer Cake — Matthew Vaughn, producer of Snatch and Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels, tries his own hand at directing one of these tough and tricksy British crime thrillers: a brutal cutie. Well played by Daniel Craig, Colm Meaney, George Harris, Kenneth Cranham, Jamie Foreman, Sally Hawkins, Michael Gambon, among others, but the difficulty of following the plot is a real obstacle to enjoyment. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Longest Yard — Dumbing-down of Robert Aldrich's 1974 prison-*cum*-football film, the Sadistic Guards versus the Avenging Convicts, not one of Aldrich's smarter ideas to begin with. (It's now the ESPN era, and the game is broadcast on national television.) Burt Reynolds, the star of the original, is given a token role and his old jersey number (22) as an incarcerated former coach and, for one play, a geriatric tailback. (Ed Lauter, the chief sadistic guard of the original, is given a mere walk-on.) Runty









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Adam Sandler, while he passes muster in a game of one-on-one basketball, is not up to the action on the gridiron, much less to the moments of heavier drama: the receiving end of the sadism, the grieving over a fallen comrade, the inspirational speeches. With Chris Rock, William Fichtner, James Cromwell, Cloris Leachman; directed by Peter Segal. 2005.

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ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSS-MONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 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)

Lords of Dogtown — Seventies-period skateboarding film starring Emile Hirsch, John Robinson, and Heath Ledger, directed by Catherine Hardwicke. . (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA IOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VAL-LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 6/3)



Madagascar

A Lot Like Love — The course of romance commences seven years ago, with anonymous mutual enrollment in the milehigh club in the lavatory of an LAX-to-IFK red-eye, and it proceeds from there in fits and starts, after progressively diminishing

intermissions (three years, two, one, onehalf), 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)

Lugares Comunes (Common

Ground) — Argentinian director Adolfo Aristarain (A Place in the World, a memorable memory film) sets the action against an up-to-the-minute backdrop of his country's economic crisis: a wordy but truly literate, witty, wise, mature, urbane, novelistic account of the forced retirement of a feisty old Leftist professor of literature, long ago transplanted from Spain, and his new beginning as a cultivator of lavender on a farm christened "1789" in honor of the principles of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. One beautifully written and acted scene in which the protagonist's idle flirtation with an attractive new acquaintance by the improbable name of Tutti turns into a declaration of fidelity to his wife of forty years - would be a media sensation, a cultural milestone, the talk of the nation for at least a week or so, if it occurred in a highprofile Hollywood production. But then again, the absence of such roles for actors of such an age is one of the hallmarks of modern Hollywood. Federico Luppi, Mercedes Sampietro. 2003.

★★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LI-BRARY, 6/6, 6:30 P.M.)

Madagascar — Four escapees from the Central Park Zoo — a lion, a zebra, a hippo, and a giraffe - are packed up and, in fulfillment of the tenth-birthday wish of the zebra, shipped back to the wild: "the live-in-a-mudhut-wipe-yourself-with-a-leaf wild," in the less sanguine view of the lion. ("They are just a bunch of pansies," observes the resident Lord of the Lemurs, even before the lion gets caught biting the zebra in the butt.) Palatable computer cartoon in the contemporary style of aggres-





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sive, hard-edged hipness. The lion's discovery of his innate catness is worked out predictably but adeptly. With the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett Smith, and David Schwimmer; directed by Eric Darnell and Tom McGrath. 2005.

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Mad Hot Ballroom — Marilyn Agrelo's documentary about New York City schoolchildren entering the world of ballroom dancing.
(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 6/3)

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 — After an absence of fifteen years, Jane Fonda returns to an altered Hollywood landscape (no Julia, no Comes a Horseman, no They Shoot Horses, Don't They?, anywhere in sight) for a frivolous star vehicle, teamed with, or rather pitted against, Jennifer Lopez in

what amounts to an extended catfight: an over-the-hill TV interviewer determined to save her doctor son from marriage to a mere "temp." (It falls to the wizened Elaine Stritch to deliver the brutal truth: "My God, you look old.") These are two actresses, Fonda and Lopez, who know perfectly well what they're doing, and they're doing quite a lot. Watching their head-tohead competition is sort of fun in a wallow ing, wriggling, belly-crawling kind of way. But the magic word that helped to win Oscars for the lead actresses in Monster's Ball and Monster is of no avail here. Director Robert Luketic, employing the buoyant colors and bright tone he favors, pays homage to his own Legally Blonde when a Britney Spears-esque airhead cites it as one of her favorite "old movies," a sufficiently self-deprecating homage. With Michael Vartan and Wanda Sykes. 2005.

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Robots - A follow-that-dream fairy tale set in a world of robots, anthropomor phized and sentimentalized to such extent that an assembly-required baby-bot will grow organically into a tot-bot and a teenbot 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; VOGUE)

Sahara — "A Clive Cussler Dirk Pitt Adventure," trumpet the opening credits.



KIRSTEN ELMS

Screenwriter of the upcoming film *Sonic*

I have been watching DVDs only occasionally, but one that stands out for all the wrong reasons is *Darkness* [also known as *The Dark*], starring Anna Paquin and Lena Olin. This was the worst movie I have ever seen in my entire life. I was actually almost moved to tears that a film this terrible could get financing while I can't get financing for the script I want to direct.

One I can recommend is Park Chan-Wook's *Oldboy*. I LOVED IT!!!! It was possibly the most twisted ending I have ever

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OLDBOY (SOUTH KOREA) 2003,
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CANAAN BRUMLEY

Writer-director of the documentary *Ears*, *Open. Eyeballs*, *Click*.

Regarding *The Rules of the Game*, director Jean Renoir said that he wanted to make a film that you'd want to watch again just to see if it turned out the same. That's the best reason to make a movie. The best thing about the film is that it doesn't feel dated; maybe that's because it feels so documentary.

Another ensemble piece I admire is Robert Altman's *Short Cuts*. Twenty-two characters over three hours. Hyper-real-documentary.

Wong Kar-Wai's *In the Mood for Love* and Stanley
Kubrick's *Eyes Wide Shut* tie for
number three. Bookend these

THE RULES OF THE GAME
(FRANCE) 1939, Criterion
List price: \$39.95

SHORT CUTS (USA) 1993,
Criterion
List price: \$39.95

IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE (HONG KONG) 2000, Criterion
List price: \$39.95

EYES WIDE SHUT (USA) 1999,
Warner Home Video

List price: \$24.98

JOHN DEBELLO

Writer-director of *Attack of the Killer Tomatoes* and its three seguels

Once Upon a Time in Mexico: Robert Rodriguez enjoys making movies even more than we like watching them. It's apparent in this over-the-top effort. Highdefinition origination makes for a vibrant color palette straight outta T.J. Extras are a feast, literally. He's cooking.

Kill Bill, Volume One: Insert here and turn sound up to 11.

Much better than the incredibly overrated Volume Two.

Euro Trip: Inspired idiocy. A grand tour of Europe for Gen Y (or X or Z, whichever it is this week). Stupid Americans, clueless Continentals, lots of babes, and the cutest little Hitler you ever saw. I'm married to a European — trust me, this thing's a documentary.

ONCE UPON A TIME IN MEXICO
(MEXICO/USA) 2003,
Columbia/TriStar
List price: \$26.95
KILL BILL, VOLUME ONE (USA)
2003,
Miramax Home Entertainment
List price: \$29.99
EURO TRIP (USA) 2004,
Dreamworks
List price: \$26.99

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S A N D I E G O R E A D E R . C O M Calendar MOVIES

Those are of course two separate people, Clive Cussler being the original novelist, and Dirk Pitt (wham! bam!) being his swashbuckling hero, who, along with his comical sidekick Al Giordino, is hunting a treasure-laden Civil War ironclad up the Niger River. Yes, indeedy. (Clues will be found in primitive "cave paintings" dating back almost a century and a half.) That quest happens to converge with the quest of a doctor from WHO who is tracking the source of an epidemic in Mali, and who happens to be Penelope Cruz. Total balderdash, but much more baldness than dash. With Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn, Lambert Wilson, and William H. Macy; directed by Breck Eisner. 2005.

• (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; VOGUE)

Saving Face — Relationship comedy centered around a Chinese-American lesbian and her traditionalist mother, with Michelle Krusiec and Joan Chen, written and directed by Alice Wu. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/3)



Monster-in-Law

Sin City — Comic-book burlesque of the hard-boiled film noir, tougher than tough, cooler than cool, bloodier than bloody, sil-

lier than silly. Robert Rodriguez adapted or more accurately, copied it — from Frank Miller's series of graphic novels; and he insisted, to the point of resigning from the Director's Guild, on sharing the directing credit with Miller (besides bringing in

his buddy, Quentin Tarantino, as a "guest director" of unspecified services). Different first-person narrators guide us through the different, dovetailed storylines, but always with the same hammerhead tone of voice: "I'm gonna find that son of a bitch that killed you, and I'm gonna give him the hard goodbye." The baroque black-andwhite 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.

The Sisterhood of the Traveling

Pants — Four teenage girlfriends (Amber Tamblyn, Alexis Bledel, America Ferrera, Blake Lively) share a pair of jeans; directed by Ken Kwapis.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: ENCINI-TAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CEN-TER: HAZARD CENTER 7: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14 Cinderella Man (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 1:15, 3:30) 4:30, 6:45, 7:40, 9:55, 10:45; Sat. (11:55, 1:15, 3:15) 4:30, 6:45, 7:40, 9:55, 10:45; Sat. (11:55, 1:15, 3:15) 4:30, 6:45, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30) 6:45, 7:40, 9:55; **Crash** (R) Fri. (1:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 5:00, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:15; **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:10, 10:05; **Kicking** and Screaming (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:45); **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:20, 3:00) 4:20, 5:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50, 10:30; Sat. (11:10, 12:20, 1:40, 3:00) 4:20, 5:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50, 10:30; Sun. (11:10, 12:20, 1:40, 3:00) 4:20, 5:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 1:20, 3:00, 4:20, 5:30) 7:20, 8:00, 9:50; Lords of Dogtown (PG-13) Fri. (1:05) 4:35, 7:30, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:35, 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:35) 7:30, 10:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 1:10, 2:15, 3:20) 4:40, 5:35, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00; Sat. (11:00, 12:05, 1:10, 2:15, 3:20) 4:40, 5:35, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00; Sun. (11:00, 12:05, 1:10, 2:15, 3:20) 4:40, 5:35, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 1:10, 2:15, 3:20, 4:40, 5:35) 7:00, 7:45, 9:30; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40; The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants (PG) Fri. (12:45) 4:25, 7:05, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 4:25) 7:05, 10:10; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 1:00, 2:05, 3:25, 4:15, 5:15, 6:30, 7:25, 8:30, 9:45, 10:35; Sat. 11:05, 12:15, 1:00, 2:10, 3:25, 4:15, 5:15, 6:30, 7:25, 8:30, 9:45, 10:35; Sun. 11:05, 12:15, 1:00, 2:10, 3:25, 4:15, 5:15, 6:30, 7:25, 8:30, 9:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu, 12:15, 1:00, 2:05, 3:25, 4:15, 5:15, 6:30, 7:25, 8:30, 9:45

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Cinderella Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 1:30, 3:45) 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:05, 11:05; Sun. (12:30, 1:30, 3:45) 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 1:30, 3:55, 4:45) 7:00, 8:00, ្ស៊ី 10:00; **Dominion: A Prequel to the Exorcist** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:30; Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; **Downfall** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:10, 9:55; Sun. 4:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (4:10) 9:50; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:30) \$\frac{9}{8}\frac{5}{5}\frac{13}{5}\frac{17}{11}\cdot - \frac{5}{3}\frac{1}{5}\frac{15}{5} Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:50) 7:15, 7:55, 6 of Heaven (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:55) 7:05,

10:10; Sun. (12:40, 3:55) 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:05) 7:05, 10:05; **Kung Fu Hustle** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:10, 5:25) 7:45, 9:55; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 1:40, 2:20, 3:20) 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:10, 9:50, 10:40; Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 1:40, 2:20, 3:20) 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 1:40, 2:20, 3:20, 4:15, 5:00, 5:45) 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:10, 9:45; **A** Lot Like Love (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:35) 7:25: Monster-in-Law (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 2:05, 3:05) 4:35, 5:35, 7:10, 8:10, 9:45, 10:45; Sun. (12:45, 2:05, 3:05) 4:35, 5:35, 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 2:05, 3:05, 4:35, 5:35) 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:30; Sin City (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:40, 7:35, 10:25; Sun. (1:15) 4:40, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:40) 7:35, 10:20; **Unleashed** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:30, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:30) 7:55, 10:15

Horton Plaza 14

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LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants: Cin-Merella Man; Lords of Dogtown;
Madagascar; The Longest Yard; Star Wars,
Episode III: Revenge of the Sith; Kicking
and Screaming; Monster-in-Law; Kingdom
of Heaven; Crash

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room (Not Rated) Fri. (2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; **Ladies in** Lavender (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; **Mad Hot** Ballroom (PG) Fri. (1:40, 4:35) 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:40, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:35) 7:10, 9:40; The Wild **Parrots of Telegraph Hill** (G) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25; Mon.-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)
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Mann Hazard 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)

Cinderella Man (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:40) 7:00, 10:20; Crash (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; The Longest Yard (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:00, 2:10, 3:50, 1:50) 6:30, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10; Madagascar (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 6:50, 9:30; The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:30) 7:10, 10:30

Mission Valley 20

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants; Cinderella Man; Lords of Dogtown; Madagascar; The Longest Yard; Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith; Kicking and Screaming; Monster-in-Law; Unleashed; Kingdom of Heaven; Crash; The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri. (3:40) 7:00, 10:00; Sat. (12:35, 3:40) 7:00, 10:00; Sun. (12:35, 3:40) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:40) 7:15; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; Sat. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:45) 8:00; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (2:50) 5:10, 7:30, 9:30; Sat. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 9:30; Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:05) 7:00; Monster-in-Law (PG-13) Fri. (3:15) 5:25, 7:40, 9:50; Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40, 9:50; Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:30) 7:40; Star Wars. **Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri. (3:55) 7:15, 10:10; Sat. (12:55, 3:55) 7:15, 10:10: Sun (12:55, 3:55) 7:15: Mon -Thu (3:50) 7:25; **Unleashed** (R) Fri. (2:45) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; Sat. (12:15, 2:35) 4:55, 7:20, 9:40; Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:55, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:15) 7:30

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Masculine Feminine** (Not Rated) Fri. (4:30) 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (4:30) 7:00, 9:30

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret 4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)

Dr. Strangelove, Thursday through Saturday

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Brothers (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Mon. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; Tue.-Wed. (1:50, 4:25) 9:35; Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; **Enron: The** Smartest Guys in the Room (Not Rated) Fri. (4:35) 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 4:35, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (4:35) 9:40; Ladies in Lavender (PG-13) Fri. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; **Layer Cake** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; **Millions** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 7:10; **Saving Face** (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:55) 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05;

Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balhoa Park (619-238-7559) Call theater for program information

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; The Dream Is Alive (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, 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.-Tue. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Wed.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00; Volcanoes of the Deep Sea (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18 v Plaza (619-401-3456)

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) Cinderella Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 3:10) 7:10, 10:20; Mon. (11:00, 3:20) 7:10, 10:20; Tue.-Thu. (12:00, 3:20) 7:10, 10:20; Crash (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00, 5:35) 8:05, 10:35; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:50) 7:30, 9:55; **Lords of Dogtown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:30) 5:05, 8:10, 10:45; Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:55, 3:45) 7:00, 9:20: Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:45) 7:00, 9:20; **Monster**in-Law (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:55 Ti-Law (FG-13) Fri.-Suii. (1143, 2:10) 4:53, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:15; The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:45, 7:45, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:45) 7:45, 10:25; Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 11:40, 1:15, 2:15, 3:05) 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:35, 11:05; Sun. (11:00, 11:40, 1:15, 2:15, 3:05) 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 1:15, 2:15, 3:05, 4:30, 5:30) 6:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:35

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. (12:35, 3:45) 7:00; The Interpreter (PG-13) Fri. (1:35) 4:30, 7:20, 10:15; Sat. (12:25, 3:15) 6:45, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. (12:25, 3:15) 6:45; **Kicking and Screaming** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:35) 6:40, 9:30; Sat. (10:45, 1:00, 3:35) 6:40, 9:30; Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:35) 6:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:35) 6:40; Kingdom of Heaven (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:15) 6:45, 9:50; Sun.-Thu. (12:15, 3:15) 6:45; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:30, 8:05, 10:30; Sat. (11:45, 2:25) 5:30, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:30, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:30) 8:05; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:15) 4:20, 6:20, 8:25, 10:25; Sun. (12:00, 2:15)

4:20, 6:20, 8:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:15, 4:20) 6:20, 8:25; The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants (PG) Fri. (1:15) 4:40, 7:30, 10:20; Sat. (10:55, 1:40) 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; Sun. (10:55, 1:40) 4:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:30; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 3:30) 7:05, 10:10; Sun.-Thu. (12:20, 3:30) 7:05

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

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Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith; Kicking and Screaming; The Longest Yard

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Cinderella Man (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Kicking and Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30) 5:30; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (10:30, 12:45, 1:15, 3:30, 4:15) 6:00, 7:15, 9:00, 10:15; Lords of Dogtown (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; 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 3:00, 7:45. 10:15; The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants; Cinderella Man; Lords of Dogtown; Madagascar; The Longest Yard; Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith; Kicking and Screaming; Monster-in-Law; Un-leashed; Kingdom of Heaven; House of Wax: Crash

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
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226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (PG) Fri.-Thu. 2:45, 9:00; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 7:15; Sahara (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 5:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Kicking and Screaming (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:10; The Longest Yard (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 12:25; Madagascar (PG) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 11:50; Monster-in-Law (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:35 Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 11:15

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Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of

the Sith — Reviewed this issue. With Hayden Christensen, Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, and Ian McDiarmid; written and directed by George Lucas.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HAZARD CEN-

TER 7: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 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 SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

Unleashed — Jet Li, seeking no credibility in gritty Glasgow, is a kind of kung-fu Wild Child, raised and trained to be a human pit bull, docile in a dog collar, a deadly dervish when it's removed. Extravagant violence at both ends, and extravagant bathos in be-

tween, when the hero comes under the care of a kindly old blind piano tuner (Morgan Freeman) and his bubbly pianist stepdaughter in braces and knee-highs (Kerry Condon). With Bob Hoskins; written by Luc Besson; directed by Louis Leterrier.

■ (CINERAMA 6: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: VISTA VILLAGE)

The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill —

Human-interest documentary, and avian-

interest, about an unemployed San Francisco musician, Mark Bittner, who tends a flock of cherry-headed conures, plus one outcast blue-crown conure by the name of Connor (they all have names), who is quite a character. Lightly engaging most of the way, with all of the wrenching saved for the end. Directed, edited, and shot ("no digital special effects") by Judy Irving, 2005.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA, FROM 6/3)

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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11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Cinderella Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:55) 7:10, 10:25; Sun.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:05; The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (PG) Sat. (12:40); **The Interpreter** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:40) 6:30, 9:20; Sat. (3:40) 6:30, 9:20: Sun -Thu (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:30: Kicking and Screaming (PG) Fri. (1:25, 3:50) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sat. (11:10, 1:25, 3:50) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 9:55; **The** Longest Yard (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 1:50, 2:50, 4:25, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35; Sat. 11:25, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50, 4:25, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35; Sun. 11:20, 12:20, 2:15, 3:10, 4:50, 6:25, 7:25, 8:50, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 12:20, 2:15, 3:10, 4:50, 6:25, 7:25, 8:50, 9:50; Lords of Dogtown (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 3:00) 5:35, 8:10, 10:45; Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:10: Madagascar (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:15) 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:00, 10:00; Sun. (11:45, 1:05, 2:00, 3:20) 4:15, 5:35, 6:20, 7:50, 8:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 1:05, 2:10, 3:20, 4:15, 5:35) 6:20, 7:50, 8:25, 9:55; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 3:40) 6:00, 8:20, 10:40; Sat. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 6:00, 8:20, 10:40; Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:20, 9:40; **The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants** (PG) Fri. (1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; Sat. (11:10, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; Star Wars, Episode III: **Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 2:00) 4:10, 5:10, 7:20, 8:20, 10:30; Sat. (11:00, 1:00, 2.00) 4.10, 5.10, 7.20, 8.20, 10.30; Sun (11.10, 12:45, 2:45, 3:55) 6:00, 7:05, 9:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 2:45, 3:55, 5:45) 7:05, 8:45,

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13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Cinderella Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Kicking and Screaming** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 5:30; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (10:45, 1:15, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45) 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (10:45, 1:15, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45) 7:15, 7:45; **Lords** of Dogtown (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Madagascar (PG) Fri.-Sat. 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; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15) 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:30 (3:00) 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 12:30

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Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Mada**gascar** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:20, 12:20, 2:20, 4:25, 6:30, 8:30; Sun. 10:20, 12:20, 2:20, 4:25, 6:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:20, 2:20, 4:20, 6:20, 8:20; **Star** Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:45, 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:40; Sun. 9:45, 12:45, 3:45, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:00,

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

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Kicking and Screaming (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (12:45) 5:30; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (10:45, 12:30, 1:45, 3:30, 4:45) 6:00, 7:45, 9:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu, 10:00 (10:45, 12:30, 1:45, 3:30, 4:45) 6:00, 7:45; **Lords of**

Dogtown (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 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; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15) 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15; Monster-in-Law (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 3:00, Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (11:00, 11:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00, 11:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Crash** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Madagascar (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; **The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00

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Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 4:40, 7:40, 10:35; Sun. 1:15, 4:40, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 5:00, 7:55; **Lords of Dogtown** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:25, 4:15, 7:25, 10:15; Sun. 1:25, 4:15, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. 2:10, 5:30, 8:20; Madagascar (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:05, 8:20; Madagastar (FG) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:05, 4:25, 6:45, 9:10; Sun. 11:45, 2:05, 4:25, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:20, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10; Monster-in-Law (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:15, 5:10, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. 2:15, 5:10, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:05, 5:05, 7:40; The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:50, 5:00, 7:55, 10:40; Sun. 11:15, 1:50, 5:00, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:45, 8:05; Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 12:25, 2:45, 3:45, 6:05, 7:15, 9:30, 10:30; Sun. 11:30, 12:25, 2:45, 3:45, 6:05, 7:15; Mon.-Thu 1:10, 2:00, 4:30, 5:15, 7:45, 8:30

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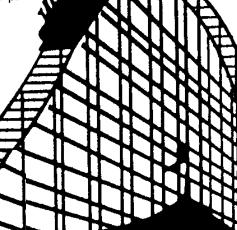
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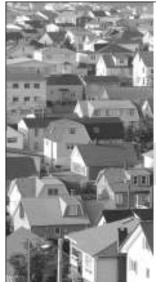
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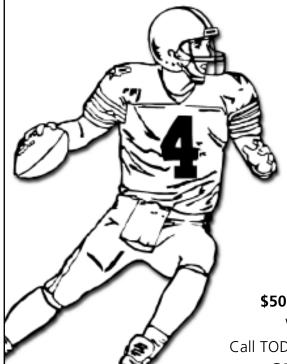
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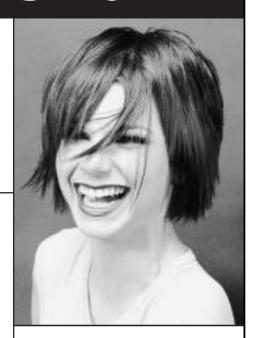
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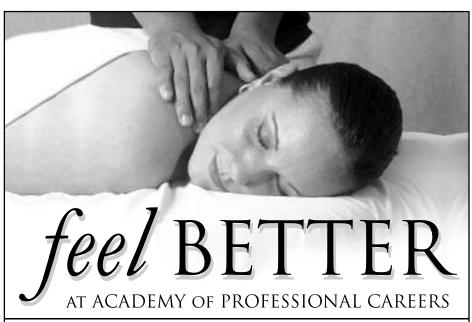
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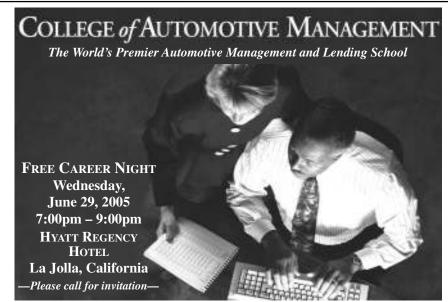
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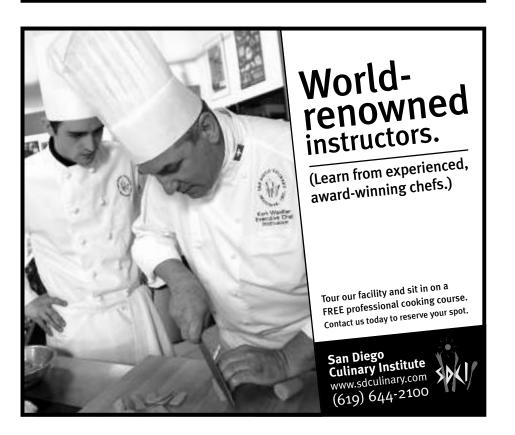
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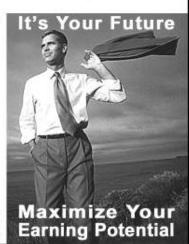
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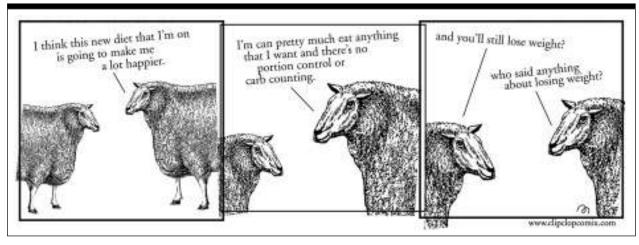
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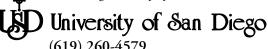
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- 10. "Let
- 14. Ping-Pong table divider
- 15. Form a queue16. Mothers and daughters
- 17. Siblings in need of Rogaine? 20. Collective response to "Who's
- there?" 21. Ques. response
- "____ Mama Tambien" (2001 film)
- 23. Have \$40,000 fall into your hands?
- 28. Relevant, in legalese
- 29. Cracker spread
 33. Ouija used by men dressed in women's clothing?
- 38. Allied (with)
- Speaker's platform
- 40. Egg protector
- 41. ____ point (somewhat)
 42. Bart Simpson's dad,
- mentally-speaking?
- 46. Drive or reverse
- 47. "If ____ a rich man ..."
- 48. Like a student's 4.0 GPA after getting 68% correct on a final exam?
- 55. It borders 7-Down: Abbr.
- 58. Large amount of gum
- 59. Rice-
- 60. Apt description of this puzzle's themed entries
- 65. Farewells
- 66. Houdini feat 67. Paparazzo's prize
- 68. First-class
- 69. Sounds from a tree 70. "H-E-L-P!"

Down

- 1. Bit of slapstick 2. Conductor Zubin
- 3. Bikini event, in old headlines
- 5. Up to
- 6. "The point being ...?"
 7. It borders 55-Across: Abbr.
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- 25. Harem room

- 26. Elementary letters?
- 27. Veep before Gerald
- 30. Fall guy?
 31. Head of France?
- 32. German river 33. Slip a Mickey to
- 34. Fully prepared (for) 35. Schnauzer of whodunits
- 36. Physicist Ohm
- 37. Cup holder?
- 38. Jr. high, e.g.
 42. Language that gave us "ombudsman" 43. Basketball's Alcindor
- 44. "... ____ shall die" 45. Not just damp
- 47. Shortly
- 49. Part of BYOB
- 50. Shudders at
- 51. Geometrical prefix
- 52. What some circus animals are made to go through
- 53. Film score composer Morricone 54. Deejay's supply55. Org. that includes the Portland
- Fire 56. Ma with a bow
- 57. Actor Wilson of "Zoolander" 61. Expert finish?
- 62. Cable co. that merged with AT&T
- 63. Onetime neighbor of Israel: Abbr.
- 64. "Killer" PC program

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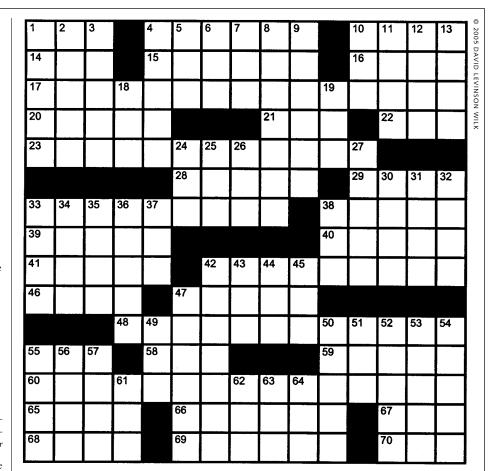
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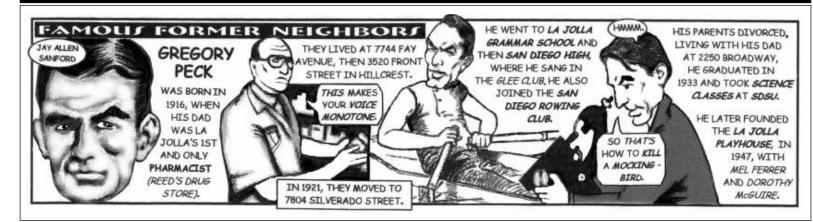
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earth, for monogamous relationship. (6/8)

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ROMANTIC, KINDHEARTED, 52-year-old

ATTRACTIVE LATINA, petite. Seeking passionate, unattached, single profespassionate, unattached, single professional male, 35-55, for serious relationship. Me: fun loving, 40, hot, passionate, professional. Interested in a monogamous relationship. (6/8) геътеи in a monoga (6/8) **क**34842

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN, 52, 5'1", 120lbs. mellow English major, typist, psych Democrat-Union, peace, Sierra, vote

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SWEDISH BEAUTY, 49, blonde, edu-

fectionate, white female, 67. good-natured, fit, 6'1"+ gentl

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FEMALE, 45, INTERESTED in meeting male who enjoys life. Must have sense of humor, intelligent, outgoing, warm

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STUNNING IN BLACK VELVET, playful in jeans at home in France, comfortable in Tijuana, romantic, attractive, fit, adventuresome, blonde. Seeking dynamic, spiritual, equal 55+. (6/15) 🛣 34881

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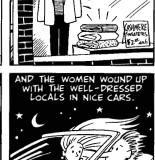














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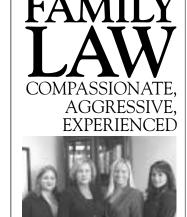
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know all the words to Rage Against the Machine and most Dredge songs The first Rage song that I really knew all the words to was off their self-titled album, the name of the song was "Know Your Enemy." Maynard from the band Tool has a guest appearance on that song as well That was back in middle school: I think it had to do with my devel opment of identity. It was one of the first CDs that I really knew; it was at that point that I had the thought, I guess I'm a rock fan. Up until then I had been listening to mainly what my parents listened to; my parents were country fans when I was growing up. I still have some Garth Brooks engrained in my head. I used to know all the lyrics to the song "Rodeo" because my parents listened to it so much.



Travis Hayden Student College Area

probably knew all the words to I probably Knew an are not all the Metallica song "Enter Sandman." More recently, I've been listening to more of Metallica's older music and a lot of Iron Maiden. Iron Maiden can have some strange lyrics, but I listen to it more for the music than for the lyrics. I find myself knowing a lot of dance music and hiphop, not because I want to know it, but because that's all you really hear at parties. I like music that you can thrash around to, bang your head a little when you're listening to it.



Ryan Crist Pizza Delivery Driver College Area

here's a NOFX song called T"Decline" that I know all the words to; it's an 18-minute song, so I guess that makes it even more impressive. I have to think about it and hear the music to get into it and remember all the words. There's not even a chorus to it, just a continuous stream of words. The last time I listened to it, I realized that I knew all the words to it; I've never sung it in the shower or anything. If I ever needed to do anything for 18 minutes I could totally sing it to myself and I could keep time without a watch. There are probably a lot of songs [I know] by the guy Bright Eyes because my girlfriend makes me listen to him; Bright Eyes is one of those whiny emo guys singing about how hurt he is, how much he needs help, and how sensitive he is. We went and saw him in concert and for some reason he sang from underneath an umbrella He has a real "cut-my-wrists-in-theshower" attitude.



May Austin Student

Normal Heights

t's definitely a Backstreet Boys Asong. Back when I was watching a lot of MTV, I saw them sing and I was, like, "Wow." I listen to the greatest hits album in my car, so I still sing along to them. My friend burned it for me, so at least I didn't buy it. The song that I sing the most is "So Tell Me Why"; my friend and I like to play fashion police, so whenever we see somebody wearing some-thing really strange, we sing "So Tell Me Why" because we want to know why somebody would wear what they have on. Just recently, my friend and I have noticed grammatical errors; there's a line that says "Does his gifts come from the heart" when it should really be "Do his gifts come from the heart?" Now that I'm older. I notice these things. The negative repercussions of the Backstreet Boys being popular is that people my age play their songs at their weddings.



Dayna Russel Tanning Salon Employee College Area

When I was younger, I listened to a lot of Beatles. "Here Comes the Sun" was my favorite song; I had to know all the words of that song when I was younger. When I'm at work, I listen to the radio; I know a lot of songs that I don't want to know. There are plenty of popular songs that I hate, like, Gretchen Wilson's "Redneck Woman," but I still know all the words to it. My husband opened me up to listening to Queen; he made me really like the song "You're My Best Friend." I don't really like political country songs, although I like the Dixie Chicks even though they got in trouble for speaking out against Bush and the war.



Laura Barnett

Student

Point Loma

'm a big fan of U2; "Where the Streets Have No Name" is my favorite song that I know all the words to. I like their older stuff as much as their new stuff; I'm rocking their new CD in my car right now. "Where the Streets Have No Name" is one of those songs that gets stuck in my head when I hear it; I don't find myself singing it because "I want to run, I want to hide" or that "I want to tear down the walls." I saw them perform when they came to San Diego and even though I paid way too much for the tickets, they were worth it. The song "Slave" by Britney Spears is one of those songs that I know all the words to, but I think are pretty bad. "Slave" is one of those songs that should only be danced to; I guess I was never really a big fan of Britney to begin with.

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Seacoast Drive #E. \$1500/month plus deposit. Lease term negotiable. Newly re-

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IMPERIAL BEACH. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 1/2 block to beach/pier. New paint, carpet. Newer microwave, stove, refrigerator. Tile shower/tub. Bathroom & kitchen tile floor. Parking. Laundry.

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LA JOLLA. \$1400. \$1450 deposit. Clean, cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath Bird Rock condo. Steps from beach, walk to shops and restaurants, private deck, laundry on-site.

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bath, slate floors, carpeting, private patio, 2 parking spaces, on-site laundry, pool, jacuzzi, racquetball, sauna. 1 year lease. No pets. Available 6/1. 8332 Regents. 619-281-4698.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. \$1450. Large 1 bedroom. 1 block to ocean. Quiet neighborhood. New carpet/kitchen. Own entrance. Private deck. No pets/smokers.

LA JOLLA/BIRDROCK. \$2075. 2 bed ground floor condo. Jacuzzi tub, washer/ dryer. 2-car parking in garage. 5439 La Jolla Boulevard. Boone Properties, 858-274-6856, www.booneproperties.com

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LA JOLLA/UTC. Sunny beautiful 3 bed-

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LA JOLLA/UTC. \$2100. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2

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LA MESA. \$975. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Balcony, air conditioning, on-site laundry, pool, close to all. Available now. 5065 Thorne Drive. 619-460-8011.

LA MESA. \$1100. Spacious 2 bedroom duplex. Large kitchen with cabinets ga-lore. Washer/dryer. Fenced yard. Parking. Agent, 619-298-7724.

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LA MESA. \$1275. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. \$300 move-in spe-cial. Fenced yard, central air. Pet OK. 8665 Mellmanor Drive. Agent, 619-469-

7790. www.westmanproperties.com. **LA MESA.** \$695. Studio. Deck, laundry, no pets, garage or parking space. 5027 Guava. 619-980-0238, kandroroparties com

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6314.

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LA MESA. \$735. 1 bedroom. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Laundry. Community barbecue. Parking. 7334 La Mesita Place. 619-466-6450. www.rasnyder.com.

LA MESA. \$1750. 3 bedroom. 2-1/2 bath. 2-car garage. Beautiful 3 story townhome in quiet area. Balcony on each floor with serene canyon view. Fireplace. Hardwood floors. Washer/dryer hookup. 619-297-1483 x110. 619-851-7986. www.rasnyder.com.

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LA MESA. 1 bedrooms, \$890/up. 2 bedrooms, \$1175. 2 heated pools. Lap pool. Jacuzzi. Sauna. Tennis and putting green. Exercise room. Gym. Spa. Air conditioning. Playground. Lounge. Billiards. Patio or balcony. Sorry, no pets. 5333 Baltimore Drive. See: www.sdreader.com/rent/1004 or call 619-461-3541. E-mail: heatherwoodApt@att.net.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom, \$775. Walk to dining/shopping, public transit. Fully equipped kitchen. Laundry. 4969 Mills Street. 619-466-7786. www.rasnyder.com.

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LA MESA. Large 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo, \$1195, 5637 Lake Parkway. Also available: large 1 bedroom, Village area, air conditioned, \$825, 4620 4th. 760-230-

2582.

LA MESA. Lush gardens, sparkling pool, cathedral ceilings are just a few of the amenities in this newly refurbished community. 1 bedroom at \$975, 2 bedrooms from \$1150. No pets. Call 619-464-8985; www.fletcherhillstc.info.

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LA MESA. Spacious 1 bedrooms, \$850. 2 bedrooms, \$1100-\$1195. Quiet cul-desac, balcony, air conditioning. Nice pool with deck. Parking. Elevator. No pets. Lease. 619-303-4969.

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LAKESIDE. Beautiful Lake view from Townhome! Huge 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. With vaulted ceilings, fireplace. All appliances, garage. Washer/dryer in unit. Park and lake across the street. Gated community. All it needs you! Nonsmoking. Available mid-June. Call 619-226-4728.

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LITTLE ITALY. \$2200. Fully furnished 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath. 2 parking spaces. Secure. 1601 India Street. 858-597-6100

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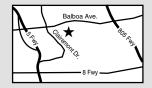
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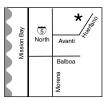
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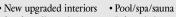
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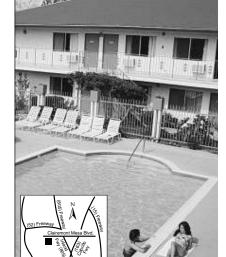
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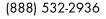
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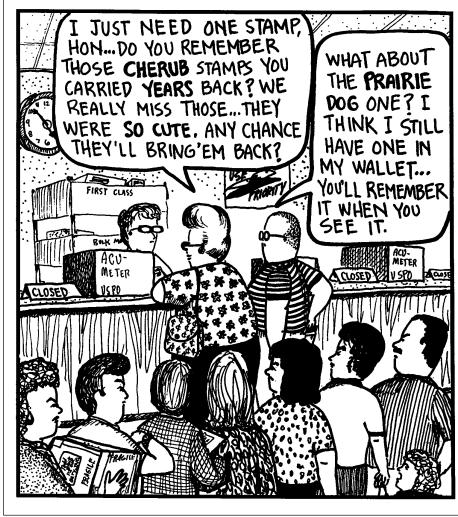
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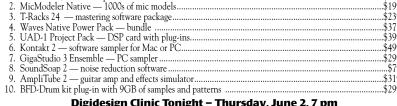
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The Entrepreneurial Spirit

 The Fat Duck restaurant, in the countryside west of London, was voted in a poll by 500 industry experts as the world's best (in spite of specialties such as "sardine on toast sorbet" and "leather, oak, and tobacco chocolates"). It had rallied from a bad health inspection report the year before, according to The Guardian newspaper, in which it was graded "borderline" for staphylococcus and listeria, and experienced "cross-contamination" and hand-washing problems.

 Almost ready for release is Spanish designer Pep Torres's "Your Turn" washing machine, developed to encourage sharing of housework. Household users, such as a husband and wife, initially register their fingerprints, and Your Turn will not operate by the same person's print twice in a row. Another product, still in development, is Briton James Larsson's use of lie-detector technology on restaurant utensils so that socially incompetent diners can better gauge how their dinner dates feel about them, by measuring stress as they eat. Reasoned Larsson, "Geeks have major challenges dating."

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Science on the Cutting Edge

Professor Mikhail Sokolshchik of Russia's National Medical Surgical Center performed a two-stage penile lengthening early this year on a 28-year-old virgin, adding five inches to what was an almost dysfunctionally small organ. Sokolshchik first removed the tip and stitched it onto the patient's forearm so that he could graft more tissue onto it (from elsewhere on the arm). After the tip lengthened, he reattached it to its proper place. According to an April dispatch from Moscow in London's Daily Telegraph, Sokolshchik is optimistic that all functions will be restored (though he said the man will probably be permanently semi-erect).

— In April, two former Cornell University entomologists, in what they said was a show of respect. named three new species of beetles that feed on slime mold after President Bush, Vice President Cheney and Defense Secretary Rumsfeld. "We admire these leaders," said Quentin Wheeler, for their "courage" "to do the very difficult and unpopular work of living up to principles of freedom and democracy...." The Agathidium bushi are found in Ohio, Virginia, and North Carolina, while the cheneyi and rumsfeldi are native to Mexico.

 A French biologist, writing in an April issue of the journal Nature, described a species of Amazonian tree ant that not only builds complex traps (using plant fibers, regurgitated vegetation, and organic mold) but then lies in wait to grab a passing insect with its jaws so that it can stretch it out in the trap in a manner resembling "a victim on a medieval rack."

Updates

In 2001, "News of the Weird," summarizing a report in the Chicago Tribune, wrote that physician Krishnaswami Sriram of Lake Forest, Ill., had been charged with 64 counts related to Medicare fraud based on billings for two 70-hour days, one day with 131 house calls, and 32 patient visits subsequent to their dates of death. In April 2005, following hearings on the charges and the sorting out of Sriram's records, federal judge John Darrah absolved Sriram of trying to cheat the government and found him guilty only of "chronically inept" bookkeeping (at a total loss to the government not of \$15 million, as prosecutors claimed, but \$1258). Sriram pleaded guilty to three counts and was put on probation.

"News of the Weird" has already reported that some people have a fondness for inserting three-inch steel hooks in their skin and hanging from pulleys for minutes or an hour at a time. In April, about 100 such aficionados attended a gathering in Providence, R.I., and participants seemed thrilled, according to a Reuters dispatch. A Connecticut teen: "It was euphoric. It was spiritual. I'd do it again today if I wasn't so sore." A woman, watching her boyfriend slowly swing: "Look at his face. He's so serene. We've had some really rough times this year, and he needed this really bad." A Canadian man: "The first couple of times, I didn't enjoy it. The first time, I blacked out, and one time I was convulsing. But the third time I got better. I wasn't blacking out anymore."

Least Competent Criminals

· Vickey Siles, 35, was arrested in New Haven, Ind., last year and charged with altering a check from the Globe Life and Accident Co. The check was for \$1, but Siles had obliterated the amount and written in \$4,000,000.00. She believed that she could cash a check for that amount at a neighborhood checkcashing shop (but a clerk alerted authorities). The job was so pitifully done that in March 2005, a judge gave her a suspended sentence and probation. · A Chicago gas-station clerk tricked a robber

in February by telling him there was more money "up there," pointing toward the ceiling. The robber looked, then said, "What are you talking about? There's no money up there." However, there was a surveillance camera there, and police were grateful for a full-face shot of the robber, according to WMAQ-TV.

Gas Pedal? Brake Pedal? Whatever (all-new)

- Accidents by elderly drivers who police suspect confused the gas pedal for the brake: Age 88, crashed into a bank, killing a customer, St. Pete Beach, Fla. (February). Age 85, crashed into a post office, West Salem, Ore. (December). Age 87, crashed into an animal hospital, Lynchburg, Va. (December). Age 88, hit two cars and two people in a Wal-Mart parking lot, Pembroke Pines, Fla. (January). Age 81, crashed into a car dealership after hitting her husband, a salesman, a car, and a tree, Fort Myers, Fla. (April). Age 84, crashed into her son, waiting to be picked up at the front door upon discharge from a hospital, Manchester, N.H. (May) He had to be readmitted.

Recurring Themes

— In Hong Kong in March, a 21-year-old man, reportedly upset about a breakup with his girlfriend, responded in a manner familiar to readers of "News of the Weird": He tossed almost everything in his 35th-floor apartment out the window. No injuries reported. ... In Gang Mills, N.Y., in March, after neighbors reported a disturbance at the home of Billy Abbey, 31, police surrounded the house and, for 11 hours, tried to coax him out, but, as some perps have done in the past, Abbey slept through the whole thing, oblivious to the siege.

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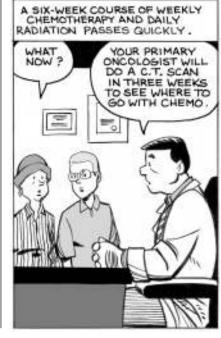
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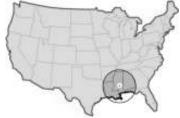
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This article comes to you sponsored by plain M&M's, several 20 ounce Cokes, and a large bag of Cheddar Cheese Pretzel Combos. How do you introduce yourself to the Internet? With a blog, you take it slow, revealing facts and quirks as you go, a very prolonged, wordy strip tease. You hestitate to post a picture, fearing that your high school best friend with recognize you and your deplorable liberal mindset. You drop the phrase "drive through, get a Coke," and another Waiting for Guffman fan recognizes it, sending you an e-mail or comment, and the connection is made.

Being anonymous is the way many people go, but for those of us with rather big mouths, it's terribly difficult. I go by my real name, Samantha, and I live in a college town in Mississippi. I'm from a small town, but I grew up on Army bases in the South and in Germany. I have a very patient and loving Fiancé, which is what I call him here — The Fiancé. We have a furry black dog, named Velcro, an expert escape artist and barking specialist. We are very involved in a loving, funny Methodist congregation. Of course, living in the Bible Belt, we're far from an anomaly, but I find that I'm a bit of oddwoman-out in the blogosphere. Most Christian apologetic blogs leave me bored, so I don't frequent them. Maybe I just haven't found the right ones, but I'd rather read uplifting stories from real life people of all faiths than arguments or prove how well I know the Scriptures. (Quick, who was the fourth person in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abendago?) I've got a real-life, longtime best friend with her own blog. I graduated from college three years ago, with a degree in vocal performance, a minor in religion. I read incessantly, and have defined luxury as being able to buy as many books as I could want in a single trip to the bookstore. I haven't achieved that

level of luxury yet. I watch too much TV, adore Tori Amos and Joni Mitchell, harbor dreams of being a stayat-home mom and writer, of going back to school for my master's, and of one day finally doing all of my laun-

Beginning a blog is like falling in love. I woke up early to write, became obsessed with securing a digital camera, and talked about other bloggers like friends. I collected funny stories and kept a notebook in my car to write down any ideas that came to me as I sat at red lights. A few real-life friends knew about it, and I took great pleasure by introducing them to interesting, funny writers on the Web. My pastor even read it. I've never been interested in political blogs, but I watched with great satisfaction the impact they had during the election. I found sympathetic political ears through blogs, since most of my real-life friends are of a different political persuasion than I. I even traded a few e-mails with one of my personal saints, Anne Lamott, when I handwrote some pro-Kerry letters to women in the big electoral states. Now that I've had some communication with

her AND the amazing Madeleine L'Engle, I can die reasonably happy.

Like other unfortunate souls, my blog helped me get fired. In October 2004, I woke up one morning to find an angry comment/e-mail from a coworker, accusing me of being an alcoholic. She'd brought some of our personal office difficulties and the deterioration of our



friendship and balled it up into a passive-aggressive rant. It was devastating to have someone come to a place I felt was sacred and smash their dirty china in my parlor. I was dismayed to have

nothing to stand upon, since that coworker was the daughter of my boss. The following Monday I was unceremoniously fired, with no explanations, with many words unsaid. After that, I dismantled littlesambook, which made me feel like my heart was being torn apart. I felt like I was ripping up something so precious yet so irretrievably damaged. I began again, otherwise they would have had one more victory notch on their belts. I refused to give up something that gave me so much life, my sidewalk back to creativity. I've dealt with paranoia and extreme fear, but I find it's very hard to hide on the Internet. I've decided to treat it as a life lesson and have vowed to never, ever work for a family business again. Of course, unless it's the Mafia. Then, at least, you know it's coming. I chose the name "sunday school rebel" because it sounded cool and because I never seem to make it to Sunday school.

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Statement of Leroy A.: My girlfriend [June B.] and I got off the trolley and came to DJ's Café for break-



fast While we were eating [Alan R.] walked up outside and knocked on the glass window.

June saw [him] and said, "Hey, nigger, where's my money? You owe me \$100."

R. balled his fists and started talking trash. I don't remember what he said but he basically said, "Fuck you." I got up and walked outside. I told R., "Hey, where is June's money?"

R. said he was going to kill me. R. reached into his rear pants pocket and pulled out a knife. He swung it at me and tried to stab me in the face. If I hadn't moved back a step, he would have stabbed me in the left side of my face.

Witness Statement of Maher H.: I know the white guy and his girlfriend. They come in here often. The black guy was yelling at them through the window. The white guy got up and went outside. I saw them both swinging at each other. I didn't see anyone using any weapons.

Statement of Alan R.: I was just walking down C Street. I have a job application and I was going to turn it in today. I saw June and that guy inside. I went up to the window and knocked on it to say hi since I've been knowing her for so long. She asked me about the money I owe her. I borrowed it in October so I could buy clothes. The white guy came outside and started yelling about how he was going to kick my ass and I had better give June her \$100. He tried to hit me and I took a swing at him. That's

all there was to it. It ain't nothing.

Oh, yeah, Well, when he came out and tried to hit me. I pulled a knife out of my pocket. I know I shouldn't have had it. That was kinda stupid.

BATTERY

Location: [4800] Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Reach

Time/Date: 6:00 p.m. on 5/15/05



Officer's Investigation: Upon

arrival I contacted Patty and her exboyfriend, "Sunny," who still lives with her. I noticed bruising to Patty's face on both sides of her upper cheeks. After looking at the injuries closely, I noticed the bruises appeared to be makeup. I asked Patty if she had makeup on her cheeks. She told me ves, to cover up the bruises. I asked her to wash off her makeup so I could photograph her injuries. When [she] came back, I noticed a little bit of redness on her upper cheek, below her eve. I saw no injuries to her right cheek. She also complained of pain to the back of her head.

Victim's Statement: A few days ago Kathy called my house asking about some videotapes that Sunny has. Sunny has mentioned to me that Kathy wants her tapes back. I never met Kathy before; I've only talked with her on the telephone. I was cooking in the kitchen when I heard a female yell my name through my screen on the front door. She said her name was Kathy and she was here to pick up the videotapes. She then started yelling and cursing at me. I went into Sunny's room and told him to get up so he could deal with Kathy. I then grabbed the bag of videotapes and walked to the front door. I opened the screen and tossed the bag to Kathy who was sitting in a chair. The bag landed in her lap. Kathy stood up and pushed me back. I hit my head on the front door. She came into my house and punched me four times on both sides of my face. I grabbed her by the hair to protect myself. Sunny came out of his room and separated us.

ASSAULT

Location: 2241 Shelter Island Drive,

Time/Date: 10:00 p.m. on 5/15/05



Officer's Investigation:

Theresa P. reported that her 17-yearold daughter, Teodora D., was battered in the parking lot of Humphrey's by the Bay on 5-15-05. P.

stated that D. came home on 5-16-05 with injuries to her face. P. stated that D. refused to give her details about the incident. D. told me that she was battered by two female acquaintances. D. told me that she did not want the police involved. Due to the substantial injuries to her face, I urged D. to speak to me. D. then gave me [a] statement, but still refused to identify the suspects or the names of the friends she was accompanied by.

D. essentially told me she was at the Humphrey's by the Bay motel with friends. D and her friends were attending the Portuguese Festival at the location. D. stated that she had consumed Smirnoff vodka and was "buzzed" at the time.

While at the motel, Suspect #1 approached D. Suspect #1 accused D. of hitting another female at the location earlier in the evening. Suspect #1 then grabbed onto D. with her hands. D. pushed Suspect #1 on the ground and D. fell on top of her. Suspect #1 then bit D.'s right cheek. Several people at the location lifted the two up and separated them. When the two were separated. Suspect #2 walked over and punched D. in the left eve with her fist. Several people approached them and pushed Suspect #2 away from D. D. then left the area with her friend.

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"It's got a Cobra engine. A Ford five-speed manual transmission out of a '68 or '69 Mustang. And a nine-inch rear end, which is Ford's heavy duty rear end with beefed up gears and all.

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I flip channels with the remote control. Flip. A smile flashes on the screen. Flip. Smile.

The dot rappels straight down into my living room along an invisible line, and I can smell what it is. It's a spider. Most people can't smell spiders, but I can. Spiders have an acrid, poisonous, chemical odor.

'Nothing on," I mumble to the spider. Channel 48: nothing. Channel 68: nothing. I

The spider closes half the distance from the ceiling to my outstretched legs in a couple of seconds. Small air currents in the room spin it in a slow rotation as it descends. Some of the spider's legs work to dispense the strand of web from its abdomen, some legs work to slow its spinning, some legs work to lower itself cautiously.

I'm ignoring the TV now, watching the spider get closer and closer to the arch of my foot. In the surface of the screen I can see the reflection of the room, the spider covering my right eye in the mirror image.

I shift my eyes from the reflection in the screen to the image being broadcast. George W. Bush pleads to the American public. The spider's ammonia smell hangs.

The spider drops another inch, and I can feel its kicking legs against the hair of my right foot

I flip the channel again.

The spider steadies itself and lands against my skin. The spider turns, surveying its new surroundings, the terra of my flesh, the forest of my foot hair. I bring my left foot over and menace it. I agitate it with my heel, making crushing movements toward it and then reversing before I smash it. The spider's legs scrunch its body down each time my heel gets close

'Son of a bitch!" I scream when it bites me.

I kick the spider off of my foot without harming it and flip channels with the remote.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

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VH1. 5:00 P.M.

With all the turmoil in South America and the popularity of reality-TV game shows, I'm sure it's only a matter of time before I beat out 12 other contestants to become the leader of an emerging nation. I've got my mirrored sunglasses, epaulets, and fancy hats all packed and ready to go.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

THIS IS YOUR DAY

WB. 6:30 A.M.

When the sun hasn't broken through the morning haze of O.B., the diffused light comes from every direction, and shadows aren't cast. Rummies, bummies, me, and tourists line up along the seawall, sip coffee, and stare out at the gray clouds and waves, expectant.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

SMURES

WB. 7:30 A.M.

Because what else are you going to watch on Saturday morning? All the yelling and bright lights of infomercials are enough to make you shut the TV off. And you don't want to do that. You need something soothing. You said you'd only have three drinks, but you blew past that limit before midnight. Now you're sitting on the couch watching cartoons instead of going to the gym.

NIGHT SHIFT (1982)

ARTS CHANNEL, 8:00 A.M.

A tall, curvy woman in lime-green lingerie, wearing high, stiff hair and glittery body makeup paraded past the full front window of the tattoo shop. "What is this chick doing walking around downtown in underwear and clear plastic shoes?" someone asked. We speculated as to whether she was "working" or if she was shooting porno pics in one of the live-work lofts in the neighborhood. "I don't know what she's doing," I answered, cran-

ing my neck. "But as long as she's walking around out here, there's a very empty stage somewhere with music pumping and lights flashing on a lonely chrome pole."

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

MY SCIENCE PROJECT (1985)

KTI A. 1:00 P.M.

If I get my socks out of the laundry and roll them together in pairs, then the elastic band gets stretched out and loose. BUT! If I turn my socks inside out before I roll the tops together then my socks should get tighter and tighter. Eventually, the elastic tops of my socks will be so tight as to create a small black hole that I can use to vacuum behind my couch.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

HELL'S KITCHEN

FOX. 8:00 P.M.

This must be good because they're advertising it a lot.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

THE MICHAEL JACKSON TRIAL

E! CHANNEL, 7:30 P.M.

This is the creepiest thing I've ever seen in my life. The show is a reenactment of trial testimony on a flimsy sound stage by unknown actors. It gives me one of those deep shivers, the kind where my arms and everything



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STAR TREK

SCIFI. 3:00 A.M.

James Spader sleeps with William Shatner in a scene from next season's Boston Legal. In an interview, Spader said it was an intimate moment and added that Shatner smells like venison and lamb sausage with rosemary and ranch dressing. I love that. Captain Kirk does a gay scene, and it's said that he smells like sausage. You're not going to get that cultural reference from any other country. That's All-American stuff.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

SEINFELD

XETV. 7:30 P.M.

I saw an interview with Jason Alexander where he referred to himself in the third person. "Jason needs to be in every show, or Jason is going to move on to another project," he said. One thing is for sure, Jason Alexander is freaking cool. I'm going to refer to myself as "Ollie" for the rest of this article.

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I didn't go to no college or nothing, but I thought I'd check it out.

Something is in the air during those weekday mornings and afternoons of late May and early June that triggers memories of the end of endless school years. When the local May gray blends with June gloom and there is more than a hint of humidity in the atmosphere, Southern California takes on something of the late Midwestern spring of my Chicago schooldays. Something of a promise of freedom in the air; something so essentially Friday.

I am drawn to City College — by the trolley, actually, and ask a few young minds, as they might say, "What's up?"

Vanessa Magee and Angela Gallardo clutch armfuls of books outside the student union (I don't know what a student union is) and pause for a moment on this Friday morning. Gallardo is a freshman studying accounting. Her plans for the summer?"I'm gonna spend it with my kids. I have two: eight years old and two years old. I was thinking about summer school, but I have to stay home, balance

Vanessa Magee will receive her A.A. degree shortly. I thought they just gave out tokens - you know, 30, 60, 90 days. Turns out she means Associate of Arts.

"I get it at the end of this week, in English. I'm going to go for a B.A. This semester I took fundamentals of fiction writing, and Psychology 101, and art."

I tell her I took six weeks of drawing, painting sculpture, and design at the Art Institute of Chicago in 1968. "I discovered I was maybe a cartoonist."

"This summer," she tells me, "I'm gonna work. I work at Already Out Bail Bonds.

"That's a noble pursuit. I'm not kidding."

"I want to teach high school English or elementary school. I want to keep them out of jail before they get in there."

Allison Feldman is 18 years old. It is her first year at SDCC. A pretty, almost delicate-looking blonde, it surprises me when she says she is completing her general education and wants to be a cop.

"No. Why?"

"Because I like horseback riding, and I want to be part of the mounted police."

"It's not like vou want to bust bad guvs?"

"Oh, I have no problem doing that, but my main motive is the horseback riding part of it."

"You kind of a tomboy or what?"

"No, I was always a girly girl."

Feldman will spend much of her summer working at a coffee shop and looking for a second job.

Kimberly Hoyt is studying biochemistry and will be transferring to UCSD in the fall. She is, she says, "One of the older students on campus. I'll be going up to Humboldt State University for the summer, an internship.

Her friend Bryce Schamback, 28, is studying chemistry. "I'm transferring to UC Berkeley in the fall, to the college of chemistry. So I have two years left up there to finish my undergrad [work]. I want to go to pharmacy school after that and study nuclear pharmacy. I want to become a nuclear pharmacist." As for the summer, Schamback said, "I have to take a class here this summer, then I'm leaving for Berkeley in August."

"Summer school. Bummer, eh?"

"A little bit. It's an English class. Not so bad. I prefer math and chemistry." A third member of the party is Guy Kelsey, 26, a structural engineering major. "I'm going to UCSD next year."

"Gonna be an architect?"

"I'm gonna be showing architects why their little designs will work. When they draw something, I'll be proving through physics and math why a bridge will stay up. But then I'll be delegating because I'm going to be a firm owner. I'm going to learn the field in about five years, then I'm going to start making demands on the seniors [partners]. I use the Scarface mentality in school, something the young see on MTV and through Hollywood. A positive way of moving up the scale instead of some negative, blown-out-of-proportion horse shit."

I have no idea what he's saying, but I tell him, "I'm pickin' up what you're puttin' down. Today, the shopping mall, tomorrow the world!"



"Yeah." (Laughter.)

As for the immediate future, Kelsey figures, "I'm gonna enjoy my last summer before university and work on my muscle car, an old Nova."

Derrick Campbell, 33, is studying radio and film. "I started in 2003. I should be finished in spring, 2006. I want to be an editor, maybe work over here at NBC. At times it gets a little hectic. Right now I'm taking a class in directing and that's a little stressful. The director's in charge; he has to be on the cameramen constantly. I'm not really all that into that."

"You're not a fascist?"

"Pretty much."

Campbell's friend Logan Stover will be 20 years old by the time this sees print. He is studying broadcasting and wants to be a sports announcer. He has recently moved from Los Angeles and will be going to San Diego State next fall. "This summer I'll be directing summer camp for the YMCA in Chula Vista. I'm going to San Felipe in a couple of weeks. And as for the rest of the summer, watch a lot of baseball."

The long view? "In my geezerhood, when I'm [Campbell's] age, my dream would be broadcasting for the Angels. When I'm 50, my dream would be to be a broadcaster for Baseball Tonight on ESPN. That would be my ultimate goal."

"Shoot for the stars, you zany mug."

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