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Mustache

also mous-tache (məs-tash, mə-stash) noun

1. The hair growing on the human upper lip, especially when cultivated and groomed.
2. Something similar to the cultivated, groomed hair on the human upper lip, as (a) A group of bristles or hairs about the mouth of an animal. (b) Distinctive coloring or feathers near the beak of a bird. (c) Food or drink sticking conspicuously to the upper lip, as after a deep draft: a milk mustache.

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Wit Explosion

Regarding the article "X2" (June 9), Suzanne Finnamore should no longer be allowed to write. I cannot afford another gut, as my last one merely exploded from laughter.

She is witty, crafty, and has a great talent for bringing visual detail to the written word.

Alavan
via e-mail

Split Tips

I don't understand the purpose of the divorce rant ("X2," June 9), but for something more informational, see the San Diego-inspired www.FamilyLawCourts.com or, in a pinch, the Cliff Notes version of the misogynistic, civil, criminal, and family court bench at www.SanDiegoJudges.com.

Bonnie R.
via e-mail

They All Die

I called because in the June 9 Reader there's a letter titled "Many Miracles," and it's from a Christian Scientist, I gather. It concerns a "Sheep and Goats" article from May 12 on the United Church of Religious Science. I'm curious about something. My late uncle had a bunch of in-laws who were Christian Scientists, and I remember when I was a kid, when we visited their house there were never any *Saturday Evening Posts* or *Life* magazines or anything lying around, only Christian Science literature, which to me as a child was pretty boring. And also, we — coming forward to the recent past in San Diego here — we had some neighbors who were Christian Scientists. Their children were friends of our children. I'm a little bit curious. I know my uncle's in-laws, a lot of the older people, are dead now. The woman who wrote the letter that you printed in the

June 9 Reader, from what she says, a lot of Christian Scientists believe in miracles, and they more or less perform miracles on each other — you know, one of them gets sick and the others pray for him or her and he or she then gets well. And her letter implies that they are not sick very often and that prayer keeps them healthy. But I'm just wondering, they all die of something eventually, so what do they die of? I'm not being sarcastic, I'm just curious.

Name Withheld

Fiberglass Legacy

I thoroughly enjoyed the article in your May 26 edition "Sweet, Wet, Ugly, Tough," by Steve Sorensen.

I am a fisherman for fun and not a lobster fisherman, but I thought you might be interested in the fact that I still have, and in good shape, one of the boats that Dale built during the off-season. There were no inflatables in those days, and the county lifeguards used Dale's boats for surf rescue. He built the boats with a Jefferies bow, which enabled the boats to go through waves without turtling.

A friend of mine knew a lifeguard who used one at Encinitas to go in and out of the surf. He gave us a ride, and we were convinced, talked our wives into letting us buy one, fixed it up a little with splash boards and convertible top, and have used it ever since. The hull was marine fiberglassed ply — fiberglassed both sides, which made the bottom very sturdy. In all these years — over 50 — mine has never leaked.

I now have graduated from a 5-horse to a 90-horse Johnson and can make South Coronado Island in 45 minutes on a flat day.

We've been in some very rough weather, and it has performed well.

We've trailered it everywhere easily. Trailer to San Quintin, take all your camping gear, then run to San Martin Island and stay three or four days. Those were good trips.

Thanks for rerunning the article. It brings back happy memories.

P.S.: I'm 93 and still go out about once a week.

David G. Jessop
La Mesa

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Out of the past The memo, dated September 6, 1978, is from San Diego Police Captain **P.H.**



Jerry Sanders

Rose to Captain **M.C. Guaderrama**. It sings the praises of a 28-year-old officer, badge number 1840, bucking for promotion to the rank of Police Agent: "Jerry has completed in excess of 150 college credits majoring in English. He possesses an A.A. Degree, Intermediate P.O.S.T. Certificate, E.M.T. Certificate, and California Teaching Credential (Limited)." Rose goes on to say that "Jerry has a very pleasing personality. He is usually soft spoken and congenial during public contacts, unless the situation dictates otherwise. He communicates very well with his peers and with all supervisors." Also, "While a member of S.W.A.T., he instructed in the use of chemical agents and rifle training and assisted in scheduling and coordinating for the S.W.A.T. Academy and training." Rose adds, "Jerry's appearance is excellent. He maintains his uniforms and equipment, and obviously takes pride in his appearance. He has no mannerisms which could be considered detrimental." And: "Jerry is a good report writer. He has the education to be able to express his thoughts logically. His reports are always clear and concise as to the circumstances of an incident." Of course, nobody's perfect. Under the heading "Reprimand" is "February 21, 1976 – Off-duty DWI, 10-day suspension." The young police officer's name: **Gerald R. Sanders**.

Comings and goings The departure of **Cliff Williams** as chief-of-staff for San Diego city councilman **Scott Peters** is causing a bit of a stir at city hall. Williams, who has worked for Peters in one role or another for the past five years, is moving over to the downtown office of the big national law firm Latham & Watkins to become a "land-use analyst". According to city records, Latham lawyer **Allen Haynie** is currently lobbying the council on behalf of 12 clients, including the Chargers, which retained Latham on April 27. Other clients are developer Black Mountain Ranch, LLC; Liberty Station's Corky McMillin Companies; Centurion Partners; big box retailer Home Depot; and Allied Waste Industries.

The Chargers actually have two lobbyists working on their new stadium proposal; former Clinton-Gore campaign guru **Mark Fabiani** registered as a lobbyist for the team in January. He's said to be laboring to produce a possible Chargers-sponsored ballot measure that would end-run the city council by making the team's pitch for free Mission Valley land directly to voters. Having ex-city hall insider Williams on board to help push the measure might be invaluable to Stockton megamillionaire **Alex Spanos** and son **Dean**, who own the team.

But critics of the Chargers deal are sure to be watching closely. Under city law, departing employees are forbidden by a "project ban" from get-

ting paid by someone who is advocating a development project in which the ex-worker has had a "substantial" role in overseeing during his or her tenure with the city. Ethics Commission chief exec **Stacey Fulhorst** says she's scheduled a routine exit interview next week with Williams, during which she plans to go over with him the tricky ins-and-outs of the restrictions. Williams didn't return a phone call seeking comment...Arnold Watch, a group opposed to GOP governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** and his pending ballot measures, is out with an e-mail: "From now on all campaign rallies will begin with a 'Go Team Arnold' cheer from the San Diego Charger cheerleaders — brought to you by team owner Alex Spanos, the Big A's top donor with \$2,114,700 delivered."

Drunk town Hottest new attraction for the swinging set is the Hotel Solamar at Sixth and J Street, developed by Padres owner **John Moores** as



Jbar urinal

part of his sweetheart stadium package with the city. The hotel's most unique feature: a flaming red urinal painted to resemble a woman's mouth in the men's bathroom of the posh fourth-floor rooftop "J-Bar"... Meantime, San Diego may be going broke, but the party continues at the city's official skybox at Petco Park. Established via a quiet agreement between city fathers and Moores, the skybox is a favorite party venue for council members, their staffs, and high-rolling campaign supporters.

During a game last week, according to a lucky attendee, there was unlimited beer and wine, along with as many nachos, hot dogs, and finger food that box occupants could devour, all for the low fee of \$15, and the liquor was not cut off in the seventh inning, as is the case in the public stands. An official game program, with a face value of \$5, was thrown in for free. ...The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce has announced its first ever "Get Connected at Sea" business networking cruise to Baja California aboard the Carnival Paradise. Departing for three days in November, the trip is advertised as offering a "1-Hour Open Bar Networking Cocktail Party" so that chamber members can "put your new networking skills to work." If that's too arduous for local business types, the chamber says, "Don't worry; you will have plenty of time with your family and friends to enjoy the fabulous dining, endless entertainment, Camp Carnival children's program, friendly casino and everything else while the Carnival Paradise takes you to Ensenada, Mexico." Suites run from \$659.

— Matt Potter

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\$20 Million In Unanswered Questions

By Don Bauder

In chaotic times, outsiders have the inside track. So-called "outside" lawyers, accountants, consultants, actuaries, investment

bankers, and self-proclaimed experts-for-hire are like taxicab drivers: they salivate when the meter is running. Often, opposing lawyers, feigning belligerence, are conspiring

like sociologists: their conclusion is that there has to be another study. A surefire money-maker is one consultant being hired to audit the work of another and vice versa. And



Diann Shipione



Pat Shea



Michael Conger

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so that each can submit higher invoices to their clients. Ask someone who has been through a divorce: in many cases, the husband and wife figure out that each other's lawyers are prolonging the hostilities to boost their incomes.

The outsiders-for-hire have other tricks. Consultants are

consultants know they are hired to tell management what it wants to hear.

When a client is in disarray, on the financial brink, and dysfunctional from top to bottom, it is vulnerable. That describes the City of San Diego — and may explain why so many outsiders are in evidence these days. Are

they helping one another pick the pockets of the drunk in the gutter?

Outsiders by the bushel are being hired at big pay to protect one city hall faction (the mayor and his crew) from another (the city attorney's office).

Ineptitude has played a role, too. "Nobody in this government of the City of San Diego is a sophisticated consumer of legal services," says Pat Shea, the attorney who assisted city attorney Mike Aguirre in his move into office and is now running for mayor on a platform of taking the city into municipal bankruptcy. "People don't know the product they want to buy, don't know the task to assign, don't know how to measure the product they are getting. It's an inefficient marketplace — people employing consultants, lawyers, and accountants but not being sure how to direct them."

The door opened in September of 2003, when Diann Shipione, Shea's wife and a member of the pension board, challenged the veracity of pension-related information in a \$500 million sewer-bond prospectus. The offering was taken off the table, while the city's outside bond counsel studied her

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Neal Obermeyer



How the Big Thing Blew Up

By Ernie Grimm

English teachers at Bell Junior High School must have an easy time teaching irony to their composition students these days.

Irony abounds at the Southeast San Diego school. For example, the campus and buildings, after six years' deferred maintenance, were cleaned up recently, but much of the faculty is unhappy about it. More irony: Maria Shriver, wife of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, was to pay a visit in late May to inspect the school's new fitness facility as part of her campaign against child obesity, but students were kept out of physical education classes — sometimes watching movies with substitute teachers instead of exercising — in the days leading up to her scheduled visit.

The visit from California's first lady — originally scheduled for May 24 but canceled when Ms. Shriver took ill — had its beginnings a year and a half earlier. "In December 2003," says Heidi Workman, chair of the physical education department at Bell, "one of our former coaches here at Bell, Kim Warner, wrote a grant proposal for the Chargers, because the Charger Foun-

dation has grants that they give to the schools and the community for physical education and health. In spring of 2004 we went to a Chargers Champions Organization's gala downtown, and they presented us with a check for



Maria Shriver

\$25,000. But that fall, we got wind from the San Diego City Schools that the proposal that Kim wrote did not go through. There was some problem with the outdoor fitness area Kim had proposed that was too difficult to install."

Workman did not have to return the money. Instead, in

January, "I rewrote the grant for fitness equipment, a new fitness room, and a new weight room. The grant was approved very quickly."

Grant money in hand, Workman and her staff of seven physical education coaches began transforming two adjacent rooms on the campus into an exercise center. "Me and my staff worked for the last six months putting everything together. We didn't contract any labor out because we spent all of the money on equipment.... We installed ten Schwinn stationary bikes, we have a rowing machine, and we have Dance Dance Revolution, which is a dancing game that is really hot in the arcades right now. We have exercise stability balls, we have two universal-type machines, and we have a plethora of jump ropes, punching bags, and kick bags. We worked on our breaks, after school, and on the weekends to paint, install floors, install equipment...."

In April, as the project neared completion, Workman says, "We invited the Chargers to come out and celebrate the grand opening of our fitness room on May 26. And apparently what then happened was that Maria Shriver was kicking off...a campaign to combat childhood obesity and to strengthen nutrition in the schools. As part of that effort, she called



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the Chargers organization and asked them if they knew of any schools that were involved with physical fitness. The Chargers said, 'Yeah, we are working with Bell Junior High.' And that is how the big thing blew up."

As the May 24 date of Shriver's visit approached, something happened at Bell that hadn't happened for a few years. "For the first time in, like, six years," says a Bell teacher who asked not to be identified (call her Teacher #1), "we have had these extra

custodians, extra gardening staff, extra people going around painting, all these workmen coming, and I have no idea how much overtime everybody has accrued. The school definitely needed it, but we have needed it for six years, not just because this lady is coming for a half an hour. And to make it even more ironic is the fact that her husband is the very guy who wants to cut even more funding so education will be affected in a negative way even more, and she is going to go home and say, 'Oh, Arnold, the place looks great, the school system is fine,' and it has looked terrible for years. I mean, they have been scraping paint, people we haven't seen for years, coming out to this school."

Teacher #1 wasn't the only member of the Bell faculty bemused by the sudden concern for the school's appearance. "It's extremely disingenuous," says another, Teacher #2, adding that after years of telling the school there wasn't money for maintenance, "suddenly the district has come up with this money to beautify our campus with three weeks left in the school year. And we have seen just a multitude of painters and gardeners — everything that you can imagine, run through here for ten hours after they found out that Maria Shriver was coming. And I know that they have had the vast major-

ity of our custodial crew, plus the extra painters and maintenance guys here, working all weekend long on overtime rates. I know from talking to them; many of them were on heavy overtime to get this



Heidi Workman

project done in time for her [May 24] visit, which never transpired."

Teacher #2 adds, "If these funds were available, the students could have certainly used them eight months ago when school opened for the year. It really seems that it is more for appearances than it is for the students. And that is really the bottom-line irritation that those of us who have been around a while feel: that a lot of lip service is paid to the needs of the students but that is not what we see in reality."

Both teachers insisted on anonymity for fear of retribution by the school administration in the form of class



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questions and in the end shared her misgivings. In early 2004, the city admitted that it had been putting false information in bond prospectuses since 1996. Investors had not been told the depth of the pension system's underfunding. Neither had the public. Government investigators moved in.

The city dropped its auditing firm, Caporicci & Larson, and hired giant KPMG. Then the city hired Enron's former law firm, Vinson & Elkins, to represent it in front of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which was begin-

ning its investigation. Vinson charged almost \$4 million for a report that reached one conclusion that was obvious (the city's bond disclosure bureaucracy is abysmal) and one that was beyond its mandate (no individual was culpable). KPMG wouldn't accept such findings and refused to certify audits of past years. Vinson agreed to look into whether there had, in fact, been misconduct—a curious appointment, since it had earlier found none. "In the second hiring of Vinson, I was never provided documents outlining the scope of the work product—once burned, twice shy," says councilmember and mayoral candidate Donna Frye, who opposed the move.

To induce KPMG to complete the audits, Aguirre then probed the pension mess. He began issuing reports citing San Diego city officials for fraud and illegal acts, as well as violations of state and local laws. The mayor and councilmembers who were cited for such violations didn't like it. Result: more outside professionals came on board. Officials of Kroll, Inc., raking in up to \$900 an hour, were hired, supposedly to "reconcile" the benign Vinson report with the biting ones by Aguirre.

Early this year, the city established an Outside Professionals' Audit Committee headed by the Kroll group. It, in turn, brought in two New York lawyers at \$560 and \$825

an hour to do what Vinson was going to do. Vinson may or may not give an oral report to the audit committee. The city isn't talking and neither is the committee. "All I know is that Vinson is charging a lot," says Don McGrath of the city attorney's office, who studied the question last month.

What's all this costing? Aguirre thinks the tab is more than \$10 million. Attorney Michael Conger, who successfully sued the city over the pension underfunding, puts it between \$10 million and \$12 million. Shea says it could be up to \$20 million.

In a sense, the city is paying for comedy. In 2003, the establishment law firm of Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps

was defending the city against the underfunding suit filed by Conger. On December 19, 2003, the firm asserted, "Nowhere does [the city charter] state that the city is required to pay [into the pension fund] what the actuary determines that the city must pay." It made close to \$900,000 defending that case, says Conger.

On February 22 of this year, the same firm did a backflip, opining in a memo to the city manager that the city's failure to fund the system on an actuarial basis may have been a violation of both the charter and the municipal code. It got \$127,000 for that opinion. "That is called talking out of both sides of your mouth for a million dollars,"

chuckles Conger. The law firm refuses comment.

"The city fired Caporicci because, in part, it didn't do a good job on the pension part of the audit," says Aguirre. "But the pension fund retained Caporicci. The city had to do an illegal-acts investigation to get the city's audit. Why was it that the pension plan was able to use the Caporicci firm without any illegal-acts investigation?"

More churning of outside firms is inevitable. The outside audit committee wants the pension board to fire its longtime outside auditor, Rick Roeder. Roeder had expressed concerns about the underfunding but then went against

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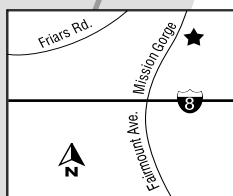


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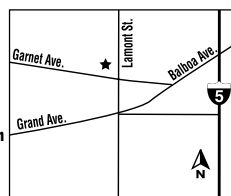
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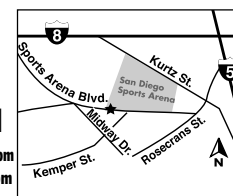
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Clausen started racewalking in the seventh grade. Since then he's been to the Olympics three times, won the U.S. 50 km six times, the U.S. 20 km five times, and placed third in the 1999 World Championships. He's been training at the ARCO Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista since 1997. I acquired his cellular phone number from a reliable source: his mother. He answered on the third ring.

I ask, "Is there a country where racewalking is a big deal?"

"Mexico is one of the biggest," Clausen says. "Mexico hosted the Olympic Games in '68, and racewalking was one of the events they got a medal in. Walking has been huge there ever since. Ecuador has huge crowds for a walk. Jefferson Perez won a gold medal for Ecuador — the only Olympic medal ever won by an Ecuadorian. Jefferson has his own postage stamp, he's been on Ecuadorian currency; the guy is a national hero. In Europe, there are hotbeds for walking: the Italians, the Spaniards, the Russians. Polish people love it. Robert Korzeniowski won gold in '96; he won both distances for men in 2000, and he won gold in 2004. He's a Polish national hero."

Not in the USA. It's hard to move Americans off football and baseball; they barely tolerate soccer. "Is there a racewalking circuit in the United States?"

"We have a national championship circuit. This past weekend racewalkers were in Niagara Falls for our national 10 km. We have national championships in the 5 km, 10 km, and 15 km. Our Olympic distance is 20 km, and we also host 30, 40, and 50 km. There are events throughout the United States. If you're on the world-class level there's also a world tour, a Grand Prix series. Traditionally, racewalking events in Mexico kick off the season. You'll go to Italy, Germany, Spain..."

"You've done that?"

"Yeah."

Had to have been great fun. "Are you still competing?"

Clausen says, "Semi-retired. Right now I'm in Madison, Wisconsin, going to law school; just finished my first year. I came straight here from Athens [2004 Olympic Games site]. I'm hoping to get back to San Diego for work. As for racewalking, I'm dabbling. I qualified for the world championships in Helsinki, Finland, next February. I won the [U.S. 30 km and 50 km] nationals, but I'm definitely not training at a world-class level. In order to compete on the world-class level you have to be a full-on, full-time athlete."

"Sounds like you haven't decided whether to retire or not."

"I'm getting older — I'm 37 — my career is on the downswing. I decided to get law school behind me. I came out to Chula Vista in '97, did the full-time-athlete thing through Athens. The post-Olympic year is a down year anyway, so I figured this was a good time to start on my law degree. Two thousand seven will be my third year of law school, and that's when you start qualifying for the Olympics. I hear law school gets easier after the first year. We'll see what happens."

"How about coaching?"

"I'm going to stay involved in the sport. There's not a lot of money in racewalk coaching...not a lot of jobs out there, although I do have friends who eke out a living in racewalking, it can be done. I hope to take my law degree and channel it into sports, most likely Olympic-level sports and at the administrative level within racewalking."

I'll lay 20 bucks he makes it. "Let's say you're talking to a San Diego teenager. He's enthusiastic; he wants to start racewalking. What would you tell him?"

"The best thing is to find a Junior Olympic Club through USA Track and Field."

"In San Diego?"

"Yeah, there are plenty. There are some books on walking. The Internet is a great place for advice: there's a website called *racewalk.com*, which has a bunch of links and overview."

"How about a middle-aged guy in El Cajon who wants to pick up the sport?"

Clausen e-mails me his answer. "There are a couple walking groups in San Diego that should help a beginner learn the basics. Walk This Way has a website: *teamz.active.com/WalkThisWay/*. Sloan Zsiros is the coach and trains at Mission Bay Park weekly (Sundays, I believe). Liz Salvato heads Walk2Win and her website is *walk2win.com/*."

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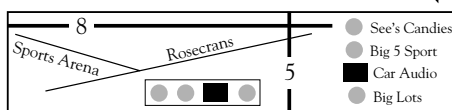
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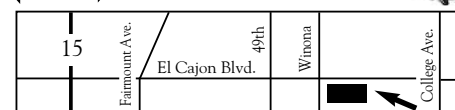
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tures alone? Beginning in the 19th Century through the 20th, and continuing to our own century, there has been continuing erosion amongst mainline Protestant denominations in the authority of the Bible. If the Bible was your only authority, and your denomination had rejected that, all that is left is subjectivism. If all that is left is subjectivism, you now have truth being decided by the annual national convention through popular vote."

Anderson encouraged all Protestants who become Catholics "to enjoy the fullness of the faith, grace and truth, which Christ intends for them offered through all the means He wishes to grant them. These means include the full Bible, Apostolic tradition, the secure teaching authority of the Church, as well as all the Sacraments established by our Lord

Jesus, especially the Holy Eucharist, wherein Jesus is truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity."

"Jesus said that his desire is that we all may be one as he and the Father are one. I pray every day that all the churches would unite into the Roman Catholic Church," said Father Edward Gallagher. "If there are non-essentials we can change, we should." Gallagher listed celibacy of the priesthood as one non-essential the Catholic Church should allow. "There are a lot of Catholics who are leaving the Catholic Church because we value life issues in areas such as embryonic research, life at conception; we are against birth control, abortion, divorce or homosexuality," added Gallagher.

I spoke with several parishioners at St. Gregory about the Catholic Church and its relationship with Protestant churches.

Rosa Vendermar said she believes the Protestant Church has improved the Catholic Church. "The Catholic Church was stricter but now is more open and flexible because of the Protestant Church." Vendermar said she believes "God wants all the churches to get back together." Domini Scigliano said, "Martin Luther had it right when he pointed out the abuses of the Catholic Church, but he never meant to make a new church." Scigliano said he would like to see more dialogue between the Catholic Church with other churches. "Christ is the center of our beliefs; we should have more fellowship with one another," said Scigliano.

I asked Father Gallagher what happens to a person after he dies. "After death, they are judged. Whether they go to heaven or hell is up to the Lord. When people who go to hell see the beauty and glory of the Lord they will miss it for eternity. That will be hell."

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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EDWARD GALLAGHER

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Father Edward Gallagher's homily at Saint Gregory the Great began with a story of the son of a minister who left the Protestant church to become a Catholic. After Mass, Father Gallagher said many Protestant ministers are leaving their traditions to join the Catholic Church. "They usually become Catholic because of the 6th chapter of John, on the Eucharist. They realize what they are teaching is not what they are practicing," Father Gallagher added that the Catholic tradition is the only valid priesthood. "We are not condemning [other traditions], just acknowledging the reality. Their priesthood is not valid. The Catholic Church has been around for almost 2000 years. There is a history of who founded the Catholic Church and we can trace our steps back to Jesus Christ.

There is a Real Presence of the Sacraments administered by people who trace their roots to Jesus." Father Gallagher said he did not want to judge these other traditions but wanted "people to participate in true Sacraments." Gallagher recommended I contact the Coming Home Network which supports Protestants who become Catholic.

Jim Anderson, at the Coming Home Network, is a liaison with Protestants who seek to learn more about the Catholic Church. This year, Anderson said there has been a 40 percent increase in the number of Protestants who have contacted the Coming Home Network. Anderson said many pastors sacrifice their vocations and occupations upon conversion to the Catholic Church. I asked Anderson why people decide to leave their tradition to join the Catholic Church. "Many of the clergy as well as lay people in the Protestant denominations are having a crisis of faith, not in Jesus, but in, 'What is truth and how do we know it?' In the past, beginning in the 16th Century, Protestants answered the question of authority with 'Sola Scriptura,' or 'the Scrip-

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Dear Saffron,

My husband and my mother do not get along. I've tried everything I can think of to build a bridge between them. Nothing works. My husband says that when they are alone that she is snide and disrespectful. He feels she is constantly withholding her approval and looking down on him. He has had trouble keeping jobs and my mother has had to help us out financially. This is a sore point between them. When I confront her she always says that what my husband complains about is nonsense and that she is at all times nice and civil to him. When other people are around, they appear to be getting along. I've asked friends if they perceive any tension between my mother and husband and they always look perplexed and say, "No. They got along okay. I didn't notice anything weird." I've talked to both of them about this many times and I always get the same reaction on both sides: "It's all his/her fault!" What can I do?

SICK OF FRICTION IN GOLDEN HILL

Dear Sick,

I don't think you can do much at all right now, I'm sorry to say. These warring factions should never be left alone with each other, since that's when conflict seems to ignite. Besides encouraging them to treat each other well and cut each other acres of slack, your hands are tied. Family counseling is an option if you can get them to agree. Otherwise, accept the fact that on some fundamental level they are allergic to each other, at least for the time being, and keep trying to promote harmony and not get squashed between them. You can't force the lion to lie down with the lamb, though in this case you might be dealing with a lion and a tiger.

Dear Saffron,

I have a friend who wrote a couple chapters of a book. It took him two years to write them and he gave them to me to read. I jumped into them immediately and kind of liked them, but didn't love them. I sent him a quick note saying I was 2/3 done and thought they were great, but I stopped reading them for a while because I got very busy at work. Three weeks went by. Then I received a stone-serious note from him stating that he'd been waiting and agonizing, that I'd been torturing him by not letting him know what I thought. I finished the chapters and still felt lukewarm, but I sent a longer note saying how excellent I thought they were because I just wanted to be supportive. At a party a few weeks later I decided that complete honesty was best so I took him aside and quietly apologized for my generic praise and slowness in reading, and mentioned that I

had some problems with the writing that I'd like to discuss further in the coming days. He remained at the gathering till after midnight, joyously partying. Next morning on the phone I received a freaked-out, angry attack about how I'd humiliated him at the party and what was he to make of all my previous lies. Then he insisted I tell him what I thought was problematic about his book. I made a few comments and he was wildly defensive and furious. I knew he couldn't handle an honest critique in the first place. I hung up with the friendship in peril. What should I have done differently? What should I do now?

SANTOS IN SPRING VALLEY

Dear Santos,

There are people in this world that'll beg for your honest opinion when they really crave only praise and reassurance. This type will blow a gasket if you tell them what you really think, as opposed to telling them what they want to hear. What you could have done differently: You could have read the chapters a little more quickly and have been more honest about your mixed reaction to them in the first place, so that you didn't have to backpedal later. Also, don't bring up sensitive topics in public, at a party. What you can do now: You already apologized for most of the aforementioned fumbles. Reiterate that sincere apology, assure this friend of your loyalty and affection, and see if he wants to discuss his writing now in a constructive and candid way — without jumping down your throat or getting defensive. If he can handle that, great. If not, maybe it's time to turn the page and move on.

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My hubby Patrick made his first visit to the dermatologist last week. A brown spot on the back of his neck had him worried about skin cancer. But the doctor relieved his fears. "It's a liver spot," Patrick reported as he returned. "It's harmless. But the doctor recommended I use sunscreen every day anyway."

"A liver spot, that sounds cool," I heckled him. Until that brown spot appeared on his neck, Patrick had never worried about skin cancer. Though his father has had some small spots of skin cancer, Patrick inherited the dark skin of his mother and tans easily. So he rarely uses sunscreen. But after a stern lecture from the dermatologist about using sun protection, and a suggestion to get the protection in the form of a daily moisturizer, he agreed to try some. For Patrick, however, an aisle of skin moisturizers is as confusing as a jigsaw puzzle, so I offered to go buy it for him. But first, a little research.

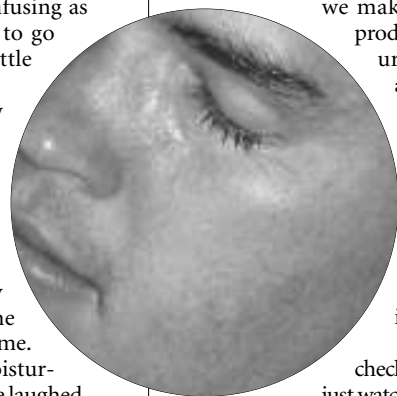
Because my sister-in-law Margaret is a woman with an opinion on most subjects, she's often the first person I call. "Well I try everything," she answered, "because I am on the quest for the fountain of youth. I have noticed that my husband gravitates toward the Nivea products that I bring home. Of course he just uses my moisturizers, he won't buy his own," she laughed. "One product I do know works very well is Clinique Exceptionally Soothing Cream for Upset Skin [\$32.50 for 1.7 ounces at Macy's]. I gave some to a friend before his wedding. He was suffering from rashy skin, and it cleared it all up."

I thanked her for her tips and started calling some professionals. "Exceptionally Soothing Cream for Upset Skin has sea whip extract," Clinique saleslady Karen offered, "which is an all-natural ingredient and is good for rosacea."

She also suggested their moisturizer M Product SPF 21 (\$20 for 3.4 ounces at Macy's).

"This is a new product and is a big seller. We recommend a three-step program to promote healthy skin. The components of healthy skin are a healthy cell turnover, an intact moisture barrier, and a strong support structure, that is, the collagen in the skin hasn't been broken down. So we recommend cleansing with our facial soap, which is allergy tested, then exfoliating with our clarifying lotion followed by moisturizing. We sell a lotion for drier skin and a gel for oilier skin-M Gel Lotion [\$48 for 3.4 ounces at Macy's]."

"For the man, we try to make it a bit more simple," explained the Macy's Clarins saleslady. "Men aren't necessarily like us women who do a skincare regime for a half an hour in the morning. Our man's cleanser is not only



"Men's skin is thicker than a woman's; it has a rougher texture."

for the face, but it is for the body and the hair, so they can do a one-stop hair, body, and face, they are done, out the door [Clarinsmen Active Face Wash — \$17 for 4.4 ounces at Macy's]. We have a Clarinsmen Moisture Balm [\$25.50 for 1.7 ounces], which is our most popular. It's a bit more lightweight than a moisturizing cream. Men seem to like more of a gel, so this is more like an after shave gel but it also helps with wrinkles and lines and prematuring aging as well as sunscreen."

How often should they moisturize?

"If you can get them to use it twice daily, that is what we want," she replied. "Use it in the morning after they cleanse and use it at night before they go to bed. It's the same product, we don't have two separate ones for day and night."

"Men's skin is thicker than a woman's; it has a rougher texture," she continued.

"The products for men usually are a bit more active. Bison grass is what we make all of our men's products with. It is a natural grass, and it has a fragrance that is more aromatherapeutic for men. It is very soothing for the skin for shaving."

Any ingredients you should look for when buying moisturizer?

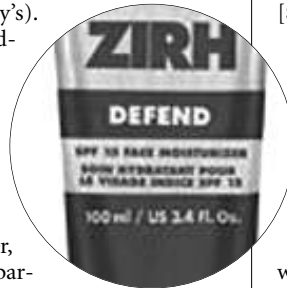
"I tell people to check the ingredients and just watch out for mineral oil."

You don't want mineral oil in your top three ingredients. It's going to dehydrate the skin so it actually makes you more dependent on a product. Mineral oil sucks your natural moisture to the surface of your skin, so your skin feels really moist, emollient and healthy. But as soon as you rinse off your face, and you wash off that product, your skin is left dehydrated because the mineral oil has stripped it of its natural moisture."

Another Macy's saleslady recommended Zirh. "It is one of our best sellers," she touted. "The Zirh Defend has SPF 15 [\$28.50 for 3.4 ounces] and the Zirh Protect has SPF of 8 [\$26 for 3.4 ounces]."

"Most men have more oily skin," the Sephora saleswoman said, "so men's moisturizers are usually lighter weight and they also often have a menthol or a peppermint in them, something soothing for after shaving. Malin + Goetz Face Moisturizer [\$45 for 4 ounces at Sephora] sells really well. It is for all skin types. Anthony Logistics Moisturizer also sells well, it is a SPF 15 and it is for all skin types [\$30 for 2.5 ounces at Sephora]."

She added, "You don't want to put moisturizer above your optical bone because they're usually a little too heavy. Since you don't have any pores around the eyes, the moisturizer doesn't absorb in, and it can cause a build up around your eyes or sensitivity. So, some men choose to use an eye cream along with a moisturizer."



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Thirty Years Ago

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

Though I am an admirer of Ms. Whoopi Goldberg as a performer, I must correct a statement in her letter which appeared in the *Reader* of June 12, 1980.

She states, "There is presently only one Equity house in San Diego (the Fiesta Dinner Theatre)." Perhaps Ms. Goldberg is new to the San Diego theater scene. The Old Globe Theatre is the oldest professional (Equity) theater in California.

—LETTERS: "WHOOPI CAUTION," Bill Eaton,
Director of Public Relations, Old Globe Theatre, June 19, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

When Joan Kroc scheduled a recent vacation in Rome, *Tribune* reporter Robert Blair Kaiser arranged for the McDonald's millionaire to have a brief audience with Pope John Paul II. Kaiser, who is Kroc's current friend and escort, hopped aboard her Grumman G-3 jet and flew to Italy, where he wrote about the June 5 papal visit.

His Vatican dispatch told readers how "the pope and Kroc made a colorful pair under the noonday sun. He was all in white. He even wore a little white skullcap. Kroc was wearing a mauve pink dress by Givenchy, with a matching straw hat." Kroc whispered to the pope that she is "praying for an end to the arms race," and later told Kaiser that the pontiff "has warm hands."

—THE INSIDE STORY: Paul Krueger, June 20, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

TV reviewing is different from print. We must get some story in, some mention of the performances in, and a general overview of the picture in, while making it interesting and informative. And we need to include a film clip, which uses more time, and we have to do that in about two minutes!

Hell, I would love the luxury and option of writing about film angles and who is and isn't using deep focus and the historical aspects of a film.

—LETTERS: "ALL THAT IN TWO MINUTES,"
Laurence Gross, Film Critic,
KNSD-TV/KPOP Radio, June 21, 1990

Ten Years Ago

In the latest *Paris Review*, Czeslaw



Duncan Shepherd (right) and his father

Milosz...said to his interviewer, "Writing religious poetry in the 20th Century is very difficult. We are in a largely postreligious world. I had a conversation with the present pope, who commented upon some of my work, in particular my 'Six Lectures in Verse.' 'Well,' he said, 'you make one step forward, one step back.' I answered, 'Holy Father, how in the 20th Century can one write religious poetry differently?'"

"And how did the pope respond?"

Milosz's interviewer asked.

"He smiled," said Milosz.

—READING: "CZESLAW MILOSZ," Judith Moore,
June 15, 1995

Five Years Ago

Another different thing about my father (how many of his other differences could it account for?) was that he came from Scotland — came from it when he was five years old, so he didn't sound like my grandfather, though he could do the accent on request. Hence the names of his children, Jamie Donald, Duncan Scott, Laurie Ann. Hence "porridge" and "mealie Jimmy" as synonyms for oatmeal. Hence the two rows of framed portraits of pipers on the den wall. Hence the actual set of strictly decorative bagpipes. Hence the mandatory attendance at any touring performance of the Black Watch, the Gordon Highlanders, the Coldstream Guards. He was intensely proud of his heritage, and a snotty child in suburban Minneapolis could be sure to "get his goat" (another of his pet phrases), if not get him to "pop his cork" or "blow his stack" (two more), by suggesting that in reality he came not from Aberdeen, Scotland, but nearby Aberdeen, South Dakota.

— "A SIX-GUN AND BOX OF BLANKS,"
Duncan Shepherd, June 15, 2000

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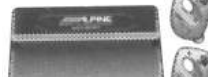
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by Josh Board

Whenever I try to write about high school parties that involve the schools, the schools freak out and don't let me anywhere near the campus or party site. When I tried to write about a dance at Madison High School, the vice principal almost had me arrested.

Since I had written about the Point Loma High School band, I figured they wouldn't mind me crashing their prom. Of course, there were hoops I had to jump through. I played phone tag with the principal, the vice principal, and a few other staff members. It took weeks to convince them to let me in. I promised them I'd stay away from topics regarding sex, drinking, or after-parties the students might have planned. The school agreed.

It was nice to go to a prom without having to rent a tux or worrying about the zit I got on my forehead the day before.

The Point Loma High School prom was held at Paradise Point. When did proms go from being at the high school gym to being at resorts? I'm guessing the mid-'70s. Everyone I talked to over 50 years old had their prom at their school gym, except one lady who told me, "The only reason we had one at a hotel ballroom



was because our school was so small, we didn't even have a gym."

I arrived early but the parking lot was already full. I found out from a security guard that La Costa and Serra High Schools were also having their proms here this night (in different ballrooms). I saw two guys walking up who were lost.



dates." They laughed and told me their girlfriends were in the car putting on their makeup. I'm not sure why the guys did-

show up too early. But worrying about being cool can get you into trouble. So many of my friends got limos that I felt weird driving my date in my old Mustang. I borrowed my parents' brand-new T-bird and promptly broke the headlight when I hit a pillar in the parking garage at Anthony's Restaurant in La Jolla.

I talked to a couple in line, Bernadette Ramirez and Joey Davidson. They told me they weren't a couple, just friends. I asked them how much it cost them to come to this event. They said \$120 for the limo, \$150 for the tux (he also

rented a top hat), and \$100 for the hotel. I knew a lot of kids had parties at hotels afterwards, but didn't ask any questions regarding that. I asked where they had dinner. "We saved money on that. We ate at a friend's house."

I saw some interracial couples. Back in the '80s, my high school (Mira Mesa) had all different races. We had lots of Filipino and Vietnamese, but it seemed like everyone dated someone of their own race. The few times people did date outside their race, they told stories about how their parents didn't like the idea.

As I walked in, I saw why the line was taking so long. The staff at the school was having the kids empty their pockets. One kid looked angry as he held his wallet, comb, and car keys in his hand. Better safe than sorry. We seem to hear about school shootings at least once a year now.

Since the students were being frisked and nobody was inside yet, I decided to talk to the DJ. He was spinning records for an empty dance floor.

His name was Peyton Vincent, and he worked for La Jolla DJs. I asked him how he decides on the music he'll play. He replied, "Sometimes it

"[My mom] said my cell phone better be on, the battery better be charged, and that I better answer any time she may decide to call."

One said, "We just walked into the other school's prom. It was so embarrassing." I said to them, "It's not going to be as embarrassing as you guys walking into your prom without

n't wait for them.

At 8:15 there was a line of about 30 kids waiting to get into the ballroom. I remembered at my prom that we all thought it wouldn't be cool to

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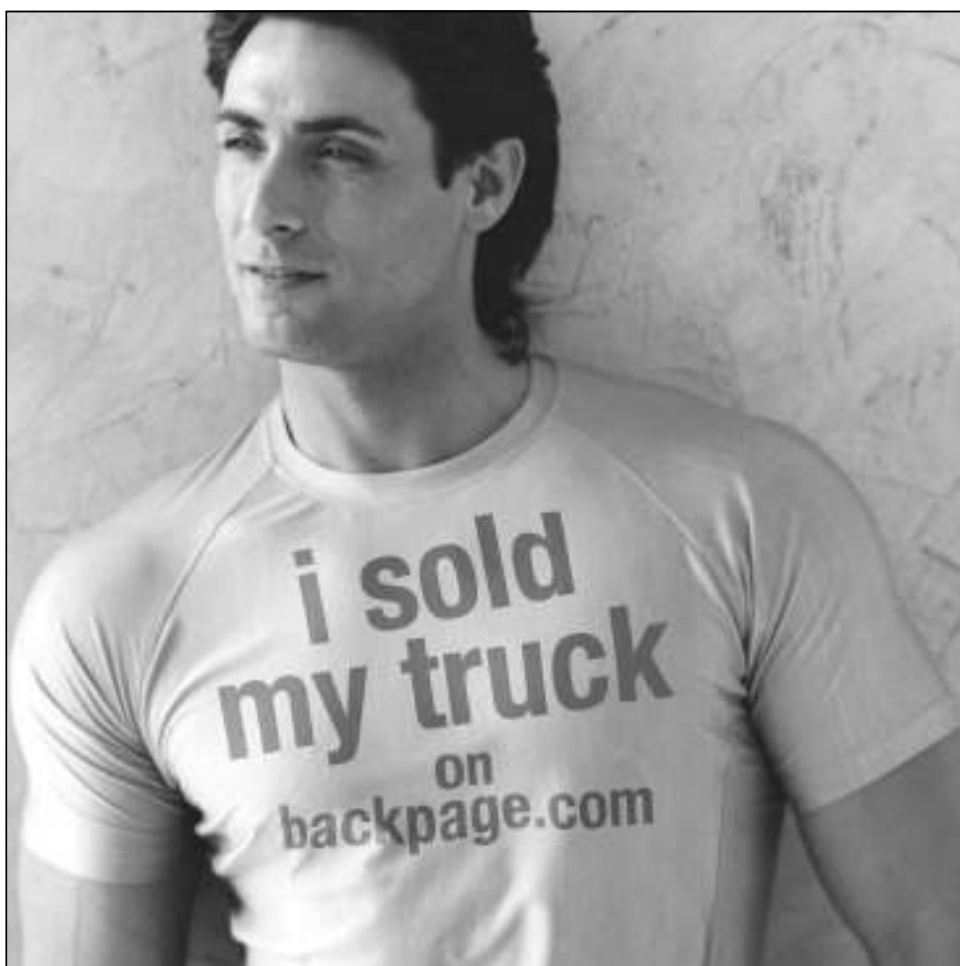
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depends on the racial demographics. It can be different at different schools. The North County schools are strict and like very clean music played. One school wanted more disco, others like a lot of hip-hop. I was surprised with Coronado. They liked the '80s songs."

Vincent told me that he had radio edits of rap songs minus the nasty lyrics.

It didn't occur to me at the time to ask him if there are any proms that still hire full bands.

After talking to him and grabbing a Coke, I was surprised the ballroom was still empty. Then I noticed the line went from getting inside to lining up for pictures. When I went to that line, I asked why they didn't want to dance a little or kick back at a table before jumping back into another line. One guy said, "My girlfriend is making me. The pictures are the most important thing to her." She smiled and said, "With

the money I spent on this dress, I'm getting photos taken in it. And besides, if we start dancing, we'll get sweaty and our hair will be a mess."

Another couple I talked to was Paul and Jane. She was a senior and he was in college. I asked how much they spent on their outfits. She said, "I saved some money, since I had this dress already. We ate at Old Venice, and probably spent a total of \$300 to \$400 on everything. We didn't rent a limo. We got an old GM. A 1950s model."

I saw a few couples standing out on the patio overlooking the water. One couple was smiling and taking in the view. I heard them talking about another couple who they were waiting for. One couple looked shy and weren't talking to each other. They didn't seem very social.

One couple walking by were gossiping about her last boyfriend. It was nothing that bad, but overhearing them brought back all

those high school memories. Things that happened in 5th period that humiliated you and had you running home and telling your parents that you'd never go back to school again — things we typically don't remember as adults. I thought of a classmate I had in 8th grade who killed himself. You wonder what could be so bad, and you wish that kids would realize that things do get better.

Paradise Point had tables set up with a wide variety of soft drinks and fruit punches. They also had a lot of fruit, appetizers, and a great selection of desserts. I heard one girl say to her date, "You could've saved money on our dinner. There's so much food here that we could've eaten."

I saw an African-American kid wearing a white Padres cap that matched his tux. He reminded me of an African-American athlete from my school who showed up at the prom in a tux with tails, a top hat,

and cane. He thought he was cool, but we spent the entire time making fun of him and singing "Puttin' on the Ritz" every time he walked by.

Watching the groups of people, I saw a few couples kissing and getting affectionate. But most groups would greet each other with hugs and handshakes, like long-lost friends who haven't seen each other in years. A few guys tried to act cool with high fives, slapping hands, and doing weird handshakes.

I asked several couples if they were nervous meeting their dates' parents. All of them said they had met the parents on previous occasions. Some parents gave the kids curfews; other parents agreed that they could go to the hotel parties, which usually involved 20 or more students who all chipped in for the room. One girl said, "My mom said I can stay out until 4:00 a.m., but she said my cell phone better

be on, the battery better be charged, and that I better answer any time she may decide to call."

I saw a guy walking around in a weird plaid suit. His name was Nicholas and his date was Megan. I asked Nicholas about his suit. "This is my older brother's. It was in his closet, and it matched my date's [outfit]. I like the multicolors. My brother has gone to so many dances and he has a lot of different outfits."

She's a senior and he's a junior, and they are just friends. I asked them where they had dinner. "We ate at George's on Fifth," said Megan. "My friend's dad is a chef there, so we got a good deal." She told me she bought her dress but it wasn't that expensive. She also complained that she forgot her ID, which was required to get in. (She somehow made it inside.)

I heard one girl talking about a couple named Stephanie and Alex who

were eating at the Indigo Grill in Little Italy and had a \$400 dinner bill (they had seven other friends with them). A couple at the bar saw the kids at the table and paid their tab. The couple left before they could even be thanked.

The DJ played Michael Jackson's "Beat It," and the lights were completely dimmed. I should've asked him if Jackson was appropriate to play.

When the next song was played I heard a guy tell his date, "We have to dance now. That's my song." Another girl sitting nearby said, "That's the first time a guy has had to suggest they go out on the dance floor."

When a Kelly Clarkson song was played, more people got on the dance floor. It snowballed after that.

A girl put one of the napkins in her purse. "A Sunset to Remember, Prom 2005" was printed on it with an image of a couple kissing between palm trees. Her and her friends

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were also taking photos. Girls seem to be more into photos and keepsakes than guys are. Guys buy flowers and a card the afternoon of Valentine's Day. And the cards we receive usually end up in the trash a few days later. I'm willing to bet women spend hours searching for just the right card. And they probably save all the cards we give them (at least until the breakup, and sometimes, even after).

I heard one girl say, "Oh my God! I have to sit down. My feet are just killing me." One girl who told me earlier that she spent \$280 on her shoes already had them off. "They were getting uncomfortable." I told her if I spent \$280 on shoes, I'd sleep in them, and that they should have magical things happen when I click them together. She laughed and said, "It's not a waste of money. I'll wear them again." I wondered where, since she'd taken them off so early in the night.

This is probably the first time many of these kids have been to a formal, but they all carried themselves well. Nobody was yelling or cussing. People were shaking hands like they were going into business together. There have been studies that show kids behave better when they are dressed up.

I talked to another couple named Victor Kareh and Ashley Roche. She's a senior and he's a cadet at West Point. Whenever he answered my questions it was "No, sir. Yes, sir."

They had been dating for 20 months and he flew out here just for this event. He was flying back to West Point as soon as the prom was over. Ashley said, "We met at OLP. That's an all-girls Catholic school." She told me they had dinner at home.

One girl overheard me asking questions about the expenses, and she told me she spent almost a thousand dollars. I asked why so much. "This stuff adds up. I had to get my hair done. I had a manicure and

a pedicure. I needed to buy this dress. It's good my boyfriend paid for dinner."

The least amount anyone I talked to spent on clothing was a guy who told me his tuxedo was only \$70. And he looked better than a few of the guys who had the long tails, pin-stripes, and weird colors.

There was an employee replacing drinks. His name was Marcos. I asked him if it was hard working a prom. "I've been an employee here for 37 years. We do 20 proms a year. It's not hard. The kids are great. And we see a lot of the same schools each year. Weddings are a lot harder because we have to pour champagne and wine. Here we just have cans of soda we set out."

I noticed the music was getting louder, and a few girls escaped outside so they could hear who they were talking to on their cell phones. I glanced over at one awkward couple who weren't talking. It looked like they didn't know each other well, not like they were having a fight. I suppose the loud music was a convenient excuse not to chit-chat.

I went outside and eavesdropped on the cell-phone conversations. One girl said, "Why aren't you guys here yet?" The girl on the other phone said, "He didn't have a date, so I told him to just come with me. He's really nice and I'm having fun."

I grabbed a piece of chocolate cake, scarfed it down, and headed out. I was meeting some friends at a late showing of *Star Wars*. One of the students said to me, "Aren't you staying to see who will be the prom king?" I shook my head and smiled. Watching the movie brought back more great memories from my childhood. ■

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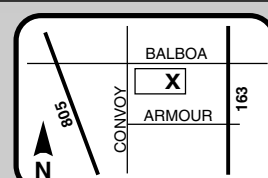
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by Barbarella

The Bald Truth

Oh, I know a lot of men are made uncomfortable by this monthly miracle. But not me. No, I embrace it. Embrace it the way some men embrace the weekend! Why, I anticipate it the way a child anticipates Christmas...for I have a good attitude towards MENSTRUATION!

— Dave Foley

A few blemishes on his melon means I have about a week before my hormones begin to boil. And God help the poor pimply one when that happens.

I'm breaking out," David complained, examining his scalp in the mirror. "Are you feeling emotional?" I didn't believe him the first time he told me, but after years of experience, I am now convinced that David's smooth, shaved head is a divining rod for menstruating women.

I learned of my partner's "early-warning system" the day after our second date, when I called to tell him I had had a great time.

"Me too!" he said. Then the conversation turned awkward. "This may sound weird," he added, "but are you by any chance about to get your

period?"

Uh, yeah, weird is a good word for it, I thought. We'd only kissed once — where did this guy get off? My urge to keep my private parts just that was overwhelmed by my curiosity regarding how I'd let on that I was premenstrual.

"Yes, I am about to get my period," I snapped. "Why are you asking me that?"

"Well, you see, if I'm around a woman who is menstruating, the top of my head breaks out. I think it has something to do with female hormones," said David.

"Ha! You're trying to tell me that your head informed you of my impending monthly?"

"Yes." I strained to detect a hint of humor in his voice, waited a few seconds for him to tell me how he really knew, but nothing.

I have no idea how it is that David's body reacts in such a strong and obvious way to chemical changes in my body (or any woman's), but I have come to rely on his head's accuracy. It's to the point where I stopped keeping track of my period altogether. A few blemishes on his melon means I have about a week before my hormones begin to boil. And God help the poor pimply one when that happens.

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate any men who are still reading (even if morbid fascination is your motivating factor). David is the only man I've ever known who is sympathetic rather than dismissive when it comes to "the curse." I grew up in a household of women.

When his last daughter came of age, my father had to deal with not one but five unstable women every month. We were all hormonal at the same time, which is at least two weeks out of every four. For reasons not yet discovered by science (an industry dominated by men), cohabiting women end up with synchronized periods — those with submissive hormones naturally adjust their bodies to the "alpha" female, or she who could cause the biggest breakout on David's head.

By the time I "flowered" at 15, my father knew the difference between the words "Ultra" and "Long" and the significance of the word "Unscented." He was regularly asked to stop by the commissary to pick up feminine products that were as individual and different as his wife and daughters. I couldn't tell you what kind of tampons I have under the bathroom sink today without checking, which is why I respect Dad's

disciplined memory, dedicated to keeping his family from snapping his head off.

Every conceivable symptom that contributes to PMS was covered in our household. Heather's cramps were so bad she'd often have to stay home from school. Mom's lethargy was contagious. Jane became extra bitchy. Jenny, who was always a little psycho to begin with, was frighteningly unpredictable. And I was an emotional wreck.

I can't speak for my sisters, but I have noticed that with time, I have come to better understand my body's needs and wants. I now respond to my familiar symptoms with the speed and precision of an emergency medical technician. Even though I don't keep a calendar, I am always prepared, due to David's prophetic head. Unlike many women, whose bodies are regulated by some kind of birth control medication, mine is as consistent as a politician's version of the truth.

"How many do you have?" I asked David, my eyes meeting his in the mirror's reflection.

"Seven."

"Seven?"

"Yeah. It's going to be a bad one." Despite his history of female friends, a sister, and six prior relationships, David had never before encountered a woman with PMS as extreme as mine. He should be sainted for how he handles me during my tender time of the month.

As my body prepares to lose blood, my mood alternates 60 times per hour between angry, ecstatic, miserable, amused, angry, and

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really, really angry. Have I mentioned I don't handle pain very well? At the first sign of a cramp, I'm practically sobbing in the cup of tea David has most likely brought to me, along with a hopeful dose of Pamprin.

My complaints about the tiny bump on my chin earn me two rolling eyes from David as he points emphatically to his seven signs of my fecundity. I crave meat and demand a quick trip to Adams Avenue Grill, home of my favorite burger in town.

The entire way there, I bitch about the drivers on the road and fret over how I look, even though an hour before I'd said I didn't feel like taking a shower or fixing my hair and moped about how I didn't want to bother with the task of grooming anymore. David, ever wise in times of trouble, refrains from bringing this up.

When we arrive home, I want to cry. But I have no good reason to cry, so I sift through the few tearjerkers we own until my eyes find my favorite movie of all time — *The Color Purple*. David runs downstairs to make popcorn and fetch me a glass of 20-year-old Fonseca Tawny Port.

Here is my theory on emotional cycles: The chemicals that make up my person, those glands that make me

human, yearn to be exercised — crying is one such exercise, as the excessive joy and misery one perceives is a buildup of energy that must be purged. I have never cried without feeling cleansed and refreshed afterwards. The stronger the pull on my tears, the better it feels once I've shed them.

David returns with popcorn, port, and a welcome surprise — chocolate! Salt, sugar, Pamprin, and alcohol ensure balance. The title sequence theme music causes waves of emotion to course through me. I turn to David, who is sitting quietly in his black leather chair.

"Thank you," I say, but what I mean is, "Thank you for loving me, thank you for being so amazing and patient and, God, I don't deserve you, how do you put up with me, I'm so lucky to have you, so happy, so fucking grateful."

I look at David, urging him to read my mind, for I know if I utter one more word, I will become a blubbling mess.

"No worries," he says, taking note of the glistening sheen in my eyes. Then, with a long-overdue sigh, he lifts his hand to his scalp to gauge the damage and adds, "I figure we'll only have to go through this another 255 times...not that I'm counting." ■

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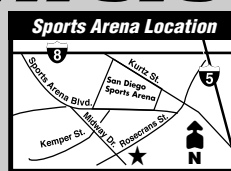
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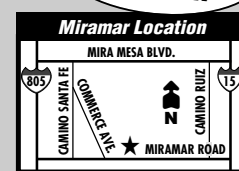
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THE FIRST TIME my lips brushed against a mustache, I was 15 years old. I was babysitting. The missus was out of town. When the mister came home, we sat and chatted. The kids were nestled in their beds, upstairs. We were friendly. I had babysat there several times before. The family owned a fancy hot dog stand at the local mall's food court; I was thinking of working for them. The kiss was brief, the mustache wiry and foreign. I said I had to go, got cab fare, and left.

Two years passed before my second mustache encounter. This time, I was working in a corporate restaurant in downtown Kansas City; I made soups and sandwiches. Most of the other kitchen workers were men; besides me, the only women were two matronly black women. The thick, black mustache came up to me in the walk-in cooler; I was standing next to trays of stuffed potato skins that were awaiting the deep fryer. The mustache belonged to the head chef and reminded me of the badger-bristle shaving brush my father used to lather up his shaving soap: mostly soft and pliable, with a stiff prickly bit at the end. Soon after, I moved to the front of the restaurant and started waiting tables. I noticed that both head bartenders and the restaurant's general manager wore mustaches.

The encounters didn't traumatize me. I didn't start regarding mustachioed men as sinister figures of ill intent, *à la* Snidely Whiplash. I slid out of both situations without incident and carried on. However, most of the men I dated after that had smooth, even boyish faces. The man I married couldn't grow a mustache if he tried; the hairs come in sparse and patchy. Still, there's enough there that if he goes a day or two without shaving, I'm hesitant to kiss him. I compare the irritation on my lips to the effect of uncomfortable shoes on my feet — I can take it, but only for so long.

Now, I notice mustaches, especially extravagant ones that must demand maintenance of the sort I give my hair. And I notice them on guys not noted for extensive, metrosexual grooming. Tough guys: cops, firemen...bikers. So, passing by the row of

muscular Harleys at La Mesa's Thursday Night Car Show last summer, I start chatting with the men behind the mustaches.

I marvel at the mustache on Raphael. The mustache owns his face below the nose, grudgingly sharing its claim with a patch of hair beneath his lower lip. His mustache looks almost two inches wide and sprawls a good two inches past each side of his mouth. "It is hereditary," he tells me. "It comes from my grandfather, to my father, to me. I wear it this long because my father and grandfather did. I never asked them why they let them grow, but since they did, I did too. Also, it was easier to let it grow than shave; shaving is a bitch. For me, there is no care and maintenance. Once you trim it, then you have maintenance. But if you just let it do what it wants, then that's that. I think at a certain point, you start eating it, and then it just trims itself."

Something that big begs for a reaction, no? "Some look at my mustache as dirty. Others, it doesn't bother them. If I apply for a job and they want me, they have to take me the way I am. I once worked for FedEx, and I got promoted to driver after doing everything else that you do. Their rules for mustaches were that you could only have an eighth of an inch above the lip. I would have gotten full benefits, the whole package, if I took the position. But I turned it down because my mustache meant more to me. It is part of me now. I've had it since I was 15, and I'm 40 now. I've had women ask me to shave it, but I never will. I'm Chicano, and in the Chicano culture, the mustache is a masculine symbol, probably because of history. They were worn by the Mexican cowboys, the *vaqueros* and the *charros*."

Raphael thinks that a mustache expresses strength. "I think it says a man is confident in himself. He wears it and doesn't mind what anybody thinks of him. He is okay with himself. It's everybody else that has the problem." But whether he cares or not, he is aware that "people make assumptions about me all the time. 'Vato is no good, vato is no good. He can't be trusted.' Yet I am probably one of the most trustworthy guys you will ever meet. A man of his word."

He also knows that a mustache is not without its implications. His favorite mustache from history is the one belonging to "Zapata, one of the revolution-

stache



Raphael

aries from Mexico.” And he admits that, in his culture, a bushy mustache can indicate prison time. “Unless it is natural, the only way to grow something like that is to constantly trim and shave. And only in prison can you constantly shave. That’s what a lot of guys do in there to kill time. Nobody really notices it until the day you hit the streets. Then everybody says, ‘Hey, where did you get that? You didn’t have that the last time I saw you.’ ‘Yeah, well, that was three years ago.’ ”

A few pairs of wheels down from Raphael, I meet Tom, who hails from another group of frequently mustachioed men. “I’m in the fire service. A lot of the firefighters do have mustaches,” he granted. “I think it’s just tradition; if you look back at the old-time firefighters, a lot of them had mustaches.” Tom’s inch-wide reddish-brown mustache is neatly trimmed, but it is not constrained by his upper lip; it wanders down the sides of his mouth all the way to his chin. “The fire department won’t let us grow a full beard, so this is the next best thing.” He professes an admiration for the big handlebars sported by Wild Bill Hickok.

Terry, also nearby, is a 43-year-old African-

American construction worker. Like Raphael, his choice of mustache was influenced by his father. “My dad was in the military,” he says, “and he looked very handsome with his mustache. So I grew one at 19. I added the goatee when I was 25, because some ladies thought that was sexy.” Unlike Raphael, he spends considerable time maintaining his mustache’s appearance. A mere eighth of an inch in width, it runs along the top of his upper lip, well below his nose. The black hairs curl up snugly against each other, forming a delicate line. Out at the ends, it is clasped by the upward-reaching arms of a narrow goatee. “It’s a ritual. It takes me about 35 minutes. I trim and shave about every four to six days. I use soap and water and then a moisturizer for the skin and a hair moisturizer, which softens the mustache and keeps it from getting dry. I shave up above it to keep a little space between the mustache and my nose, and I use a little brush to keep the hairs lying down.”

The mustache remains the same; what the ladies think, however, changes with his ride. “When I’m on my bike, it’s like, ‘Oh, there’s a rough guy.’ And when I’m not on my bike — when I’m in my car — they

look at me like, ‘Oh, there’s a handsome guy going to work.’ But my girlfriend likes my mustache.”

A second Terry — this one 60 and a mechanical engineer — sports a goatee as well, but the mustache is far wider than the first Terry’s, and far whiter. A well-gnawed cigar protrudes from beneath it. My notion of the connection between bikers and mustaches has thus far been confirmed, but Terry dismisses the idea. “I’ve been riding motorcycles since I was 16, but I didn’t start growing the mustache until I was 30. I don’t know why — I just let it grow one day, and I’ve had it ever since. I just trim it every couple of days,” unless he’s going on a long road trip. Then it gets more careful attention, for purely practical reasons. “Last year, while I was going to Colorado, it just slapped the heck out of me because it was really long. It’s like somebody is putting you in a sandblaster; it was stinging. As soon as I got to Denver, I went *snip-snip* and shortened it up.”

Bikers, firemen...gays. One of my favorite moments from *The Simpsons* is when Homer starts leading a protest march against a bear that has wandered into town. He leads the crowd in a chant: “We’re here, we’re queer, we don’t want any more bears.” “Great chant, Homer!” someone cries. “Thanks,” he answers, “I learned it at the mustache parade!” That was the ’90s; Allan Peterkin, author of *One Thousand Beards: A Cultural History of Facial Hair*, offers some account of what led up to that point. Back in the ’70s, leather-clad gay bikers, their machismo confirmed by their mustaches and sideburns, formed one subculture within the gay community. But, he notes, “The look of the blonde, smooth, muscular type was also popular. By the end of the decade, a hybrid look known as ‘the clone’ appeared. Short, cropped, military-style hair, obligatory mustache, bomber jacket, beefed-up shoulders, and muscular butt under tight jeans.”

But the clone vanished with the onset of AIDS, and Peterkin notes that the gay pornography of the ’80s and ’90s presented images of baby-smooth men. He opines that the look reassured viewers of the performers’ purity and youth and, by extension, freedom from disease. Gay men flocked to salons for electrolysis and laser hair removal, a situation Peterkin finds dismaying. “Fortunately, by the late

'80s in San Francisco," he writes, "men blessed with beer bellies, ample body hair, beards, and mustaches rebelled against the oppressive image of distorted physical perfection. These men adopted the bear as a symbol." Oh, those clever Simpsons — the chant from the "mustache parade" being used to protest an invasion of bears.

When I meet Bob, a 39-year-old manager at Dixieline, he squires me through a gallery of mustaches popular in the gay community today. "There's the cop mustache — short, straight hairs combed down flat across the top of the mouth but extended about a quarter to a half inch past



Bob

the end. The Army or Navy mustache runs above the top line of the lip and does not come out past the end of the mouth — it's only a tiny little thing. Then there's the Club Kid mustache, which is trimmed almost to the point of just being a

week's worth of growth, almost prepubescent looking. Finally, there's the bear, a big, full mustache that really accentuates the mouth. I think my own beard and mustache — although not necessarily nondescript — is just a bear beard."



Terry

Bob has sported some sort of facial hair since he was a junior in high school. "I don't like my face without facial hair," he explains. "I have soft, flabby features and a rounded, moony face. I think a beard goes well with that. Also, I find mus-

taches and facial hair very attractive. My favorite mustache in history belonged to Captain Smith of the *Titanic*. His mustache and beard engulfed his face; it was big and fuzzy and furry. His mouth wasn't even visible until he opened it."

Before the bear beard, Bob wore only a mustache, one that began as a sort of plea for individual identity. "I was working in a big corporation where I was kind of assimilated in a way that made me uncomfortable. I wanted to make myself a little bit different. I had a full beard at the time, and I sat down in front of a mirror one day and spent eight hours" reducing it to a mustache. "I just plucked and plucked and plucked, one hair at a time, to shape the mustache. I wanted it to be perfectly shaped. I even plucked my sideburns. My face was red the next day."

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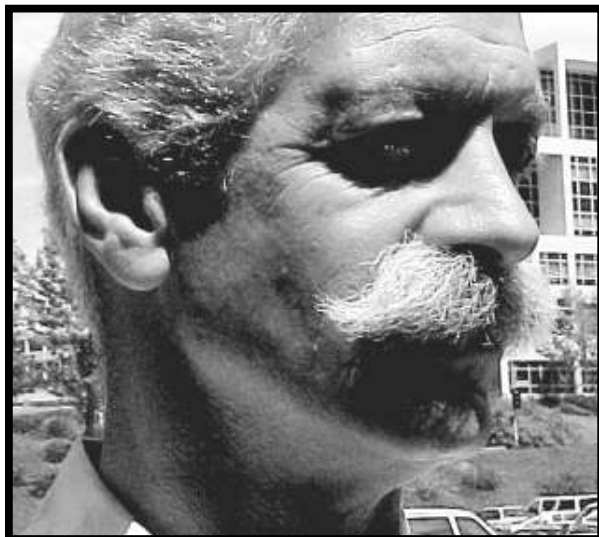
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my lip and then across my cheek in a big swoop and grew off the end of my jaw — about seven inches on each side. It was really long, but not like a handlebar. A handlebar has long hairs that are waxed; mine was just short hairs that grew across my face. To maintain it, I would just pluck the top quite carefully — I'd take 10 to 15 minutes for that — and then I would shave up to the pluck line. I used a disposable razor with a very narrow head, and I shaved in three different directions — up, down, and sideways. Then, once a week, I'd pluck around the whole thing. The mustache was complicated — it had a curve that came up and then went down. My barber always wanted to trim

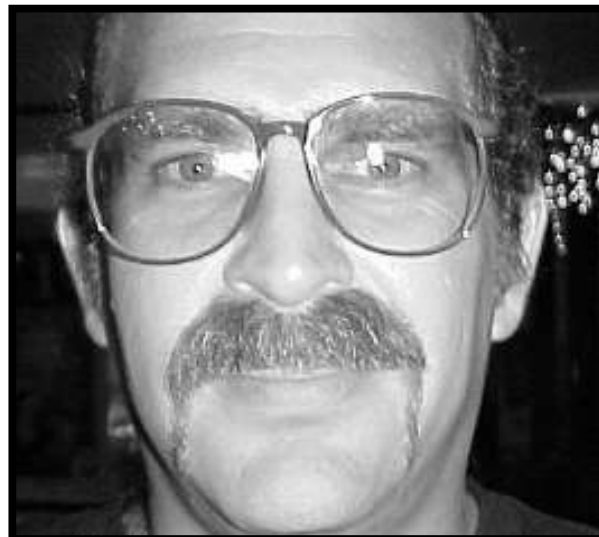


Fletcher

it; I said, 'No! One hair off and the whole thing will look lopsided.' ”

“I was just trying to cry out, 'I am an individual,' ” says Bob. The cry was heard. “I never got forgotten. If I was on an airplane full of people who wanted coffee, I always got mine.” But with individuality came inconvenience. “The joke was that if I

got food in my mustache, I'd have to chase it around the back of my neck and it would just fall off. But because the mustache covered my mouth, I couldn't eat corn on the cob or chicken on the bone. I couldn't even eat a hamburger without cutting it up into very small pieces. I thought it was disgusting to



John

have 'secret sauce' in my mustache; no one wants to look at that. And for some reason, hair retains odor. If I ate a hamburger or some other messy food, for hours afterward I would be inundated with this horrible smell — like a wet-dog smell.” And it got him unwanted social attention. “If I was standing

in Disneyland and the characters were dancing nearby, they would always grab me and want to dance. That was uncomfortable sometimes.”

Eventually, individuality exploded into notoriety. People would assume things. “They would say, 'I knew that he was gay; the mustache was just too flam-

boyant.' It was so recognizable that it sometimes caused problems. When you live in a town long enough, ultimately, in some circumstances, you seek anonymity. I couldn't have that with the mustache. I would walk into a bar and the guy at the piano would say, 'Let's hear it for the mustache!' I would go to Mexico, and the guys at the door would say, 'Mr. Mustache! Come in!' If I wanted to meet a friend somewhere, every head would turn when I walked in. The negatives started to outweigh the positives.”

Bob kept the mustache for ten years before giving it up as “youthful folly.” His current ursine look is less eye-catching, but he says it still brands him. “It's not flamboyant, but people know

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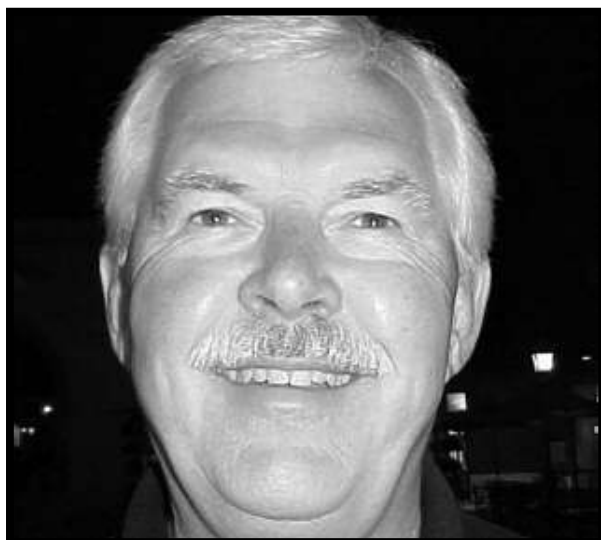
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Bob mentioned the ponderous fullness of the mustache on the *Titanic's* Captain Smith, so that's who I think of when I meet Fletcher, a 60-year-old computer technician. He doesn't have a beard, but his white mustache is so substantial that it reminds me of walrus tusks. "I get a lot of feedback about my mustache, because it's big and prominent," says Fletcher. "I have white hair and fair eyes, and when I wear black, the mustache really stands out. When I was younger, my hair was brown, and my mustache looked like Tom Selleck's." Now, besides being white, "It's fuller, and I wear it in a semi-handlebar style. Now it looks like Sam Elliott's.



Tim

I started growing it in my early 20s, and it's gone from small to large as I've gotten more comfortable with it."

When he first allowed his face to sprout, he wore a full beard. "Then a goatee, and then a Fu Manchu. I didn't like the Fu Manchu; it made me look so damn sinister. I

would actually frighten little kids. So I transitioned away from it. I went to a small mustache." The years passed, the mustache mushroomed. "It became like a part of me; a signature. I couldn't be myself without it.

"I think my mustache is an indication of strength," he says.



Peter

"That's the feedback I get from people. And it's an excellent conversation piece. If I meet a guy in the store who has an interesting mustache, we compliment each other. 'You go before me; yours is bigger than mine...'"

However wonderful for starting conversations, it does pose some trouble for ending

them, at least with the fair sex. "It's initially annoying for the opposite sex to kiss a person with a big, long 'stache," grants Fletcher. "They say, 'It tickles,' or 'Eww.' In my case, since my lip is not full on top, you have to part the mustache to find the lips. So it's kind of an adventure, particularly for women who

aren't used to kissing someone with facial hair. Frankly, I have heard that some females just won't have it."

Mealtime inconveniences: "It gets in your beer. And it's very difficult to keep clean. I have to wipe it constantly. Sometimes, I have to splash water on it. The most expedient thing to do at the table is to take a drink of water. You can get some water on the longer hairs and then simply wipe it away with a napkin. But it does have a downside with respect to ice cream or pizza."

A semi-handlebar needs waxing to keep its shape. "I find mustache wax at the bigger stores, Target or Rite Aid. It's sort of hit-or-miss; there are different kinds of applicators. There's a stick, like ChapStick: you smear it in, spread it around, and form the mustache with your fingers. Or you can get it in a tube, apply it to your mustache comb, and comb it in. I twirl the ends a little bit. It's best to apply the wax after you've showered, when the hairs are a little damp. Sometimes, I find black hairs that are kinky and won't

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respond to coaxing. I cut them out. I've made the mistake a couple of times of letting the barber trim it. They butchered it. They don't do what you want, they do what they want. It's such a personal thing that it can set you back for months."

Fifteen years ago, he trimmed it so that he could wear a scuba mask. "You need to have a really tight fit under your nose so that you don't have water climbing into your eyes." Other than that, there isn't much that will make him cut it back. He told me he had been denied jobs at both La Costa spa and Panda Express because he refused to cut his facial hair. He reckons he'll have it till he dies. "My mustache, in my opinion, is unusual. I notice people who have mustaches, and it's like I have some sort of kinship with them."

John, for instance. John is a drummer in his mid-30s. Like Fletcher, he thinks he'll take his mustache to his grave. "I've always had a mustache," he says. "I've

never shaved it off. Not once." Reddish-brown, it grows from under his nose and hangs just past the top of his lip. The ends push out about a quarter inch from the ends of his mouth, then drop

straight down to his jawline.

"I think my mustache says, 'I do my own thing. I don't follow fads.' I trim it every three or four weeks and groom it with my fingers. When I shave, I

buy stuff for sensitive skin. I get razor burn that turns into zits, especially if it's hot or humid. Or if I play drums for a half hour and sweat, the sweat gets into the pores and they get irritated." Also

like Fletcher, John is a mustache-watcher. "When I see a mustache, I'll check it out to see how guys grow it, how they manicure it, what style they use. I've seen them from really tiny to handlebars. Our

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wax out, then stick it on his mustache and roll it in so that the hair would curl up on the end. That is gross."

Tim, a silver-haired retired urban planner in his 60s, wears a tight, trim mustache. He first

grew it not as a statement of individuality but rather because it was fashionable: Tim lived through the transition from the clean-shaven '50s into the hair boom of the '60s. "It seemed everyone

was clean-cut in the '50s. No one had facial hair. We'd get our hair cut so short that the barber would have to shave a part in." In 1964, after a little college and a stint in the Navy, Tim returned to

school and grew a goatee. "I was 24 at the time. It was a statement of being within the average profile of a student. I felt a bit out of place on campus, being older than most people." Facial hair helped

him blend in.

By the time he graduated, the mustache was gone, replaced by long hair and sideburns. It was as far as he could go at his East Coast job. Then, in the summer of '70, "I

got hired for a job in San Diego. The day I resigned to head west, I started growing a full beard. I drove cross-country, and by the time I got to San Diego, I had a full beard and mustache and hair not quite to my shoulders."

Unfortunately, the West Coast was not quite as freewheeling as he had anticipated.

"When I got to San Diego, I started looking for housing. I wanted to live in Pacific Beach, so I just drove up and down the streets looking for 'For Rent' signs. Finally, I started out the day with a newspaper. One place sounded pretty nice, so I called ahead and asked the lady if it was still available. 'Oh, yes, it's available,' she said. I had called her from a pay phone a few blocks away, so it was just five minutes later when I got to her door. She opened the door and looked at me, and when I asked about the apartment, she said, 'No, we don't have any vacancies.' I was frustrated, but I thought, 'Now I have a better understanding of other people's experience.' Coming out of a completely WASP upbringing and background, I had never experienced discrimination."

But it wasn't discrimination that scraped Tim's face; it was vanity. "I was 28, and I worked for the County. Other people in the office had facial hair; there wasn't any pressure to get rid of it. When I started getting silver strands in my mustache, I thought it made me look older. So I shaved the beard and kept the mustache."

Since then, he's worn a mustache more than he hasn't and grown two or three full beards. "My mustache is easy to grow; there are no wild hairs. And my beard is nice and

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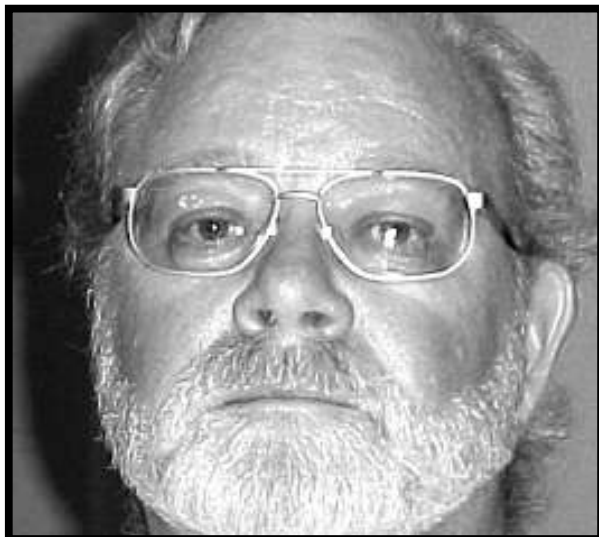
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Richard



John



Terry

full; when I grow it, I get lots of compliments. But then, whenever I shave off my facial hair, people tell me how much younger I look. One woman I dated pleaded with me to grow my mustache back after I shaved it." Either way, his vanity gets stroked. Beyond that, he says, "I have somewhere in the back of my mind that growing a mustache or facial hair is like a symbol of

emancipation. When I retired, that was true emancipation, so I grew the mustache in celebration — it had been at least five years since I'd had one."

Maintenance is no trouble. "I trim it twice a week. I hate electric razors — they leave me feeling uncomfortable, and they don't do a good job. I have always used a safety razor. I use a mug with cake soap and a very good

badger-hair brush to whip it up. I don't like the instant lather. I have to shave my neck, otherwise I get ingrown hairs. And I have to shave my cheeks or hair starts growing right on my cheekbones. I shape the mustache around the perimeter. Since my cheeks are chubby when I smile, I have these two natural lines on my face — it's the obvious place to let the mustache go. I'm going

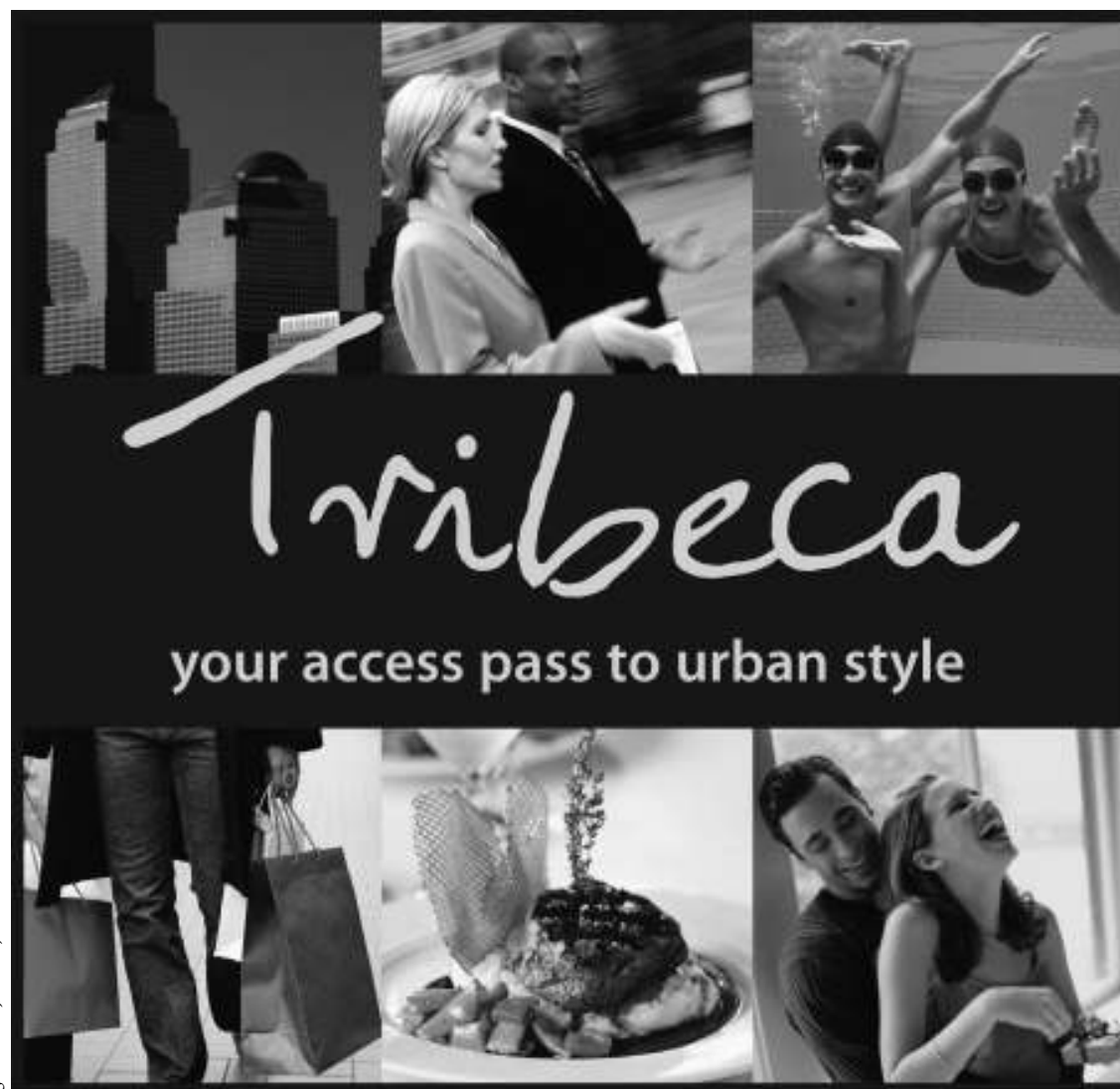
to keep this one for a while, as long as it feels comfortable. I may have it the rest of my life, or I may take it off in a week. I don't have a timeline."

Peter, a 37-year-old self-employed business writer, is not so capricious. He feels his mustache is an integral part of his face. "I would just as soon shave my eyebrows off as my mustache," he says of his bushy growth. Peter's

mustache is something of a wild thing, a thicket instead of a garden. "It's dark, although there are reddish hairs in it — I don't know where they came from, since I'm not a redhead at all. And now that I'm getting older, it's getting gray hairs too. The hairs are kind of coarse and a little bit curly, thicker at the base and thinner out at the ends. The tips are sharp when they first grow out, but

they get worn down over the months as they grow.

"It wasn't a conscious decision to let it grow long. I just let it go, and once it starts bugging me — getting in my mouth so that I'm biting on it when I'm eating dinner — then I think, 'It's trimming time.' I'll also trim it when I'm going to see a client and need to spiff up. I just get the scissors, cut it back out




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of my mouth, and cut a bit off the sides." When it comes to shaving, "I've gone back and forth between a regular razor and an electric shaver. I prefer the regular razor, with shaving cream — it gives a better shave. But I always cut myself. I have blood coming down, and I have to stop the blood. That's not fun."

Like Tim, Peter associates the mustache with "a sense of freedom." In general, he doesn't think there's much societal pressure not to wear a mustache, "but I was an Air Force kid, and they were very strict about facial hair. I think there was a lot of pressure when I was growing up not to have it. The last week of my senior year of high school, I let my facial hair grow; it was sort of liberating." These days, however, "I don't notice any reaction to my mustache, just like I don't notice any reaction to my eyebrows. Only once, when I was working for the San Diego Housing Commission, did someone comment. It reminded the person of Zapata, the Mexican revolutionary guy. I took it as a compliment; I thought it was kind of cool. I think I project some individualism with this mustache."

Richard, who is 47 and works at SeaWorld, also started his mustache early. "I first grew it when I was 16. I didn't like the way my upper lip looked — it's very feminine. I grew the mustache so I would stop getting razed in high school." Now, it's easier just to keep it. "It's really tough to shave there. I don't know how guys do it without cutting themselves all the time. I've shaved it only two or three times. The last time was back in 1991 when I was looking for work. I figured it would

be easier to find a job without one." He found work at a 7-Eleven, and after about six months, he grew it back.

"There is a perception on the part of certain very conservative elements that a man

should not have any hair on his face whatsoever. At SeaWorld, it used to be that you couldn't work there and have one; that was back before Anheuser-Busch bought the park in 1986. Now, there are

strict requirements: they can be only so wide and can't go past the corners of your mouth. It must be very short and trim but not a toothbrush like Hitler's. That's strictly against company rules.

A few guys in my area of the park have mustaches, and the supervisors are always eyeing them."

Once upon a time, Richard went for the full handlebar, but it kept getting in his

mouth. Then, for a while, his hair started graying but his mustache stayed dark. "People thought I was dyeing it." Now, things are better. "The mustache is grayed, and it's short, neat, and military look-

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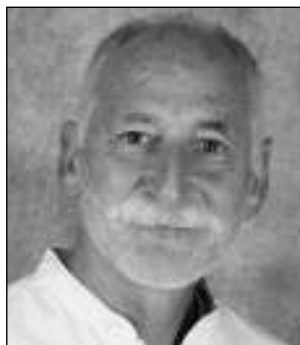
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ing. I look like everybody's favorite uncle. I like the way I look with it. I don't like the way I look without it. Somebody once offered me \$50 to shave it. I said, 'Add another zero and you're talking.' I can always grow it back. It takes four to six weeks. It itches a lot, but once it hits the six-week mark, it stops."

Some people decline jobs to keep their mustaches. Some people shave their mustaches to get jobs. John's was a professional requirement — he was planning to take it onto the silver screen. Says John, a retired postal worker, "I just happen to look somewhat like Captain Smith" of *Titanic* fame. "My wife read in the paper that they were looking for extras to play in *The Far Side of the World*. They wanted me, and they said not to cut my hair or trim

my mustache — they would do it. I let my hair and mustache grow, but the mustache still wasn't long enough for them. So when they trimmed my hair, they took a bunch of it and glued it onto my cheeks

off my face."

Today, John's mustache descends neatly into a white beard. "When I was in the Navy, we had to be clean-shaven. When I got out at 21, I grew a mustache. I've had it

"I thought, 'The old-fashioned magicians had mustaches; I'll grow a mustache and wear a hat.' "

to make the mustache more of a handlebar than what it was. For the next few days of filming, they used fake hair from someplace. When I got home and showered, I had to work like a dog to get it

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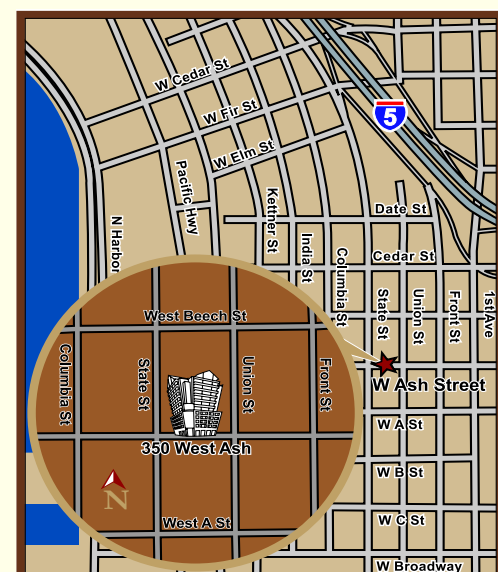


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as well. Then, right at the end of my Naval Reserve service, they changed the policy. So I shaved it off for the last six months of my service. When I retired, I grew it back. No one in my family liked my look without it. The

beard gave me a fuller face. I have a saggy neck; people said I had no chin. It defined my face.”
My third Terry also wears a mustache for professional reasons — he’s a magician. “When I was first doing my

shows, I would wear a tuxedo, and people would think I was the maitre d’ when I was working in restaurants. I thought, ‘The old-fashioned magicians had mustaches; I’ll grow a mustache and wear a hat.’ All the guys

in the magic books had them. There was one magician named Alexander Hermon; he had a goatee and a really big handlebar. That was my favorite.” Terry used to wax his own tidy handlebar, “but it makes a mess

when you drink. The wax gets into the drink, and you see it floating at the top. I use regular hair gel to get it to curl up.”
For Terry, the mustache provides a distinguishing characteristic, perhaps even an added

element of mystery. “A lady once told me, ‘My dad told me not to trust anybody who hides their smile.’ ” When sleight of hand is your stock-in-trade, that might not be a bad thing. “My logo even has a mustache on it. I



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don't think people would recognize me without it. I do a lot of school shows, and I have one routine where I tell the kids that the mustache is what makes the magic. I do all sorts of funny things with it to make it move around. I'll call a girl up onstage and tell her she can be a magician; all she has to do is grow a mustache. She says, 'I can't grow a mustache!' So I get a big old bushy one and put it on her."

My last mustache wasn't there anymore. Larry had shaved his mustache off and said he would consider growing it back "only if I ended up in Alaska. There, you do what you can to stay warm." Larry was 40 but looked much younger. "I tried growing a mustache when I was 17," he said. "Then I joined the Army. They made me shave it; they said, 'Anybody with a half-grown mustache

like yours, private, needs to shave it.'"

Larry experimented with goatees and other combinations but eventually shaved to avoid the hassle with work. "They all want you clean-shaven — no mustaches, no nothing. But with my last job, I went on vacation for the first time in years, so I decided to grow my mustache out. One, because I had the opportunity. Two, because I volunteer on a tugboat every Saturday for a refurbishing project. The captain who runs the thing said, 'You know, the boat guys are macho, tough guys.' He was trying to give me a hint. So I thought a mustache would help. When I grew it out, my girlfriend — who is older than me and likes my baby face — wasn't happy. I kept it because of the tugboat thing, so she tolerated it."

The mustache

changed things. "I felt people treated me differently, with a little more respect. Younger women liked me more — that daddy/paternal thing." He started thinking about himself, "There's a manly man who works on tugboats, trying to get his life together. An older, wiser man."

"Then a film crew from Channel 4 came out to do a story on the tugboat. So there I was watching myself on TV, and I had this big, obnoxious mustache. It didn't fit my face; I was just some guy with an out-of-place mustache. I think that if there is a God out there, He does something for our mental sanity — we look in the mirror and see ourselves subjectively. We look pretty good in the mirror, but in reality, maybe we don't look as good as we think." ■

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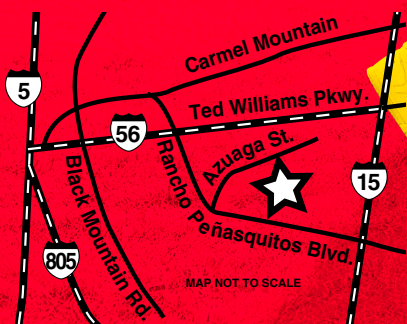
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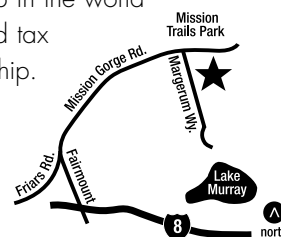
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Upon reading *Daughter of the Forest*, by Juliet Marillier (2000), my mind whirled with thoughts of the mystical powers and lore that surrounded this well-spun story. I read it a few months ago, when my cousin let me borrow it (I still have it, by the way). I wasn't all that interested in the fantasy/science-fiction genre before I read this book. Boy, was I wrong!

In the story, Sorcha's siblings are all boys; she has six brothers. They live in the enchanted forest of Sevenwaters, located in the Northern part of Ireland, called Erin. Sorcha has the gift of healing and has the power to speak mind to mind with her brothers Finbar and Conor. All is well until an evil enchantress turns her brothers into swans. Sorcha is sick with fear and helplessness. Then, the Lady of the Forest gives her a perilous task to accomplish; while she does it, she must remain silent the whole time.

You know you've found a good book when, instead of words on paper, you see a moving picture. I felt Sorcha's feelings when she lost her brothers. I felt the pain she felt when Sorcha's task deformed her fingers and hands. My admiration for her was endless. For the week it took me to read, I barely put it down. I remember my eyes widening and my gasp when two drunken men sexually abused Sorcha. I remember crying as she did. Sorcha was the strongest woman I had ever heard of. And at 16 (which is my age!), she was able to save her brothers from the sorceress and find a love of her own.

When I finished reading, I leapt on the computer and ordered the second and third installments of the *Sevenwaters* trilogy. I wanted to go back to the mythical world, full of danger and the profound love that each of the heroines find. *Son of the Shadows* and *Child of the Prophecy* were just as great as the first book. If I were a critic, I would give the trilogy rave reviews because of the complex characters and plot schemes. *Daughter of the Forest* was one of the greatest stories I have ever read!

— Lee Ann Gonzales,
Monte Vista H.S.

Leave it to writers of the 1960s to supply readers with an entertaining if not acidic review of society via a dog with an embedded stopwatch and a youth named Toby (how could you name a human “Toby” unless you lived in the '60s?).

Never a tremendously popular book, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, by Norton Juster, documents the journey of a school-weary boy through a fictitious world consisting of the kingdoms of Dictionopolis and Digitopolis. Toby is assigned the Herculean task of uniting the two kingdoms by restoring the Princess of Sweet Rhyme and the Princess of Pure Reason to power. While he does so, he encounters many characters that have odd obsessions with abstract theorems and explanations. Because the princesses were banished by bitter kings, Toby must conquer many obstacles — which revolve around the theme of the danger of ignorance — in order to re-establish sanity and order.

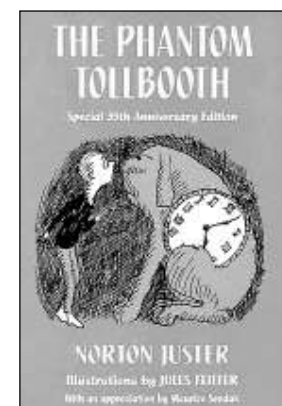
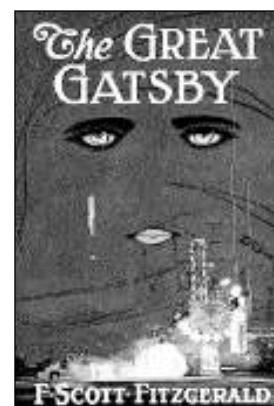
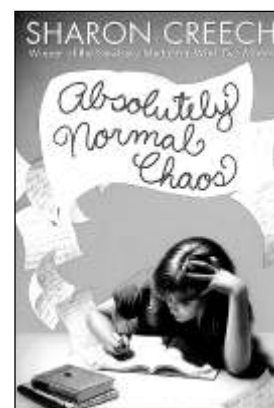
When I first read the book in fourth grade, I didn't comprehend all that the author intended. I only read it because I had been impressed by the singing Lethargins (creatures whose only purpose is to draw people into the fruitless land known as the Doldrums) and psychedelic graphics that illustrated the simply written but complexly philosophic novel. Having developed a deeper respect for knowledge and education, I decided to read the book again recently. I was surprised to find it explodes with valuable insights for anyone of any time period.

Juster makes profound points about the importance of not only educating, but educating properly. Without Rhyme and Reason

(and other personifications), the once-wise citizens don't use their knowledge appropriately; this results in jumbled words, scattered ideas, and confused minds. Turning idiomatic to literal, Juster manipulates the English language and commonly held ideas into thought-provoking concepts.

Juster asserts that all it takes to make any subject more interesting and fun is to learn more about it. With this in mind, it's impossible to become world-weary or worse (for example, a complacent school-boy named Toby). Along with complacency, Toby's development is impeded by apathy and ignorance. The world has problems similar to Toby's. Juster encourages me to take up arms against the Demons of Ignorance and aspire to the Castle in the Air. At the very least, I'll befriend a humbug on my way.

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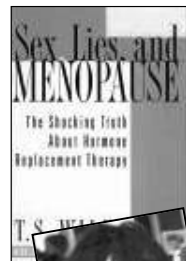
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I fell in love with *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* at first glance. I'd read about it, heard about it, but didn't believe that it was a life-changing book. I was walking through the aisles of books in our library recently, looking for a worthy read, took a glance over my right shoulder, when there it was, beckoning me to take it off the shelf. The cover was simple, neon green, and plain. The book was nothing extraordinary — thin and light — but I knew that it was necessary for me to check the book out, so I did.

The book, written by Stephen Chbosky, was difficult to put down from its first couple paragraphs. I think what made it perfect was its accuracy in depicting the life of an adolescent. It gave me the reassurance that people go through the same things I have gone through. Charlie, the shy but intelligent wallflower of the story, sent intimate letters to a receiver whose name, gender, and age were left anonymous. This had a big impact on me because throughout the whole experience, I was picturing myself as Charlie's friend, the recipient of the mail and reader of his most personal and heart-warming experiences.

Charlie dealt with family matters, peer pressure, thoughts of experimentation, how to make friends, sexuality issues, and was experiencing the complications of a crush. These are things that most high school students go through that I go through. What's most memorable about *The Perks* was Charlie's phrase of "feeling infinite." Those words sum up what kids like me would like to feel; a never-ending feeling of something genuinely fulfilling.

I've read the book 11 times now, and I don't think I'll get rid of it. I returned the book the day after I brought it back from the library (having read it twice by then), but by the end of the week a good friend of mine bought me the paperback copy. I still have it.

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Maybe because the story is similar to the lives we are living that made the book an instant favorite among students like me. Maybe we appreciated the author's attitude toward life, music, school, friendship, and love, and his sentiments reopened our eyes to life's beauty. Either way, this book is more than a compilation of words, but a teacher and a reminder that every day contains at least a minute or two of "feeling infinite."

— *Stephanie Sarreal, Southwest H.S.*

Besides the Harry Potter books (which I assume are among the favorites of half of San Diego, and thus I have decided not to write about them), *Catcher in the Rye* is one of my new favorite reads. I recently finished reading it for the first time, as it was an assignment for my high school English class. Written by J.D. Salinger and published in 1951, the book chronicles the life of 16-year-old Holden Caulfield. He is fed up with the fake people who comprise his ritzy private school from which he is being kicked out. As the narrator, Holden attacks the conformity of 1950s America and the superficiality and hypocrisy that he sees around him; at the same time, he realizes that he is guilty of possessing the characteristics he loathes.

I identified with Holden throughout the novel, as many teenagers do. Similar to him, we are going through a period in our lives in which we're trying to determine who we can trust, how to be true to ourselves while we try to fit in, and what our values are. Holden is critical of people and situations and approaches life with cynicism, which I can't say is true of myself, yet I was still able to relate to his skepticism of society.

One of the most memorable scenes is when Holden decides, in the middle of the night, to leave Pencey Prep immediately. Storming out of his dorm hall with suitcase in hand, he loudly

shouts, "Sleep tight, ya morons!" to the hall of sleeping people whom he detests. Holden was basically saying what so many people are afraid to because of fear of confrontation. I admire his forwardness and the way he tells people how he

feels. It took me about a week to read the edition that I had checked out from my school library. I plan on buying a copy of my own; *Catcher in the Rye* has earned a spot between my bookends, among books such as Cecily von Ziegesar's

Gossip Girl and Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*.
— *Naomi Serling-Boyd, Mt. Carmel H.S.*

The name of one of my all-time favorite books is *Absolutely Normal*

Chaos, by Sharon Creech, published in 1990. It was given to me when I was 11 years old by my favorite teacher. She instilled in me a love for reading. This book that she gave me was an eye-opener because it helped me to realize that

other people share what I go through. It is one of the funniest books I've ever read. Sharon Creech knows how to draw you into a story and make you enjoy it.

I related to the main character, Mary Lou. She went through changes

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similar to what I was going through at the time: her first crush, maturing, making and losing friendships, and trying to find where we fit in the world. My favorite part of the book was when she had her first kiss. She talked about how wonderful and yet how normal it was, and how she had been expecting it to "taste like chicken," but it didn't. This gave me some comfort and helped me to better understand that these new feelings I was having were not something to be feared; it was part of growing up. Plus, it made me laugh.

This was a book I didn't set down till I finished it. It took me a day to read it, and I continue to re-read it. It has a place of honor on my shelf as the book that started me on all other books. It opened me up to a world of stories about people who were like me. I found I could disappear to wherever I wanted and I could go on a grand adventure without having

to leave my room.

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Color. Lights. Liveliness. These are the nuances of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *Great Gatsby*, published in 1925. The story follows a young man named Nick Carraway, who gets involved with the life and parties of his mysterious next-door neighbor, Jay Gatsby. Gatsby is a man with an obscene amount of money. His financial background is unclear and so are his motives. He throws huge parties for the careless rich folk of New York with lots of music and booze. His intentions are revealed when Gatsby and Nick's cousin Daisy are reunited through Nick and Gatsby's careful and patient planning. The story plays itself out satisfyingly, but I could not ruin a classic by telling you the ending. Most importantly, Fitzgerald tries to show readers that the carelessness of the rich

leads them to their downfall, whether literally or morally. The book was an indirect but excellent analysis of 1920s society.

I read this book recently for my high school English class. Although the beginning went slowly, the plot rolled quickly and I easily finished it in a few days. I think that I identified well with the narrator, Nick, because he was shy but curious about these new people in his life. He became attached to the rich and watched their careless nature bring them down. I believe that we all, especially in America, can learn lessons from this great novel.

The book is not necessarily thrilling or heartwarming, but Fitzgerald's descriptions are amazing and perfectly laid out. The vibrant colors of the party and the bleak shades of New York's poor side are examples of well-crafted imagery. *The Great Gatsby* will stay on my shelf for many years.

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In the second chapter, Hoover and Dominelli quietly moved their financial operation to the offshore Monserrat tax haven, but they were anything but quiet about their pursuit of the San Diego mayor's chair. In the third chapter, they think they are emulating the upper class by dishing out money for classic cars, donating money to classical music, and loaning money liberally to friends who can help them.



Chapter 3

In early 1982 J. David's accountant approached Nancy Hoover about one of the many inadequacies within the operation.

"The trouble with you is that you make your decisions logically. We make ours emotionally. We're here to have fun," Hoover said, pithily summarizing J. David's modus operandi.

There has never been a more disorderly house than J. David.

Captain Money and the Golden Girl had no knowledge of accounting, book-keeping, or basic business procedure. "When I asked Jerry about long-range planning, he just laughed at me," recalls a former accountant.

"You'd go to Jerry on an expenditure. He'd say, 'Ask Nancy.' She'd say she'd get back to you. She wouldn't," says another former accountant.

Decisions were based on friendship and emotion. There is no record in Hoover/Dominelliana of any decision made analytically. In his business deals Dominelli considered whether he liked his partner or whether the relationship could lead to more money for his interbank fund or more social prestige for Hoover. The same was true with his loans: The money went to friends and investors in his enterprises, or people Hoover

want to court. They didn't study the business aspects of any deal, and there is little evidence that they would have known how to do so.

One time, a group of locally prominent entrepreneurs approached Dominelli and Hoover with details of a deal. The J. David pair called in their chief numbers man and asked him to prepare a report. He worked three straight days and nights, finally coming up with solid reasons to turn down the offer. He went to Hoover with his rationale. "Oh, we're already decided to go into that deal," she'd said breezily. "We don't go by the numbers. We go by the heart."

When Dominelli bought merchandise or contracted for services, he invariably paid far too much. When he entered a business deal, he frequently got taken to the cleaners. When he loaned money, he got fleeced by his own debtors.

The money came in and the money went out, and no one kept track of it. "Jerry had no idea of accounting. He was confused when told things had to add up," says Robert Mengar.

That was particularly true of the check-book. In fact, a rash of bounced checks eventually brought Dominelli down. However, his checks had been bouncing long

before the demise. When the company closed down a money-draining Las Vegas office in 1981, several checks were returned for insufficient funds. Throughout a long relationship with a race car driver, one of every ten of Dominelli's checks proved no good.

Alert investors often became aware of the incompetence. In 1983 an accounting firm asked J. David investors, in a form letter, if they had any observations about the firm. Wrote La Jolla's Robert O'Neill: "J. David & Co.'s management team was in such disarray during the June-August 1983 period that I lost total confidence in any of their accounting procedures. I did not receive account receipts, important account letters, and [I got] inadequate telephone answers from account manager Jerry Russell, during the above-mentioned period. In short, I would require greater CPA skills than I presently [have] to justify the enclosed statement's accuracy. I must refer your question to the regulating commission for such activities."

Officers of J. David's accounting firm Laventhol & Horwath commented in internal memos about their client's laxity and inep-

itude. Eric C. Johnson, a Laventhol tax specialist who was plotting the delicate steps required to keep J. David's Montserrat "bank" free of U.S. taxation, informed the head of the San Diego Laventhol office in May 1983: "We [J. David Banking] can avoid taxation if the people at J. David are willing to cooperate and follow the instructions we give them. However, I don't put a lot of faith in them following through." (Johnson, who later left Laventhol to go with J. David, was wrong; J. David never did pay any U.S. taxes on its offshore tax-haven "bank.")

"On one wall was malfeasance, and on the other wall was ineptitude, and in between was total chaos," says one of J. David's first employees.

That was an understatement. Early in the game, this official had resigned when he saw the money Hoover and Dominelli were pouring into their corporate headquarters. "Even if they were making 40 or 50 percent on their money, as they claimed, they were headed for bankruptcy," he said in 1982.

J. David didn't suffer for long in the dank little office beneath the Mexican restaurant. After Hoover resigned from Bache in

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early 1981 to go with Dominelli's firm full-time, she declared she wanted lavish offices. Dominelli, as always, complied. J. David immediately leased space across the street in a fancy office building "and then spent \$1 million refurbishing it. I told them for that \$1 million, they could have *bought* a goddamned building. They were building a fool's empire," says one of the original employees.

At the leased building in downtown La Jolla, "Money was no object," recalls Mengar. There were thick carpets, expensive antiques and artwork, costly furniture.

"I was given a brand-new, expensive three-color rug. It hadn't been on the floor two days when Dominelli came in and said, 'It looks like fuckin' Neapolitan ice cream.' He took it out and put down a chocolate rug. But two weeks later, he decided to make the room into a trading room. So he had the chocolate carpet ripped out and he put down fancy parquet-wood floors," says Mengar.

As the company expanded, Dominelli and Hoover decided they needed their own snug retreat. Although they had sunk \$1 million into the leased building, they purchased a building next door for almost \$2 million. They pumped \$500,000 more into it. (After the company's collapse, it sold for just \$1.6 million.)

J. David's headquarters were located on the second floor. The main office was Dominelli and Hoover's, with Mitrovich and Yarry occupying nearby offices.

The building "was the plushiest office I have ever seen. It was strictly an ego trip, one overimprovement after another," says a real estate appraiser. The building had custom-designed wood floors and ceilings and accordion window shutters of mahogany and had been, according to the appraiser, "remodeled to resemble the Hearst Castle." There was a private elevator in the front and a private exit in the rear, so that Dominelli could scoot out the door and jump into one of his sports cars undetected. There was

a \$60,000 generator in the basement, in case the computers went out; and there was a special computer room, although computer usage by J. David was quite unsophisticated. There was a library. And a private kitchen. There were expensive antiques and art pieces on the walls. And a poster of a 1955 Swedish bicycle race, in which all the female participants were pedaling in the nude. There was a private bath with shower, adorned with gold-plated fixtures. In his office Dominelli had a glass jar filled with \$50,000 worth of rare coins. An enormous deck surrounded the second floor; the brass would regularly dine there on catered food. And there was an extremely expensive, state-of-the-art electronic security system, replete with electronic beams and motion detectors.

Dominelli had all the latest trading equipment. A Telerate machine, which rented for \$800 to \$1,000 a month, spewed out all the foreign currency quotations. He had telephones with direct lines to market insiders and also

to Wall Street traders, through whom he was supposedly buying and selling currencies. There were Dow Jones and Reuters wires, a telex — "all the glitter," to quote foreign currency trader Ronald Brouillette.

A huge, 12-foot-high safe was concealed behind wood paneling. Inside the safe were dozens of cash boxes and a tall ladder providing easy access. This was probably the source of the cash that Dominelli always had in his wallet. "Usually, Jerry carried \$10,000 in cash with him," says a former executive. "Hoover would also have wads of \$100 bills."

Together Dominelli and Hoover would go on shopping excursions. She would stride a few yards ahead of him, pointing to things she wanted. Head bowed, he would shuffle along, pulling out the cash needed for the purchase. "They would breeze through Bullock's. She would point to a piece of furniture she wanted, and he would unroll the bills and pay," says a former employee.

Not surprisingly, they

didn't keep track of their purchases. "One of my first days on the job, the accountant asked me if I would call a list of retailers and ask if they would send us invoices for company furniture. He said that the IRS wanted the information, and we didn't have any invoices," remembers a former secretary.

Dutifully she phoned the retailers and requested invoices. "Some of them laughed, but some of them were very nice," she says. "After all, he was a big customer."

Dominelli would routinely pay cash for restaurant meals of more than \$1000, and Sandra Kritzik recalls his buying hundreds of dollars' worth of high-fashion ski clothes for Hoover and paying with cash.

Captain Money opened his wallet to Hoover's children as well, financing cars, expensive trips, and almost anything they requested. He was also generous — but less so — with his own children, who were living with his now-estranged wife.

Dominelli's main love was expensive automobiles.

"Jerry was enamored of cars. He bought cars the way a woman buys hats. Whenever he got blue, he'd go buy a \$100,000 car," says an ex-employee. The California Department of Motor Vehicles has records on two dozen Dominelli cars, but there were probably around 30, either registered in other names or perhaps not registered at all. According to a report by the bankruptcy trustee appointed to determine Dominelli's assets after the fall of J. David, there were as many as 80 vehicles under the J. David wing, including Dominelli's cars, those he was giving or selling to others, racing cars, and a fleet of limousines that Hoover purchased. Dominelli was trying to get local permission to build a 17-car garage in Rancho Santa Fe and had other vehicles stashed in garages at several locations around San Diego.

Basically it was a recycling arrangement. Paying \$50,000 to \$100,000 or more each, Dominelli would buy Rolls-Royces, Porsches, Mercedes-Benzes, Jaguars, Alfa Romeos, Ferraris, and Maseratis and

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drive them for a couple of weeks or months. When he tired of one, he would sell it to an employee or friend at a low price or simply give it away to a productive salesperson or a friend of Hoover's. Then he would buy another.

As in everything else, money was no object. "He once bought a car for \$60,000 or \$70,000. He told the salesman, 'I'll give you \$1500 more if you have it ready tonight,'" recalls an official probing into J. David's demise.

Dominelli invested \$300,000 in La Jolla Ferrari Ltd., which had a book value of only \$30,000. In return, he would use some of the dealer's luxury cars and avoid paying thousands of dollars in licensing, purchase fees, and taxes. Dominelli called it a "consulting arrangement." After the J. David collapse, La Jolla Ferrari, which had not disclosed Dominelli's investment to the state, was billed for \$5000 in back auto taxes and penalties.

Mary Yarry had a gull-wing Mercedes worth \$120,000. Nancy Hoover had a platinum Porsche 911 Targa she kept only two months. Later she got a Porsche 928 convertible "but didn't like it because it mussed her hair up," says a former employee. Dominelli had a metallic black Porsche 928 that eventually went to one of the subalterns.

Once Dominelli bought a Chevrolet Camaro — an

American car. "He had paid \$15,000 for it in \$100 bills," remembers an ex-employee. Dominelli went to the airport to pick up Hoover. She was livid. "I'm not going to ride in that thing!" she snarled. "The next day," says the former employee, "Nancy Hoover gave [the Camaro] to me, almost to spite Jerry. I had been in the process of trying to lease a car through the company, and she handed me the keys to the Camaro and said, 'Here, take this.' That's the way they gave things away. They almost forced them on you."

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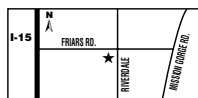
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not always meant to gain employee loyalty. The husband of a secretary totaled the family car. "Nancy bought her a new VW Rabbit and gave her the pink slip to the car with her name on it. Nancy did things like that with everybody. It was her way," recalls a former secretary.

Hoover and Dominelli

had 17 pieces of real estate around the west, mainly financed with debt. When they started the company, Dominelli lived in an upper-middle-class home in the inland planned community of Rancho Bernardo, and Hoover lived in Del Mar. As they prospered, they moved to the lushest area, Rancho

Santa Fe. They owned a huge \$2.2 million estate, as well as two lots worth half a million dollars. The couple had more than \$1 million in ski condominiums in Utah, an \$800,000 house in La Jolla that was offered to employees rent-free, the \$750,000 home used by Mitrovich gratis, and various real estate properties in the San Diego area.

Hoover bought a restaurant in Del Mar and changed its name to Vittorio's (after Dominelli's father). Nightly, Dominelli and Hoover held court at Vittorio's, entertaining customers, receiving those asking for charitable donations, and basking in the attention they received

from the oglers.

Dominelli leapt into real estate deals with the slimmest of information, usually supplied by a colleague. In an official examination after J. David's collapse, Dominelli explained to the bankruptcy trustee's lawyers how he got into a project known as Beech Tower Condominiums in San Diego. According to Dominelli, Orange County interbank salesman Mike Hall told him, "I would be doing him a favor in helping him out. He was — obviously couldn't get the place sold, and he was having some problems with the bank on the financing that he had had for the projects and was now trying to — he had asked his

various friends and so forth to purchase places over there, and I guess he had gotten four or five friends to buy condominiums, or at least go on record as buying them or whatever. I don't know." Dominelli made a visit to the condos with Hall, who assured him he would be paying the market price. He snatched up the deal without doing any homework.

Mike Hall was also a partner in a luxury boat Dominelli bought into. In the examination Dominelli was even vaguer on that one: "Essentially there were three partners that owned the boat, and we all — there are papers on it and so forth, which I signed, you know, and so I

can't tell you too much about it other than the fact I'm one of the owners of it, and I guess they keep it down in — I believe it's St. Vincent or St. Thomas."

Dominelli had earlier told others that he didn't particularly like boats, but he *did* like airplanes — especially after officials of a Chicago commodities firm, Refco, came to visit him in a private jet. "When he saw Refco's private plane, his eyes just bugged out. He was as excited as a kid buying chocolate," says a former employee. Initially J. David was spending upwards of \$50,000 a month flying air taxis. After the Refco visit, Dominelli decided he had to buy a plane. He wound up buying two and leasing a third. First he purchased a Lear 24 jet for \$600,000 and got a lease on a Lear 35. But those didn't sate his ego, and in mid-1983 he arranged to buy a 1967 Grumman Gulfstream II for just over \$5 million. To do so, he agreed to pay 22 percent interest — a horrendous rate at the time.

Just after that commitment, Chris Kalabokes came in as J. David's chief financial officer. He told Thomas LaHay, senior vice president of San Diego's First National Bank, J. David's main banker, that Dominelli had paid an "outrageous interest rate on terms that partially handcuffed the company," Dominelli insisted it was "the only way we could get the plane financed at the time." The purchase would turn out to be one of Dominelli's most critical blunders.

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J. David's charitable contributions were another unmonitored drain. Almost \$200,000 went to the San Diego Symphony, about \$100,000 to the San Diego Opera, and about \$100,000 to the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art. Hoover, reveling in her press coverage, gave large sums to Del Mar institutions. And a third of a million dollars went to the University of California at San Diego for a swimming pool, an arts center, and med-

ical research.

Just before the company went bankrupt, a La Jolla went to see Hoover about a possible gift for a local charity. He asked for \$60,000, hoping to get \$20,000. "I have my spiel. I sat back, expecting the arguments. There were none. They committed the money — all of it," he remembers. (The charity, though, never got the money.)

"Jerry couldn't say no to a friend," says William Galt, a large investor.

"She wanted to give away money and he couldn't say no," recalls a former top vice president of the firm. "It was a deadly combination."

Almost \$60,000 went to KPBS, the local public-broadcasting radio and television affiliate. One of the best-publicized events, partly funded by J. David money, was a televised debate among the U.S. Senate Republican Primary candidates in spring 1982. The City Club, sponsor of the debate, was trying to shake

the perception that it was only a Democratic forum. The local media gave the debate extensive play, and Mitrovich, of course, raved on and on about it in his *Newsline* column.

But six months later KPBS was still trying to collect from Mitrovich. Gloria Penner, a popular local TV personality, had written several letters to Mitrovich. On November 10, Eldon H. Hale, the station's administration manager, wrote, "For five

months KPBS has been attempting to collect from you the balance due to us for the expenses we incurred in broadcasting the U.S. Senate debate on May 25, 1982. On June 11, 1982, you wrote to Gloria Penner, promising payment upon your return from France. On July 14th, I spoke with you and you promised payment, 'in the next week or so.' " Gloria wrote again on August 4th and September 1st. Additionally, there were several

telephone conversations and promises made before and since that time, including a 'promise' to bring the payment with you to KPBS on November 3rd. The purpose of this letter is to make a final request for payment in order to avoid further action and the resultant legal expenses for both of us."

On November 16, an indignant Mitrovich wrote Penner on City Club stationery. Two of his City Club supporters had each anted

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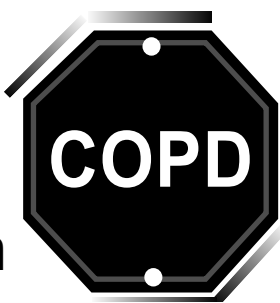
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I always said that I would make good the money, not J. David. The \$4000 given by J. David was more than enough. J. David did not need to give more. Moreover, I would not have permitted J. David to have given any additional monies.

This was a City Club obligation, not a J. David obligation. Calling the person I work for was an exercise in very poor judgment. While it is true that the burden of this was on me, one that I assumed, the delay was not altogether my fault. It did take some time for me to receive from KPBS a statement as to why the cost was \$2000. Even then the statement I received was not very precise.

But, to go back to the call from Eldon to Jerry, the more I've thought about it, the more annoyed I've become. The bitter taste will linger a while.

Sincerely [sic],
George Mitrovich
President

Hale says he never made any such call. Mitrovich claims Dominelli threatened to fire him as a result of the alleged call.

Despite such occasional unpleasantness, J. David succeeded in becoming known as one of San Diego's great benefactors. There was an important quid pro quo: People connected with the arts groups were moved to invest heavily in the J. David interbank fund. The sums that arts patrons invested were greater than the monies J. David donated to the institutions.

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also spent millions of dollars supporting athletics. Some \$40,000 went to the San Diego Crew Classic. Dominelli made a multi-hundred-dollar contribution to a local marathon — in cash, the day of the race.

Dominelli, who frequently received speeding tickets, was a fast-car addict. At parties, when he would be huddled in the corner reading a book and those around him would be marveling at his intellectual curiosity and amazing attention span, Dominelli wouldn't always be studying books and newsletters on international investing. Often he would be reading pulp magazines about sports cars.

Dominelli pumped millions of dollars into race-car teams. He first backed a San Diegan, Wayne Baker, but in 1982 decided he wanted international prestige. He became the angel for John Fitzpatrick Racing, which competed on European as well as American tracks, such as the nearby Riverside Raceway. At Riverside Dominelli would entertain potential investors and any Beautiful People Hoover was trying to woo. They would sip drinks under a guest tent and would be joined by the race car drivers and mechanics after the event.

Dominelli said he owned 50 percent of the Fitzpatrick team. After the collapse of J. David he told the bankruptcy trustee, "I'd say my part is worth, minimum, three-quarters of a million dollars. The race cars alone are worth anywhere from \$200,000 to \$250,000. Each spare motor is \$50,000." Some think Dominelli poured between \$2 million and \$4 million into the venture.

It ended abruptly. A driver was killed at one of the races, and the story goes, Hoover couldn't stand any more violence.

Others say that story is apocryphal. What happened, they contend, is that, at the request of his estranged wife, Antje, Dominelli had Fitzpatrick appear as a promotion at a sporting goods store Dominelli had financed for her. "When Hoover found that out, she hit the ceiling,

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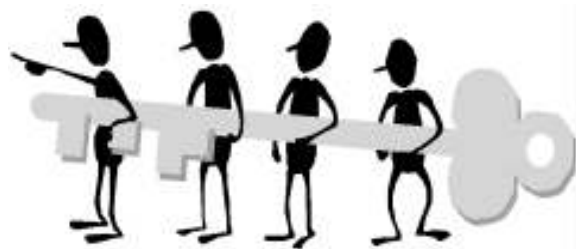
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I mean, she was throwing things. She gave an ultimatum to Jerry — one of many she gave — and that was the end of racing," says a top official of J. David at the time.

J. David achieved international prominence through its sponsorship of a triathlon team. The triathlon is a grueling event: Participants in the "ultra" event swim 2.4 miles, then bicycle 112 miles and run 26.2 miles.

Ted Pulaski, the top salesman, took an active interest in the triathlon and later became the national over-40 champion. Hoover and her two college-age children, Georgie and Nina, were on the team.

In October 1983 *Sports Illustrated* lauded Dominelli as "Triathlon's Sugar Daddy." J. David had its athletes on salaries of \$1000 to \$1500 a month. Team members were provided the finest equipment

and stayed in the finest hotels around the world. One of the team members was photographed running along with a wad of bills in his hand. It was to symbolize J. David's largesse in an article for *Triathlon Magazine*, a publication J. David helped finance. Hoover and Dominelli transported the team to events all around the world. Hoover would rent a helicopter to view the races. Over three years J. David put more

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than a third of a million dollars into the triathlon.

Hoover and Dominelli put much more into horse racing. Since they lived in horsy Rancho Santa Fe, it was perhaps inevitable that they would take up the sport. They formed Hoover Farms and in 1983 paid more than \$650,000 for four horses. (One unnamed yearling had a dam by the name of Takethemoneyandrun.) The horses achieved mod-

erate — extremely moderate — success, and members of the horse-breeding set were reportedly eager to unload more mediocre merchandise on the newcomers to the sport. One of San Diego's most prominent horsemen, astonished by the prices that Dominelli was shelling out for horses, concluded that he must be on cocaine. According to bankruptcy records, Hoover paid \$230,000 for a horse that

later sold at auction for all of \$7000.

Not surprisingly, Hoover Farms didn't last long. After J. David's collapse, the ownership of the horses was quietly shifted, and the horses started racing under another stable's name. Hoover Farms has disappeared.

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sands of dollars. They feted the triathletes. Their man Mitrovich entertained City Club speakers and other dignitaries. They staged a massive party when their man, Hedgecock, was elected mayor. They held annual Christmas parties for the employees' children.

Hoover could barely talk about anything else. In early 1983 Dominelli had a \$400,000 lawsuit pending against the former head of one of his subsidiaries. One Friday afternoon, the plaintiff and defendant and a battery of lawyers hissed and scratched through a tension-filled meeting at J. David headquarters. At its conclusion Hoover sug-

gested they all adjourn to a local drinking spa. Hoover opened the conversation with "Let's plan our next ski vacation."

In fact, several weeks after the company had been thrown into bankruptcy and Dominelli was being threatened with jail unless he revealed the whereabouts of the investors' money, "Hoover threw a party, and she was talking about having a big beach party in the summer for all the old employees," says a former executive.

Dominelli loaned money to friends — and went into side business deals with them — as casually as he bought sports cars and horses. "He would reach some kind of an agreement and then would

send me to do the detail work. But the story at the other end would not be the same story he told me. Then I'd go back to him, and he would be fuzzy on the details," recalls a former accountant with the firm.

George Munger, proprietor of Piret's, a French restaurant numbering Roger Hedgecock among its patrons, came to Hoover and Dominelli for money. "Nancy and I sat there with him, and it wasn't really any big negotiation," Dominelli later told the bankruptcy trustee. "We just agreed, because he needed the money at the time."

The term of the loan? "It was agreed that he could pay us back almost on any basis he wanted," explained Dominelli. The maturity of the loan? "As soon as he was able to pay us back." The amount of the loan? "I think that we had agreed to loan him as much as — if I'm not mistaken — a hundred thousand dollars. As far as how much we had given him, I think that we had given him about — it was either \$50,000 or \$75,000. I'm not positive," said Dominelli.

Was the borrower going to pay interest on the loan? The bankruptcy trustee was curious. "I forgot what we had decided on that," replied Dominelli.

Dominelli loaned money to former San Diego Charger football player Speedy Duncan and was equally vague on the specifics. He also loaned money to Yarry and Pulaski for homes. Although Pulaski was

making \$40,000 a month on commissions, he would constantly run out of money "the second or third week" of the month and come to Dominelli for an advance, according to Dominelli. (Pulaski kept getting behind because he was paying people to bring him customers, Dominelli contended — a story Pulaski denies.)

When examined by the bankruptcy trustee on details of the various loans and investments. Dominelli was generally foggy and forgetful. Even if, as some investigators think and as certainly seems likely, he was coyly covering up bad or shady deals, Hoover's characterization rings true: Captain Money and the Golden Girl *did* make their deals from the heart, rather than on the basis of the numbers. Dominelli's vagueness under examination was only partly Machiavellian.

The same sloppiness was evident in the launching of J. David's subsidiaries. Dominelli had that dream of becoming another Goldman, Sachs — an investment conglomerate offering all kinds of financial products. In the four years the firm operated, J. David had upward of 50 subsidiary operations pushing different kinds of investments. Almost all of them were losing money, although it's doubtful Dominelli knew that. He was told the ancillary operations were a drain, but he didn't try to pare them back until it was too late.

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such as Teachersworth Services, which sold annuity insurance contracts to teachers. Others were started from scratch. J. David Mercantile Group was a venture capital/syndication subsidiary that financed a startup high-tech firm and was searching for others. Under it was Mercantile Management Company II, which offered limited energy partnerships: J. David Energy I, J. David Energy II, and J. David Energy III.

J. David Intercurrency served as a broker arranging foreign currency transactions between banks. J. David Trading was a commodity trading adviser dealing in regulated commodities. Systematic Risk was a partnership formed to apply modern portfolio theory to the selection of commodity trading advisers. Dominelli and the founder squabbled, and the operation fell away from J. David long before J. David's demise. On its own, it is now prospering.

J. David Natural Resources was Dominelli's piece of a Northern California silica- and gold-mining operation named Yuba Natural Resources. Dominelli was a one-third partner in a group that bought up roughly half of the old-line company. The other partners were prominent in California politics: Richard Silberman, former chief adviser to Gov. Jerry Brown, and M. Larry Lawrence, former chairman of the California Democratic Party. Dominelli tried to resell his piece to his investors but failed at the task.

One of the biggest drains was J. David Securities, the stock- and bond-marketing operation. Dominelli opened offices in several large cities and recruited brokers by offering commissions that were substantially higher than those they could get at other firms. "I did a study to show him that he would lose money paying those commissions, but he ignored it," says a former accountant. (Many of the stockbrokers also picked up extra commissions, mainly under the table, by steering investors into Dominelli's foreign currency pool.) Dominelli

fought hard to keep the subsidiary going.

In the end a consultant informed him that J. David securities was losing at least \$1 million a month, if the salaries and commissions, leasehold

improvements, and rentals were properly charged to the operation. According to the consultant, "He paused and said, 'Well, maybe we can turn it into a discount brokerage.' I told him, 'Discount brokerages have

linoleum floors and Army surplus desks. You have the most plush offices in the U.S.'"

And there were diverse other subsidiaries: Cambier Management; Treasury Life Holding Co. and

its underlings, Southwest Industrial Life and Treasury Life Assurance Co.; J. David (Asia); Capital Assets Managers; J. David Municipals and governments; and on and on. Dominelli would

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with a deal [a piece of the equity in a small company]. They talked awhile. Finally, Dominelli offers him about three times the maximum he thought he could receive. About knocked him off his chair." The operation he bought eventually became one of the subsidiaries, and like the others, it was insignificant except for the strain it was placing on the company.

Besides the massive losses, the subsidiaries had one thing in common: No one knew how Dominelli was paying for them. "There was this big black hole. Every time you asked where the money was coming from, you couldn't

find out. He wouldn't let you now how he was financing them," says one accountant.

"We were never permitted to see where the money was coming from," says another accountant.

"He wrote checks to support the other enterprises. He called it his 'magic checkbook.' Other times he called it his 'slush fund,'" recalls a third accountant.

An employee who inquired where Dominelli was getting the money to fund an offshoot operation was told laughingly, "Dominelli Airlines."

When Dominelli wrote these checks, he often had little idea if he

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had money in the account to cover them. "One time I was in his office, and he had agreed to support a project of mine. He said he'd write me a check. He had Debra [one of his secretaries] call the bank to find [out] if there was money in the account," says Mengar. Told how much was in the account, Dominelli beamed, "Oh, good. I can write a check

on it."

"The source of funds [for J. David Securities] was a matter of conjecture," explains a consultant who often asked himself if clients' money was being used to finance the other operations — and Hoover and Dominelli's spending sprees. "I don't think he [Dominelli] had any understanding of accounting," the consultant goes

on. "So much came in every day and so much went out. The money just went into one pool, and no one except those in the inner circle got a glimpse of the pool. The place was run out of a checkbook by someone who didn't know how to balance a checkbook."

Other accountants made the same observation. In an investment

operation, client funds must be kept rigidly separate from other funds. But several accountants who worked for J. David wondered whether there was commingling — whether the investors' money was being put into an account with other funds and used for noninvestment purposes, such as paying the bills of a subsidiary or paying for one of Hoover's

horses or Dominelli's expensive autos.

"You don't want to believe that your employer is a crook," says an accountant, who became convinced upon discovering that an investor's check had been deposited in a corporate account at Morgan Guaranty in New York. The accountant told Dominelli the practice had to stop, "but he tossed it [the

accountant's warning] into that big pile of papers he had. Nancy once asked, 'Why do we need an accounting department? Bache across the street doesn't have an accounting department.' She didn't understand that Bache had three floors of accountants at its New York headquarters. As the French say, it was *folie à deux*, or 'folly of two.'"

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After only six months with the company, the accountant resigned and informed the FBI of the irregularities at J. David. This accountant was the first — but hardly the last — to go to the FBI.

Many of J. David's follies were actually follies of one: Nancy Hoover. "She ran the company in the administrative sense," recalls a former senior financial officer of J. David. "She determined who was hired. She hired friends, friends of friends, family members, investors, friends of investors. There was no planned growth. She would say, 'Five more people were hired this month, so we need another office.' People came in Monday and found they were reporting to another person. The rank and file was in confusion. People didn't understand what they were supposed to do. In the course of three years, some people were moved ten times."

"The unprofessionalism was unbelievable," according to one investor. "After I decided to remove my money, I called and asked to be sent the interest over the past couple of months. A clerk said, 'Fine,' and that was it. She never asked for my account number. Two days later I called and asked for the \$50,000 principal, and she said the same thing, 'Fine,' and never asked me the account number or anything."

Basically, Hoover handled the administration because she was as decisive as Dominelli was indecisive. He relied upon her judgment for all business details, particularly their spending. "Hoover ran the firm. She ran internal policy. She was the fairy princess ruling over her empire, moving desks and personnel around to her preference. People were either on her favored list or unfavored list. People would be elevated and

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The chaos grew. Finally, Yarry convinced Dominelli that the company needed an office manager to relieve Hoover of some of her administrative burdens and to free her up for the sales duties at which she excelled.

Thus did one Richard Colabella, a former colleague of Yarry's at Institutional Investor, join J. David in 1982. "Colabella came in as a hatchet man, but he made the mistake of announcing he was a hatchet man," a former vice president remembers. "He tried to talk in a gravelly voice like the Godfather and use Italian gestures, but he also wanted people to know how cultured he was."

He fit snugly into the J. David environment. "When I was interviewing for the job, he spent the entire time trying to get a powder blue Cadillac for one of the vice presidents in Orange County," says a former secretary.

Colabella would frequently throw tantrums that friends say resulted from a stomach disorder. "He would be raging violently, then he would take some of his medicine, and pretty soon he would mellow out," recalls a former employee.

According to several intimates, Hoover resented both Yarry and Colabella. This was one reason that Hoover and Dominelli would frequently get into bitter arguments that rattled the mahogany shutters, damaged morale, and sent visitors scurrying for cover.

"First, they would just be bouncing ideas off each other. Then their voices would start to rise. Then the door would close...and all hell would break loose," remembers a former employee. By some reports, Hoover could match and often one-up Dominelli's profanity.

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Nan!"

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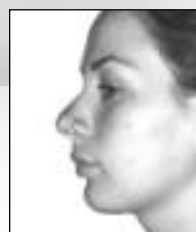
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Artifacts of a life surround me.

Here is a penmanship certificate from 1933 and a diploma from St. Mel's High School dated 1937. Here also: an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army dated January 1946, a pipe tool for scraping ash from a briar bowl, a compass, and a rubber stamp that, when inked and pressed, will read "FINAL COPY — Set This — R.

to sum up.

The items fill a standard office file box that also contains letters to and from my father: from editors, to friends, etc. They reveal my father's love of language and that he was well liked. Loved, in fact. It is the other two cartons that interest me most. They contain his published material, written over three decades for Catholic magazines and newspapers as well as for the military presses in the 1940s.



John Brizzolara (middle) with sister and father

The wreaths of lazy smoke demarcated a zone where family squabbles were off-limits; issues of bedwetting, menopause, sick dogs, or charges of sibling cruelty were banished beyond the cloud.

Brizzolara." Also, a dozen or more photographs of my father. Here is one with Thomas Dewey, one with a .50-caliber machine gun, a few with Army buddies, one with a gangster, another with a professional baseball player, and several with my mother and my sister and me as an infant. Taken together, they are shards of a mirror, pieces of a puzzle weighted with varying degrees of relevance to a life I will not presume

Memories of my father always include one particular image, and that is of the family man after dinner, seated at the dining room table in whatever house we occupied at the time, leaning over a large black typewriter — a Remington or an Underwood, I think — obscured by clouds of burning pipe tobacco. We were not to disturb Dad as he worked. The wreaths of lazy smoke demarcated a zone where

family squabbles were off-limits; issues of bedwetting, menopause, sick dogs, or charges of sibling cruelty were banished beyond the cloud. His day at the insurance company or agency where he would compose inane ad copy and navigate the politics of a venal corporation was left outside of this cocoon. The muted machine-gun clacking of the typewriter signaled another article about politics or pornography, the rhythm method, violence on television or film, Padre Pio, or a comic misadventure with the kids at the company picnic. Occasionally he would allow me to stand

next to him and study the completed pages.

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I was nine years old at

the time I read this coming off his typewriter, and while I had no idea what he was talking about, I knew it was about magic and was in itself a kind of magic. My father could string words together with interesting verbs, lace them with colorful images, and pin them to the page, which he then would exchange for school tuition and school uniforms for an increasing number of offspring.

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dinner and announced, "This family should learn how to eat."

"Who's the tutor? Peter Rabbit?..."

"That's not what I mean and you know it," she retorted.... "Did you know, for instance, that the white flour we buy for cooking and baking is so low in nutrition that insects avoid it? They'd starve."

"As usual, I found myself pinioned on the horns of a typically female fabricated dilemma. If I let it be known that I was glad our flour bin was bug free I would be implicitly approving incipient malnutrition...."

"The grand architect for my family's gustatorial reform is the author of a remarkable book entitled *Please Your Pancreas—and Live!* by Doctor Julius Cranby. According to Dr. Cranby the pancreas lies off the Islands of Langerhans somewhere east of Suet. Before the discovery of health foods and those little wayside health bars where vim, vigor, and virility may be stored via coconut milk cocktails, gourmets and trenchermen were frequently shipwrecked on the shoals of indigestion because of storms that pounded down out of the pancreas and liver. The fat globules could not be broken down because of balky liver bile and unless you had you-know-whose little liver pills the results are flatulence, heartburn, and a complete shambles of the large

and small colon...."

My puzzlement at the pretzel logic of women and my suspicion of authority (certainly of "experts") has bypassed misogyny and non-conformity and landed me squarely in the country of the misanthrope, just outside of anarchy. We all try to do a little better than our parents, and I like to think that my inherited sense of the absurd would elicit that distinctive, tobacco-wracked laughter from my dad.

Bob Brizzolara wrote television and film reviews and was quoted at length, I recently discovered in my cartons of memories, by *Time* magazine in August 1957 as a "Catholic Film Critic." In his piece on Hollywood's treatment of the clergy, he postulates the casting of George Raft as St. Augustine in *The Confessions*. His articles for the *Voice of Saint Jude*, *Ave Maria*, the *New World*, and *Catholic Home Messenger* examined anti-Christian sensibilities in fraternal organizations like the Masons, the Communist threat, "Dear Abby" Van Buren, and physics teachers at De Paul University. My father, it seemed to me, knew everything and everybody, read everything, and knew just how to phrase his conclusions with both authoritative skill and clay-footed puzzlement. He was my only writing teacher, and he taught me that didacticism was a sin, but if you're going to do it, make damn

sure you're funny while you're about it.

Robert Brizzolara died of a heart attack while on a fishing trip in Wisconsin in September 1968. He was 49 years and seven months old. In July of this year, I will be that age precisely. It is only now dawning on me, old-guy jokes aside, how very young that is.

— John Brizzolara

Originally published in the *Reader* on June 15, 2000.

Dear Son,

On the occasion of your 21st birthday I've considered all kinds of gifts from cash to a watch that runs backward, but I have decided on this, at least: a list of some of the things I now know at 47 and wish I knew at the age of 21. I wonder if any of it will help you.

The first thing that comes to mind is that bell bottoms are a big mistake. I realize this information is only so useful, like the knowledge that one should use a condom when doing drugs — no one does anyway. But I will try to think hard about this. It is difficult because our lives are so different. It is impossible not to think about my own 21st birthday.

I have no recollection of it whatsoever. I only recall that your mother and I were just back from hitchhiking around Europe; we were broke and briefly sharing an apartment with a friend

on 98th Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan. I was working as Christmas help at a giant bookstore on Fifth Avenue, had long hair, a beard, and no January rent. My own father had been dead for three years, and I had been traveling since then. I was already cynical in a way that I hadn't quite earned: a kind of preemptive strike against a world I knew was out to kick my ass.

I have known you your whole life, and you have, thank God, no traces of this malaise. Your mother once wrote, in her first short novel, that "Cynicism is the laziest of intellectual postures." This is something true. I have become more cynical rather than less, lazier rather than more enterprising. I do not — and again I do thank God — see you traveling down a road anything like the one I've traveled.

You already know the value of hard work and money. I have never really appreciated the value of money. In this way I have remained strangely, even belligerently naïve. You are working your first real job at Boston Market and have been reliable and steadily promoted, all the while taking college courses. I quit the Art Institute of Chicago after six weeks so that I could travel with a rock band.

One of the traits we do share is an abiding curiosity about the world we live in and ones we do not. I

remember one night down in Mexico, around your tenth birthday, when I pointed out the spiral arm of the Milky Way galaxy where we reside. When I explained to you the dimensions of what we were looking at, I could see the wonder and reality of it dawn on your face, and I was so very happy that I was the one who, in a sense, pulled a curtain away to expose a miracle.

You have since pursued astronomy, physics, and biology with appreciation, understanding, puzzlement, awe, and hunger. To say that I am very proud of you says nothing of how I feel. I will tell you something else I am certain I have never told you. It may sound like an unusual thing to say, but I respect you in a way I do not respect many people. I say unusual because I wonder how common it is for parents to respect their children. Not very, is my guess.

This leads me to the irony, the presumption of this letter: that is, telling you things you should know, that I wish I knew at your age. More to the point is that I wish I knew then what you already know. I wish I had more of your qualities and fewer of my weaknesses. I would have liked to have had your implicit understanding of a few vital things, like getting intoxicated or stoned is mostly a deplorable waste of time, that sex for its own sake is irresponsible, that a structured edu-

cation has distinct advantages over the autodidactic approach, and that patience and humility are a strength, arrogance and intolerance an abomination.

I would also like to know how to get to level nine on the CD-ROM video game *Star Smashers of the Galactic Reich* — something you do with ease and yet has eluded me.

On a practical level, I think it's safe to say this much to you at this point in your life: chew with your mouth closed. I've tried drilling this into your head — well, jaw — since you went on solid food. I'm not saying you'll never get laid unless you correct this habit; many successful friends of mine eat like swine and get poon for days, but I'm just saying it is disgusting. Picking your nose when you pull up to a stop light is another thing I would urge you to think about. Everybody does it, yeah, yeah, I know, but hey, man, you're not invisible in some magic way at a stop light. You look like a pig, a moron, a slob. Don't get me wrong, I love you. Just don't do that, okay?

Life Lesson: #9.3. Sorry, I may be getting a little ahead of myself, but I cannot resist the impulse to warn and advise you on the subject of loving women. This may well be unnecessary...but here you go. I think it was John D. MacDonald who said it (I'm not sure, but it stands): "Never go to bed with a woman who has more

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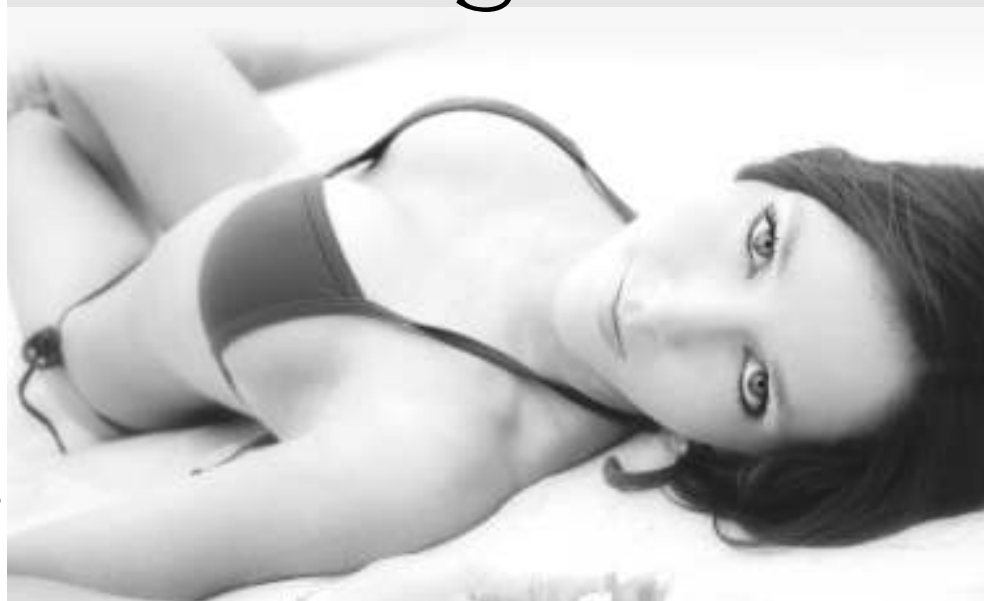
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troubles than you do." This undoubtedly will sound sexist to someone, but I would give the same advice to a daughter if I had one — about men, you know.

Don't be afraid to love. On balance, it will be one of the two or three most important things you will ever do. The work that you choose will be one of those things, whether you become a writer or a scientist, a gardener, a teacher, a janitor, a stockbroker, a stockboy, or a CEO — choose something that makes you happy more often than it makes you miserable. The same with those you choose to love. Sometimes it seems that we do not get to choose these people, but actually we do — trust me. Most of us love the wrong person at some time or another in our lives, often more than once, and it can cause you more pain than a giant tumor over your heart. I'm speaking literally; I've had both (remember?) and my instinct is to go with the tumor, but there is too much to say for risking your heart, lymph nodes, liver,



John Brizzolara with his son

bowels, and brain for love. I would not have arrived at the abiding happiness I find with the woman in my life these days if I had not gone through the madness that I did.

I regret deeply that I caused so much pain around me as I floundered with my emotions. You will find ways around this kind of mess in your life (of course, I hope you are spared, though I'm afraid it's kind of inevitable),

but the best way is through it, not around it. If you don't slow down along the main drag of Paintown, past Heartbreak Hotel and that lonely self-service station at the edge of town near the on-ramp to the Blue Highway, the Paintown Police will catch up to you sooner or later, and they'll be pissed.

The third most important thing you will ever do — and I sorely hope you do — is to become a father. The

moment you were born at, I think, 3:02 a.m. at Beth Israel Hospital on Manhattan's east side, I remember thinking: I have never done anything important before. If you are lucky and have a kid like yourself and the asshole gene doesn't skip a generation and my traits crop up in your child, you will have a large degree of happiness in your life, and it will help you weather the worst of things.

I'll let you ponder that while I fish into the nettles of my experience for more gems.

Speaking of police: don't argue with cops. Be polite and cooperative. Otherwise you're shafting yourself.

Eat a lot of protein (steak, fish, chicken), shine the carbohydrates (unless you have liver trouble as I do), and eat vegetables even if you have to force yourself; they will, if nothing else, often provide gratifying farts. But probably you shouldn't listen to me about dietary matters.

Be generous with people who are less fortunate than you, and, as a strong man, defend those whom you can: those who need a little help — and it's usually just a little. Don't break the law unless the law strikes you as so asinine or immoral that you must. Jail is horrifying. If you ever find yourself in a cell, try to make sure that it is for a higher reason than you just fucked up. That may happen; if it does, pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and try to make it

right with anyone you've hurt.

You are already in the habit of reading for pleasure as well as education, but I notice you limit yourself to fantasy and science fiction. That's all right, but you are what you eat, and, like vegetables, you simply need certain nutrients. John Gardner, a good writing teacher and a novelist, advised young writers (and you already are one) to read Faulkner (you already have) and then read Hemingway to get the taste of Faulkner out of your mouth. Hemingway, too, can provide gratifying farts. Someday read Graham Greene for the way a sentence should be balanced. Read Elmore Leonard and Richard Price for the way that people talk; Dickens, not science fiction writers, for the way a world is created and a mass of life is set in motion on the page. Read every chance you get because there isn't enough time. You'll find life gives you just enough time for many important things but never reading. A lot of us

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die hungry for more. If you don't get to Proust, don't worry about it.

Let me see, I think I've already tried to impart to you some things I have learned the hard way, like that strategy in line at the movies for popcorn and Coke when the movie has already started: never get in a line behind an obese person — to say nothing of an obese family. It is like trying to pass a convoy of 18-wheel trucks going downhill. Forget about it.

Don't go to war for any reason; it's not a video game. The world never suffers from a shortage of patriots and lunatics who think war is glorious. Meat will always be provided for the grinder. If you feel the need to take part in some kind of war effort, do what you can to stop it.

Which leads me to politics. I have no advice here other than, choose your battles carefully; the cynicism rule of your mother's applies here.

As for religion or spirituality, every time the sub-

ject has come up with us in the past you start talking about the Big Bang Theory or something. That's all right; unless you're an atheist or agnostic at 21, you'll never, later in life, glimpse the true, majestic proportions of what we're really dealing with here.

When in a hurry to get out of the grocery store, get in line behind a single, middle-aged, lonely-looking guy buying TV dinners and soup for one.

Pay attention to everything, even fools and idiots. You'll be surprised what you can learn from the most unlikely people. Know that you are going to be smarter than most people around you and be patient with them, unlike me. Remember what little knowledge any of us ever really has at the end of the day.

When you think you're going to die, it is the things you haven't done, not the things you have, that you most regret. No matter what you do, you'll probably have regrets, so don't be afraid of temptation. Give in to it as

least as often as you resist it.

Question authority — bumper sticker advice, I know, but still. The exception in this case is if the authority in question is carrying a firearm (see police above).

Music: this can be one of the major joys in life. It is the closest thing to actual magic that I can think of. Music can save your sanity. Music can make you cry when you need to and every impulse in your body is fighting it desperately. Bach can help you think; Mozart will offer you transcendence, a momentary reprieve from mortality, Wagner can make you seasick, Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters can mirror a longing and dogged joy that is otherwise hard to articulate. Charlie Parker and Miles Davis, John Coltrane and Chet Baker can paint abstract pictures in your head, making a kind of sense out of the modern world that is otherwise unavailable. Rock and roll can set you free for a while. I don't know what that heavy speed-metal crap is that was

on the tape deck in your car the other day, but I hate it. And as long as at least one parent hates and misunderstands the music you're into, you're probably on the right track.

When things look bleak, try to remember that life is not a funeral march to the grave, it is more like the funky chicken. When your sense of humor is gone, even in grief, your soul is in trouble.

Never hesitate to admit it when you know you've been dead wrong about something. While some fathers would tell their sons never to apologize, I would urge you to do so when you've crossed a line with someone. In fact, with the women in your life, apologize in advance. You might as well.

Remember that life is mostly failure. That's not as grim as it sounds. Success is inevitable too on some level or another and is almost always a result of a disheartening series of failures. You're strong, you'll survive them. A good friend of mine, a successful and acclaimed

writer and editor, once told me, "Don't be afraid to fail." I thought it was an odd thing to say since she was taking a chance with me and her ass was on the line as much as mine, but I want to pass that along to you. I think this is important advice especially in your case, because you have so regularly succeeded at what you attempt. Still, I sense in you a hesitation to attempt things that might end in failure. Get over it. I would underline my friend's advice if I could figure out how to do it on this laptop.

Remember that procrastination can be a bad sign. It can indicate a number of things from timidity to depression, but it is always a signal that you should pay attention to what's going on with yourself. If you must procrastinate, put it off for as long as possible.

Surround yourself with children every chance you get. You have always been great with little kids and it pleases me; it's a good instinct. If nothing else children will always provide something beautiful to look at. Adults

are just degenerated youths with driver's licenses, credit cards, academic degrees, and degrees of bad habits. They do come in handy, however, when you need to borrow money or jump-start your car.

That's about everything I can think of for now. If you have any questions, e-mail or fax. We'll do lunch. In the meantime, I'm proud of you.

Oh yeah. Floss.

— John Brizzolara

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Let's do it again, Dad

Dad disappeared from my life when I was 12, but before that I got to see him, my half-sisters, and stepmother for a week at Christmas and a month during the summer.

I remember once, when I was about four, stepping through a barbed-wire fence and walking out into a field of grass, arm up, holding his hand. That's the whole story, except for the feeling, a warm welling happiness.

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He took me on my first airplane ride when I was five. I remember sitting, strapped in his lap, looking down at the small city of Springfield, MO. It was thrilling, and every plane ride since has been thrilling. I remember walking away from the Piper Cub, again holding his hand. I said, "Let's do it again, Dad."

We never did, but once, in his 60s, I took him up when I was skydiving. He watched me get out on the step and push off, then fall for 5000 feet. I've seen other guys do that. Their figures fall away to nothing, and when the chute finally opens, it's about the size of a dime on the floor when you're standing upright.

I was waiting on the ground when the plane landed, and I've never seen a man look more proud.

My all-time favorite memory is of running home in the dark in a warm downpour, after a movie, holding my Dad's hand and one of my sister's hands, laughing and splashing all the way. It was pure joy.

It all came to an end on my 12th birthday. My mother sat me down and said, "Under the terms of the divorce, when you turn 12 you get to decide whether to go to your father's or not. So you won't have to do that anymore." And I didn't.

He came to my high school graduation, and my mother threw a screaming fit. She threatened to disown me if I saw him again. I didn't have the guts to buck her until my early 30s, and when I did, it was as if I'd been away for a long weekend.

My dad was a contemporary guy when he talked about current events, but when he told stories of his childhood, he talked the old Ozark talk. "We was a-butcherin' a hog. And we didn't have balloons when I was a kid, so when they butchered, they cut out a hog's bladder and cleaned it and blew it up for me to play with. I batted this one into a scalding barrel of water and burned my hand."

His grandfather, called Pap, lived on another farm across a dirt lane in Gal-



Jim Morris's father

loway, Missouri. When the family came by wagon from Kentucky, a gypsy woman at a campsite on a river gave Pap the power to cure burns and boils. So my grandparents sent for him: tall, angular, shirtless, barefoot, bib overalls with a gold watch chain,

beard flowing white to his breastbone.

In describing his arrival, my dad said my favorite of all the sentences I ever heard him utter. "Here directly yonder Pap come a-step-pin.'" Pap muttered some Bible scripture, sang a little

song, spat on his hand, and rubbed it on the burn. Five minutes later Dad was back playing with his hog bladder.

My dad was an amazing man: intelligent, handsome, funny, loving, selfish, lecherous, holy. He knew a lot and had blind spots you could drive a convoy of doublewides through. He saved my life twice before I was ten: once from fever and once from drowning.

He died at 93. He and my sister Shirley and I were laughing together a half-hour before he went. Then he rested. Shirley and I talked, mostly about him. We looked back, and he was gone.

— Jim Morris

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"Well, I'm all ready for

some bacon and eggs," his voice trails off as he walks away, "and you're layin' in there, playin' with your butt or something, I don't know..." I hear a pack of cigarettes land on the kitchen counter and a match strike.

The red, burning cherry makes its appearance at my door and without the benefit of visible lips hollers, "Get up! The truck's leavin' for town in five minutes." A puff of smoke stays; the cigarette leaves.

"All right!" I yell from under my sleeping bag. "I'm up. Let's go. I'm in here waiting on you! I'm not the one who needs half an hour to shower in the morning, Mrs. Streisand. I'm sure you used all the damn hot water."

"Oh shut up. I'm going to warm the truck up."

I put my clothes on in the smoky haze of my room. By the time I've brushed my teeth and put a hat over my miserable pushed-up hair, he's already changing stations on the Toyota's radio. "Oh my God. Paul Harvey. Paul god-damned Harvey, you're so full of it!" he groans

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as he snaps the dial to off.

At the restaurant I'm still in that morning torpor and just cannot cope with the waitress's cheery-ass attitude.

"You must be Jim Olivieri's son," a blond smile says to me before I get my coffee.

That's me.

With waitresses my father is either flirty or downright obnoxious.

"What would you like?" she asks.

"Well, I can't say. Not in front of my kid," he says and tucks his head into his shoulder in mock shyness.

"I meant to *eat*," she says and rolls her eyes. I hide my face because I know what's coming.

"So did I!" he shoots back at her.

I'm embarrassed enough for both of us. I have to be, because he sure as hell shows no sign of it. When she leaves with a red face and our order, I hiss across the table at him, "Would you quit harassing the waitresses?"

"I'm not harassing them," he says. "They think it's funny."

I can only sit in agony and toy with my coffee cup, waiting for the next humiliation.

When she brings our food back, she apologizes for our wait. "Sorry it took so long. We have a grill problem."

He hits her quick with "You've got a coffee problem too."

She pauses for a minute and tries to think of what could have gone wrong with the simple process of filtering water through coffee grounds. He helps her cognition out with "It tastes like shit!" I expect him to heave his cup of java right off the table and onto her apron, but he doesn't.

"Dad!"

The waitress drops our food onto the table, runs back into the kitchen, and my dad snickers like Muttley the cartoon dog, "*Khee, khee, khee, khee, khee.*"

After breakfast, we walk through a door near the kitchen and into a bar called the Office. A big man in a cowboy hat and holding a beer flips us both off imme-



Ollie's father

diately and yells out, "Hey, Jimmy! What are you and the kid up to?"

"Not much," my dad answers. "I'm going to go get a haircut and go see my dad. He's your uncle, you know. You ought to visit him once in a while."

"Uncle Jim?" my cousin Ernie, the rancher in the hat asks. "Is it his birthday or

something?"

"No," my dad answers. "It was Veterans' Day, Thursday."

"Oh. Oh. Oh. Well, hell. I'm the only one who goes up there anymore."

"No, you're not," my dad refutes. "I go up there all the time."

Ernie leans over and yells at the bartender, "Hey,

get us three blackberry brandies and three beers!"

"No, no no," my dad protests. "I gotta go get a haircut. The kid can sit here and have one with you while I go across the street."

"Is he old enough?" the bartender asks.

"Why sure!" my cousin booms out into the bar. "This here's Jimmy Olivieri's son. He's a bigshot lawyer from the city."

"All right, then."

"I'm not a lawyer," I try to say, but I'm cut off by Ernie's insistence that I'm a lawyer.

My dad leaves through the front of the bar, shaking his head, and walks across the street to the barbershop.

A shot of blackberry brandy and a Coors light land in front of me. Ernie quaffs his and turns to me. I look down at my stomach, which is still digesting an omelet and hash browns. I take a sip of the brownish red liquid and swallow. I can't help myself but to say "Ooof!" and scrunch my face up.

Ernie laughs a loud cackle and slaps me hard on

the back. I sip a couple more times and try to blend in with the morning drinkers.

My dad returns after a short time, and we decide to hit the flea market. We say our good-byes to Ernie, and he hollers out to us, "All right! You boys know where I am. Come on by anytime."

My dad switches on his truck radio and yowls, "Oh my God! Paul Harvey, again! How could we be so unlucky? Twice in one morning!" and he cuts the radio off.

As we're parking the truck in the dirt lot at the fairgrounds, a guy with gray hair and glasses walks in front of us. My dad rolls down his window and shouts, "Get out of the way, you old fuck!" The man looks up from his reverie and sidesteps out of the spot.

"Who is he?" I ask. I figured it had to be one of my dad's friends or he wouldn't talk to him like that.

"I don't know," he answers. "Some old bastard."

"He's probably very near your age," I correct him.

"Hell, he's probably ten years younger," he corrects

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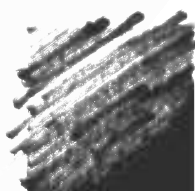
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me. "It doesn't mean he's not old," he says straining against the steering wheel.

I concede the point and we walk into the flea market.

While sifting through the heaps of debris, my dad seems driven in his pursuit. We make jokes about the useless junk that people bring out in hopes of pawning it off on some other fool.

"Hey, did you need some more crap?" my dad asks me.

"Oh, no thanks," I answer. "But, there's a lovely pile of crap over here that *you* might want."

"Well, look at that," he points out in astonishment. "More crap."

"Crap-tastic!" I exclaim and let out a short whistle.

We walk through the aisles of pocket knives and snowglobes with purpose.

"What are we looking for?" I ask.

"Oh, those little flags," he says. "There's a guy here every weekend who sells them."

"Hey, there's a nice picture," my dad says pointing to a framed, black-and-white

poster of Elvis with the words "Elvis Presley" printed in large type beneath his face. "It's even got his name on it, in case somebody *doesn't* know who the fuck he is."

We spot the flag dealer, and my dad starts in on the haggling. He finally gets the overall price down 50 cents, and we take a small bag of them. "I never pay full price for anything. Ever," my dad reiterates his policy to me. And it's true, he doesn't. He shops for groceries on Tuesdays when the stores are having senior discounts. He wakes up every morning at 4:45 a.m. to get the Early Bird special for breakfast. And he'll argue for half an hour to get a dollar off the price of anything. If he saw an ad in the paper that read, "Brand-new, full-size Chevy pickup. Will trade straight across for cup of piss," he'd bicker with the owner about who would provide the cup.

"All right," he says. "We're all set. Let's go see your grandpa, Big Jim."

We walk through the rows. There are big white monuments that read

"Njirich" and "Sardella." We walk along until we see a tiny stone that reads, "James Olivieri."

He sticks the tiny flag in the dirt and pulls a few weeds before opening a beer and sitting down. I sit and have a beer too.

He tells a story that I've heard a hundred times but still enjoy. "When I was in high school, I opened up a drawer in the garage," he says, talking about our first house that his parents left him. The one he grew up in.

"And all these beers come rolling out. I say to the old man, 'Hey, you're not supposed to be drinking. The doctor says you can't have beer anymore. Mom will have your ass if she finds these,' and the old man says to me, 'They're not mine, asshole. I took them out of your car.' I must've just left a beer here and a beer there after coming home from parties. The Old Man grabbed them off my floorboard and hid them so my mom wouldn't have a conniption."



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I never knew either of his parents. They both died before I was born, but I know that "the old man" was named Big Jim, and my dad went by "Little Jim." My dad was adopted, which caused a little bit of separation between him and the rest of his family. He always said, "Aw, to hell with 'em. They don't want me, I don't want them."

He didn't get along well with his mother, but he was definitely his father's son. He picked up drinking and smoking from his dad. He also picked up a work ethic. "The old man worked every day of his life except one week a year when we went on vacation. His dad, your great-grandpa, died when he was 11, so it was up to your grandpa to provide for the family. He went out and got a job. He worked until he was 62, and 18 months after he retired, he died. He paid into Social Security since its inception, and when he went, they sent me a check for 200 bucks. Lousy sonsabitches."

The next morning, I'm

awake just minutes before my dad sticks his head through my door, "Drop your cocks and grab your socks!"

"Good Lord. You'd think after saying that for 28 years you'd come up with something else," I groan.

"I've said it for more than 28 years. Your brother's 30, and even before that I used to wake your mom up with it."

"Hmm... I wonder why she left."

We go through the same morning routine exactly as the day before. "What would you like?" the waitress asks.

"Oh Jesus, please," I lament. "Stop giving him the satisfaction."

They both just look at me queer and continue on with their theater of the absurd.

"Well, I can't say. Not in front of my kid."

I groan into my hands.

After breakfast and after a blackberry brandy with Ernie, we make our way home to spend Sunday lounging around. When we watch TV, my father has

one word to describe both beautiful women and ugly women who appear on the screen. He says only "Woof!" to both. The inflection in his voice is the only thing that can tell me whether he approves or disapproves of her appearance.

While reposing in his recliner, he loves to watch *The Joy of Painting* with Bob Ross. "He is good!" he keeps telling me over and over. "You have to do something like this, Tone. You're good at art and stuff," he praises, but I can see his motives. Our visit to Big Jim yesterday has left Little Jim a little disgruntled with the working-class status quo. "You have to find something. You have to do something with your head instead of your back, like me. You want to break your ass off for someone else your whole life and die after you retire, or do you want to sit somewhere comfortable and do something you enjoy? I was never good at anything and never knew what I wanted to do. But you're smart. Don't do labor jobs your whole life."

Evening finds us leaning against the bed of his Toyota. The beer is making my dad a little feisty, and he comes at me with "Aw, you don't know what work is. You've been handed everything you've ever wanted."

"Really? What about when I was working demolition or manufacturing neon signs?" I ask. "What do you think I did in the Navy?"

"I think those jobs are for sissies. You weren't in the Navy. You were on a cruise ship. I was in the Navy," he tells me. I know exactly what he'll say next because he's said it every time I've talked to him, my entire life. "Back when I was in, the ships were wood and the men were steel."

"By the way, how is Noah?"

"Haven't talked to him since my days on the Ark."

Monday afternoon finds me at the Sportsman, a local saloon downtown. Guns are passed around, beer is served. A man in a small group of other men shouts, "If we'd bombed those bastards when we should have, we would-

n't have lost so many boys in Corregidor!"

"People are getting their guns stolen, and I've come up with the perfect solution," another man, at the far end of the bar, says to the crowd surrounding him. "Just put my ex-wife in your gun safe." Through the laughter he presses on, "No no, I'm serious."

Walking through the bar to use the bathroom, I can feel the gazes follow me, and I can hear hushed words, "Tattoos. Big city. Them things in his ears." My friend Jess and I take a seat at the bar and order a beer. "When's your dad going to get here?" Jess asks.

"In exactly 13 minutes," I tell him. "At 3:04 p.m. he'll walk through those doors and sit in that stool."

The bartender overhears and through a smile says, "You must be Jim Olivieri's son."

Yes, I am.

I can't wait for him to get there. I want to see him, but I also want to let everyone here know that I'm not just some freak from the

"flatlands." I grew up here, and my dad knows every single person born and raised in this town.

I need him to ease the tension I feel.

When my dad gets off work, he finishes his day here. He stops in to have a beer with his buddies before he heads home.

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At 3:04 p.m. the crowd hollers, "Jimmy!" I turn around to see him walking through the door. There're no empty stools up front so the three of us — Dad, Jess, and I — move to the back by the shotgun case. Dad buys a round, "Three Coors Lights." I ask him how his day went, and he gives me his favorite line, "They worked me like a surplus Army mule." It's a classic.

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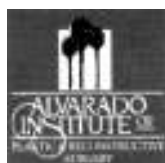
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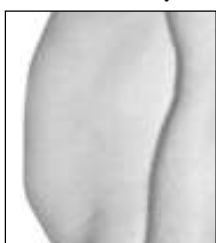


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on, more people filter in from their dusty jobs of building fences, plumbing, and laying asphalt. Each stops by my dad to say hello and shake hands. He introduces us, "This is my boy Tony and his friend Jess." I lose track of all the names, I lose track of who's who.

They all wear jeans, ball-caps, or cowboy hats. They all wear boots, even the women; I'm the only one in sandals. "What the hell are those?" is a popular question that my dad cuts off with "He's from San Diego. Just up visiting."

He talks with his friends, and they tease each other about being rich. If somebody bitches about the price of gas or beer or car parts, my dad always yells out, "If I had your money, John, I'd burn mine!"

"Olivieri, you're richer than all of us. Why don't you just buy this place and let us hang out here." They look to me to confirm their suspicions. "Oh, yeah," I say. "The old man has coffee cans full of money buried in the yard."

The crowd erupts at that one with shouts of "See! I told you!" and "You can't bullshit us, Jimmy. The kid knows all your secrets."

After a few more cold ones I get comfortable with the deerheads on the wood-paneled wall and the overpowering smell of hot dogs. My dad goes out the back door to have a smoke. Jess and I meander through the people and spot some guys our age. Jess knows them pretty well because he's lived here his whole life. They aren't familiar to me because I took off right after high school. We sit and drink and talk. We talk about .40 calibers and 9 millimeters, about B.A.R.s and Mini-14s. Alisha, the bartender, keeps us topped off, and the beer keeps us rambling on — fishing, hunting, trucks. Venison jerky is passed around, and the salty-sweet meat really hits the spot.

I find my dad on the back porch having another cigarette and talk about me leaving. "When's your flight back?"

"Saturday at 10:00 a.m."
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"Yep."

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We decide to get one last drink before hitting the

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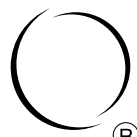
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road. We walk back through the bar together, and I can hear the hushed words again, "Good kid. Visiting his dad. Jim Olivieri's son."

— Ollie

He Found the Flower

It was almost noon on Saturday. Occasional breezes made the heat of the sun milder, but the air was still warm enough to annoy me. I had been more comfortable in the car. We were running late for Jenny's soccer game. I never liked going to the games and already dreaded the lack of shade forcing me to squint, being asked to fetch water bottles for sweaty girls, listening to parents talk about their children's accomplishments, and trying to find a place to sit away from bugs and boys. At the games I cheered for Jenny and hoped her team would win but thought, *look at them out there, fantastically fit, and here I am, fat and bored and on the sidelines.*

Pavement met dirt, met grass. As we walked I wondered why Dad had chosen to park as far away from the playing field as was possible. He was late because he'd taken an aerobics class. I was late because I didn't want to leave the house. He came to get me anyway. Dad insisted that we feel fresh air on our faces. "You should go outside," he would say. "It's so beautiful today!"

"Yeah, Dad, I know. We live in San Diego, that's gonna happen."

Dad knew I was falling into a funk. I suspected from his comments that he might have seen my poetry — my handwritten bid to rid myself of self-loathing by writing my negative thoughts down on paper. Dad could not understand why I was unhappy.

"Do you not have a roof over your head? People who love you? Your health? What's the problem?" Before my histrionic downward spiral began, my father and I were beginning to understand

each other; we were becoming friends.

When I was 12, I announced to my Catholic family that I no longer believed in God. Rather than attempt to prove me wrong, Dad took me chanting at the Siddha Yoga Meditation Center and encouraged me to read *Darshan* magazine, the Bible, and the Koran. I never made it through the big books, but the magazine's anecdotes — written by people of different faiths — were easy to digest.

Dad found lessons in fortune cookies or the secret to life in a sage's quotation. Despite his efforts, my unhappiness grew — I compared myself to those around me. I always came up short. In my mind, not looking as good meant not being as good.

Halfway across the empty field, Dad stopped walking and dropped to his knees.

"What are you doing?" I asked, surprised he would

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Barbarella's father

risk staining his khaki pants. He didn't answer, which increased my curiosity. "We're going to be late!" I cried. But still, he was silent, his fingers sifting through the grass before him. He grabbed a weed and carefully plucked it from the ground.

"Come closer," he said. His gaze left the weed and

met mine. I peered into his brown eyes and forgot the game. I was at Dad's side when he returned to his feet. "Look at this," he said, holding the weed between his thumb and forefinger. "Do you see that?"

"You mean the flower on the end?" I asked. Miniature white petals adorned

the top of the raggedy-leafed stem. Dad turned the weed upside-down in his hand so that the stem became the focus of our scrutiny.

"And what do you see there?" He asked.

"A weed," I said.

"Look very closely," he said, holding the weed inches from my eyes. "Do you see all of those tiny hairs that form the fuzz on the stem? And how, when you turn the stem like this in the sunlight, they shine?" I did see it. "You see, Barb, everything in this world is beautiful. Everything. From roses and butterflies to spiders and weeds. You just have to look at things in the right way."

He handed the weed to me and we continued to walk. I fingered the velvety stem while I greeted my mother and found a spot to sit on the grass, far from the centerfield and, thus, all the people. Running my hands over the tips of the green surrounding me, I watched "roses" with long blonde hair and skinny legs sprint back and forth. I remembered the words on the back

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of an herbicide bottle that Dad kept in the garage: "A weed is any plant in the wrong place" and decided that I was a wildflower growing in a world where roses are preferred. Then I thought of Dad's words and held on to the possibility that the wildflower, when considered properly, can be just as beautiful as the rose.

— Barbarella

Aspiration? Journalist. Dartmouth College, 1936

Notes for "Still Life with Dad." Living room. Any evening. Dominant hue: pale grey-green decorators of the day called "sea foam." Mid-tone sea foam upholstered chair; nubby silk-linen; box-skirted with self-piping; arms worn at the elbow rests. Square, two-tiered side table, '40s blond veneer, chipped at the corners. Lower shelf: *Time*, *Life*, the *New Yorker*, *Business Week*, *Sports Illustrated*, *U.S. News & World Report*, Solzhenitsyn's *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*. On



Linda Nevin's father

top, a round cork coaster. Tall, fizzy glass of Canadian Club and soda, gleaming, golden. Illuminated by ivory-tinted ceramic table lamp painted with wildflowers. Ivory-tinted lampshade. Commas of crushed

butts in round glass ashtray; eddy of bluish smoke, a perpetually restless volcano. Half-gone pack of Camel straights. Shiny red matchbook, black script, from a New York restaurant. Blue pen for solving crosswords.

Business section, *New York Journal-American*, held open by two hands with long, artistic fingers, just visible at the paper's edges. From below the *Journal-American* jut two athletic legs; hairy, but not too; crossed, ankle of the left resting on knee of the right; blue madras Bermuda shorts; old brown loafers, no socks. Make sure shadows are deep, no secondary lights (see Edward Hopper's *Nighthawks*).

Include his watercolor? Framed, on wall above lamp; skillful copy of *Holiday* magazine photo of Virginia City, Nevada, painted one evening, with paper pad propped on knees while sitting in the green chair.

Basement. Three cardboard barrels, two a jumble of books. Auden, both Waugh, Wodehouse, Eliot, complete Shakespeare, Frank Sullivan's *Our Times: The '20s*. A volume of photos taken through a microscope, the crystal formations of snowflakes. Two yearbooks: Trinity-Pawling School, 1932; "Bill or Nev"; ice hockey and baseball; aspiration? Journalist. Dartmouth College, 1936: "Bill or Nev"; B.A. English; Delta Kappa Epsilon; college humor magazine.

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photos. Brittle black-shel-lac discs; Anita O'Day on the Okeh label; swing bands and crooners. A group of laughing couples, drinks in hand, piled onto a long couch next to a jukebox; dark-suited men; women in clingy crepe and fat-heeled pumps, corsages; hair upswept like Lana Turner's.

Suburban driveway, 6:30 a.m. Squarish dark-green Ford sedan sits idling; stick shift, dusty, chrome-less, gray upholstery. In the fall, at night, acorns from 40-foot oaks clunk onto the hood and roof, then bounce onto the lawn. Driven ten miles a day. Sits 13 hours at the railroad station, where commuters shuttle to and from New York. Back and forth. Back and forth.

Madison Avenue, "The Magazine of New York Advertising," August 1959: "In this issue... The New York Agency Marketing Director... Bill Nevin, vice president and marketing director, Compton Advertising." Five full pages, 11 photographs, plus cover photo. Black-and-white shots of white men in white shirts: on the phone with a client; reviewing a marketing plan; discussing details of a campaign presentation; meeting with account managers around a conference table littered with notepads, pencils, coffee, ashtrays; evaluating giveaways to offer with soap, cereal; against a background of canned goods, evaluating product placement on a supermarket's shelves; business lunch at Le Valois with executives from Procter & Gamble.

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Office lobby, 635 Madison Avenue: Short, curvy redhead. Tailored purple suit. Takes one of my hands in both of hers and hangs on. "We'll miss him here so much. He contributed so much to this business. He was so smart

and talented. I'm very sorry for your loss. Everybody knew him and loved him, right down to the secretaries."

They did? He was? I'm

glad to learn that.

— Linda Nevin

Originally published in the *Reader* on June 15, 2000.

Holding Up a Two-Fingered Peace Sign

My father is a reader. His idea of a party is classical music, solitude, and a hard-

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back. He sells rare books, recites for the blind, and fills the house with volume after volume of new releases and first editions, much to my mother's chagrin.

Some of my earliest memories involve my father's reading: all of two years old, I would climb up onto the sofa next to him to see what he'd been staring at for hours in silence. It was the origin of all that I am, the mystery my father revealed to me then: how lines of tiny black shapes could turn into sounds inside our mouths, and the shapes and sounds could correspond in meaning... Astonishing. Dad, I thank you for introducing me into my enduring love affair with the written word.

My dad's name is Jeff, and mine is Geoff. My parents reasoned that they liked the name Jeff but didn't want a junior. I was born in the Summer of Love. My dad had a ponytail and moustache back then, and in more than one old photograph of him, he appears rather hazy and beatific, perhaps holding up a two-fingered peace sign. I still own one of his polyester suits, a loud plaid



Geoff Bouvier's father

number with elastic seams and flared lapels that he'd sport to teach high school English in the early '70s. Now I don the thing periodically as a pimp for Halloween.

Jeff Bouvier has played and refereed rugby for most of his adult life. I hate rugby. Too rough and unfocused. But my dad would never push me into activities; he let me make my own decisions, and then he'd support me. (In other words, he's a good teacher.) If I was going to be a runner, then I'd need a stopwatch. If I was going to be an ornithologist, then I'd need a book on birds. If I was going to be a writer, then I should read, read, read. My father footed the bill for my undergraduate schooling. Years later, he lent me the money I needed for graduate school.

One of my father's hardest lessons was the value of money. Growing up in Connecticut, if I wanted a certain board game, then we'd head out into the back yard and bag some autumn leaves so I could earn it. If I needed to mail a letter, he'd tell me where the stamps were, but he'd likewise remind me to leave the change for the stamp on his desk.

Dad also taught me discipline. He was a stickler about turning the lights off when I left a room. "Don't window-shop!" he'd admonish, if I held the refrigerator door open too long. And if I took off my shoes without untying the laces, he'd be likely to hit me (just hard enough) with one of them.

My dad was always good at defusing potential conflicts while I was growing up. When I came home from

school one day wondering what the "F-word" was, my dad, thinking fast, told me that the "F-word" was a very bad, very powerful, totally unspeakable word, but it was nothing, nothing at all, compared to the "Y-word"! The "Y-word." Please, Dad! I won't say it. I promise! What could this terrible "Y-word" be? Apparently, it was so dreadful, such an evil utterance, that if I let its syllables pass my lips, my lips might fall right off my face. Thus having distracted me successfully from my quest to know the "F-word," my father would initiate a game where I would try to guess this appallingly horrible declamation that began with "Y." And thereby he broadened my youthful vocabulary. (Though I never learned the "Y-word.")

Today, 60 years young, retired from teaching in the classroom, yet still a teacher (and so, a perpetual student) at heart, my dad looks like a monk, a jolly monk, with his face's customary expression set at permanent pious amusement. He still enjoys occasional long, solitary drives, relaxing into rhythms on the road, listening to music, stopping to read, and beholding the landscapes and small towns of our beautiful open country. "I'm heading west," he'll tell my mom, "to sell my first edition of *Catcher in the Rye*." And once he unloads the valuable volume, to some fellow bibliophile in Ohio, then he'll turn around and come on home. But he takes his time and rarely travels the big highways. He always brings a few good books.

— Geoff Bouvier ■

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Da Big Boyz Party

Omar Julio, better known in the club scene as DJ Power, has reunited with David Porras, known as DJ Impact, to form Da Big Boyz. The two will perform a live set together for the first time in almost four years on Friday, June 17, at Club Iguanas-Ranas in Tijuana.

The DJ duo was once known as the House Warriors. Their appearances "revolved around house music in the club scene." Since then, Porras and Julio have been performing solo at clubs and private events throughout San Diego, Los Angeles, Tijuana, and Rosarito. "We now play a

variety of hip-hop, house, punk, crunk, and reggaeton."

Crunk music originated in the South (specifically,

in Atlanta, Georgia, where its birth is attributed to musical artist Lil Jon) and was made popular by songs like Usher's "Yeah" and 8Ball & MJG's "You Don't Want Drama" and "Look at the Grillz." According to *Slate*, an online magazine, "The lurching beats and bellowed choruses of Southern crunk have become 2004's defining pop sound." Julio refers to it as "hard-core hip-hop."

Reggaeton is defined on wikipedia.org as "a Spanish-language genre of dancehall with distinct hip-hop and pop-music influences, originating in Panama." Julio describes reggaeton as being similar to "Latin rap with a reggae type of beat," or "Spanish reggae," though lyrics are often in English.

Da Big Boyz have named their four-turntable show the Hip-Hop Master Mix.

"Both of us do the scratching," says Julio. For anyone who hasn't been to a club in 20 years, scratching is the sound made when a DJ moves a vinyl record back and forth by hand while the record is playing. "You kind of take a person through a ride — you might start off with a bang [a popular song on the radio] and then all of a sudden drop in a quick old-school hip-hop mix that brings back memories. We might hit 'em with one song that's mostly for the ladies...guys tend to like something that's more gangsta, like Dr. Dre or Snoop Dogg."

Julio and Porras have picked up at least eight sponsors while marketing their comeback. On average, sponsors contribute around \$100 to help pay for promotional flyers and posters and up to \$200 of donated items that will be given away at the show. Sponsors include Puropedo No Worries Wear, Lefty's Tattoo Parlor & Body Piercing, and Connection Point, a store that sells car stereos and televisions.

"Most events you go to, they say they're going to give stuff away, but if you go, you're lucky if you even see someone holding [a giveaway] like a T-shirt or glow stick. We invest a lot in our events," says Julio. At their upcoming show, 2000 glow sticks and toys, purchased by the Boyz, will be given to clubgoers along with sponsor giveaways.

The Boyz have spent approximately \$5000 in the past two months to pay for flyers, posters, and supplies. Depending on the turnout at Iguanas-Ranas, they stand to make about \$500. "We might only make a hundred bucks or a thousand, but it's great exposure. If the club is packed, the management will pay." The managers of Iguanas-Ranas were unavailable for



Da Big Boyz

comment.

Flyers have been passed out at Southwestern College and San Diego State University, and posters have been displayed at all sponsor locations. The Boyz are expecting a diverse crowd. "For all of our events, [our philosophy] is basically 'mixed drinks, mixed music, and mixed crowd,'" says Julio. "We'll get some of the local crowd down there, but we're expecting a lot of San Diegans."

MC Snatch, who regularly appears on Jammin Z90 (90.3 FM), will be a special guest DJ at the show. Opening acts include DJ Ru, "who's into beat juggling and scratching," and the Reggaeton Co-Stars. The Boyz have been practicing their Hip-Hop Master Mix. "There may be a time

where I'm operating one [turntable] and Impact will be working on three — the one will be scratching and the other will be mixing in the vocals. Depending on the flow, if we feel we need to change it up, there may be a point in time when one of us is handling all four [turntables]."

— Barbarella

Da Big Boyz Summer Kickoff Party
Friday, June 17

8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

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BAJA

“La Ley del Ranchero” (*The Law of the Rancher*) signed by author Hugo Salcedo, Thursday, June 16, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

The Family Comedy *En Esta Esquina* performed Thursday, June 16, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Mainly Mozart Festival 2005, annual musical series continues when Festival Orchestra—joined by William Preucil (violin), Ronald Thomas (cello)—presents

pieces by Mozart, Saint-Saëns, Brahms, Friday, June 17, at CE-CUT (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$15, \$25. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

Celebrate Tijuana’s 172nd Anniversary during History Fair planned Friday through Sunday, June 17–19, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Julio Preciado and Los Recoditos in concerts, Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, at Las Pulgas Club on Avenida Revolución. Tickets: \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-685-9594. (TIJUANA)

“Da Big Boyz DJ Power and DJ Impact Live” event with many DJs “mixing live on four turntables,” as well as “two huge rooms, two huge bars,” G-Unit signing autographs, ex-Raider cheerleader Lisa B., on Friday, June 17, 8 p.m., at Club Iguanas Ranas (at Third and Avenida Revolución). No cover for women, men pay \$5. 858-278-1878. (TIJUANA)

Sinfónica Juvenil de Tijuana plays classical music, Saturday, June 18, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$5 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Oscar Chavez and los Morales Trio plan concert on Saturday, June 18, 10:30 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Take the Train to Tecate when Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association hosts vintage train excursion, Saturday, June 18. Train departs Campo Depot at

Out & about

MADCAP HEIRESS teams up with befuddled zoologist and pet leopard. *Bringing Up Baby* at Garden Cabaret, Thursday–Saturday, June 16–18. (SEE FILM)



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

Charro Festival with Mexican music, food, entertainment, Sunday, June 19, 1–8 p.m., at Cortijo San José. 011-52-664-608-6726. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

The Comedy *El Tenorico Comico* may be seen Tuesday, June 21, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

“U.S.A.-Mexico Relationships and the Mexican Revolution in Baja California” explored when Marco Antonio Samaniego López presents lecture on Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

“Cervantes and Borges” examined when poet David Huerta speaks on Thursday, June 23, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Crape Myrtles are in bloom around San Diego this month through the end of summer. This smallish, vase-shaped tree blossoms in colors ranging from white or pale pink to lavender, red, and blue. “Lilac of the South” is one of the nicknames given to this native tree of China because of its popularity in the warmer parts of the U.S.

Gaslamp Quarter Walking Tours offered Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon. Tour guide Gino Lizardi reveals romantic past of restaurant row, presents updates on current building boom. \$10. Reservations: 619-239-7515. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

A Night Wildlife Hike is planned in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Friday, June 17. Outing starts at 7 p.m. at end of Park Village Drive. Wear hiking boots, insect repellent, and bring water. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Spot Green-Tailed Towhees and many other birds during Audubon Society outing to Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Saturday, June 18, 8 a.m. to early afternoon. Meet just inside entrance to Paso Picacho Campground. Five-mile round trip, somewhat strenuous hike. 619-280-7710. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Explore “Ancient Forests of Palomar Mountain State Park” during seminar led by Anza-Borrego Institute on Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seminar explores several habitat types, botanical identification techniques. Three miles of moderately easy trail hiking. \$45. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK)

Rain-Damaged Trails have been repaired, and Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve is open again. Docent-led hike, Saturday, June 18, starting at 9 a.m. in parking lot at corner of Kiavo Drive and Santee Lane. 760-749-5320. Free. (VALLEY CENTER)

Enjoy a Sunset Solstice Walk along Rose Creek, Saturday, June 18, 6 to 8 p.m. Explore lower creek, bird watch, learn history of

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U.S. Forest Service Volunteer Training offered Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Palomar Ranger District Office (1634 Black Canyon Road). 760-788-0250 x3325. (RAMONA)

Wildlife Tracking Workshop hosted by Mt. Woodson Wildlife Trackers, Fund for Animals, San Diego Tracking Team, Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m. to noon, at Fund for Animals site (18740 Highland Valley Road). Those seven and older welcome. Free. 760-788-9949. (RAMONA)

Habitat Restoration planned in Escondido on Saturday, June 18, 8 to 11 a.m. Assist San Dieguito River Park rangers to restore disturbed areas, remove invasive plants, plant native trees and shrubs. Directions, required registration: 858-674-2275 x5. (ESCONDIDO)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, on Saturday, June 18, 8 a.m., and Sunday, June 19, 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

A Guided Nature Walk led by trail guide Don Wetzel begins at 9:30 a.m. on June 18, at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m., starting at park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego River Walk hosted by Walkabout on Saturday, June 18. Moderate one-hour walk starts at 4:30 p.m. at entrance to River Walk. Free. Directions: 619-231-7463. (MISSION VALLEY)

Meet Native Plant Lovers and get questions answered when Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets on Sunday, June 19, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Summer Solstice, the time when the sun reaches its northernmost point in the sky, occurs this year at 11:46 p.m. on Monday, June 20. The summer solstice not only marks the beginning of summer for the Northern Hemisphere; it also means that the daylight hours are maximized. San Diegans now enjoy approximately 14 hours



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June's Full Moon occurs Tuesday, the 21st, approximately one day after the summer solstice. Watch as it arcs upward into the darkening eastern sky, starting some 15 minutes after the time of sunset. June's full moon has been called the "rose moon," "strawberry moon," or "honey moon" because of its tinted color. When seen from a northern latitude such as our own, the June full moon traces a low-lying nightly path across the sky, very similar to the sun's daytime, low-lying path at the winter solstice. At such low positions the moon's light tends to

be filtered and reddened by its passage through the atmosphere, producing a warm-tinted color.

Sounds of the Chaparral, naturalist Larry Allen Tonar leads easy three-mile full-moon hike on Creek Crossing and Chaparral trails in Daley Ranch on Tuesday, June 21, 7 p.m. Meet group in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). Free. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

June's Lowest Tides are for early risers only! Check out the local tidepool life without hordes of other people around. Wednesday, June 22, features a minus-1.7-foot tide at 4:36 a.m. Thursday, June 23, brings a minus-1.8-foot tide at 5:23 a.m., with early dawn light in the sky. Wake up on Friday, June 24, for a minus-1.6-foot tide at 6:11 a.m., with plenty of daylight available.

Grunion Runs are most likely to occur near or after midnight on the mornings of June 24-26. This corresponds to one to two hours after highest nocturnal tide, two to four days after the date of full moon. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. California law allows the taking of grunion in summer by those possessing a state fishing license. The grunion must be caught by the

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DANCE

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Calling All Jitterbugs, Cafe-Savoy Swing Productions hosts swing dance party with musical tribute to Ray Charles and Joe Williams by Big Mo Band, Thursday, June 16, 9 p.m. to midnight, at Firehouse YMCA Community Center (7877 Herschel Avenue). Swing lesson at 8 p.m. \$10. All ages. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

Contradance to Cobblestone's Music and calling by Steve Barlow on Friday, June 17, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

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

Swing, Nightclub, and Ballroom Dance Party hosted by North County Swing and Ballroom Dance Club on Saturday, June 18, 7 to 11 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Three dance exhibitions, general dancing, les-

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FILM

Madcap Heiress, Befuddled Zoologist, Pet Leopard — Garden Cabaret showcases Howard Hawks' flick *Bringing Up Baby*, Thursday through Saturday, June 16–18, 8:30 p.m. Catch the classic starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant at 4040 Goldfinch Street. \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

View the Latest Work by San Diego documentary filmmaker Paul Alexander Juutilainen during "Open Screening Night" at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street), Thursday, June 16. Also on tap: new San Diego- and Tijuana-area shorts, music, networking with local filmmakers. Screenings start at 7 p.m. Free. 619-230-1938 x101. (GOLDEN HILL)

"The Future of Food," Deborah Garcia's investigation of unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods screens Friday, June 17, 7 p.m., at Ocean Beach Women's

Club (2160 Bacon Street). Free. 619-224-1387. (OCEAN BEACH)

Up for a Devastating Critique? *Weapons of Mass Destruction*, a "dissection of media complacency and complicity in the war on Iraq," screens on Saturday, June 18, 2 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Mar Adentro/The Sea Inside," Alejandro Amenabar's 2004 exploration of life and the hereafter, is featured for Sunday Matinee on June 19, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Martin Scorsese's 1968 Debut Feature, *Who's That Knocking at My Door?* was also actor Harvey Keitel's debut. See the flick when it's screened Monday, June 20, 6:30 p.m., for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Winged Migration" screens for Buena Vista Audubon Society on Wednesday, June 22, 7:30 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

"Stories de la Frontera" was produced by journalist Laura Castañeda, who will be on hand to answer questions after screening

Out & about

TRAVEL BUDDIES
Michael Konik and dog Ella read and sign *Ella in Europe* at Warwick's Bookstore on Thursday, June 23. (SEE IN PERSON)



of 30-minute episode from series on Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Sharing the bill: *Soldados: Chicanos in Vietnam*, a documentary by Charley

Trujillo and Sonya Rhee. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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 con-

tinues every Friday night, featuring two classic IMAX films. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Conquering Carthage: Interpretation and Representation of Roman-Era Africa" is subject when SDSU art professor Antone Minard speaks for "Art in the Afternoon" series at Timken Museum of Art on Thursday, June 16, 1:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

Work Focusing on Public Art is specialty of Barbara Stauffacher Solomon, speaker for series co-sponsored by American Society of Landscape Architects and Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Thursday, June 16, 7 p.m. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. \$15. Reservations: 619-283-8818. (LA JOLLA)

"Introduction to Touch," learn of "specialized touches and movement exercises to improve your pet's self-confidence and reduce various stress behaviors" during Happy Hour Lecture, Thursday, June 16, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). \$10. Reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)

Creative Writing Workshop led by author, creativity coach Jill Badonsky on Thursday, June 16, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Triggers, writing prompts, tricks.

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"Sailing to the Far Horizon:
The Restless Journey and Tragic

Sinking of a Tall Ship" is both a
book's title and topic for lecture
by its author, Pam Bitterman,
when Sierra Club meets on Friday,
June 17, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium

of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center
(left of zoo's main entrance).
619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Modern Magick," James Ag-
new on "how to apply magick to
modern life" for Cadent Cross In-
stitute, Friday, June 17, 7 p.m., in
Canyonview Clubhouse of Sleepy-
hollow Apartments (4201 Sixth
Avenue). Free. Registration:
619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

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ple'?" Susan Lerner, executive di-
rector of California Clean Money
Campaign, speaks on importance of
publicly funded elections on Satur-
day, June 18, 1 p.m., at Coronado
Library (640 Orange Avenue). Free.
800-566-3780. (CORONADO)

**"The Art of Funding Your
Films:** Alternative Financing Con-
cepts" offered by Carole Dean on
Saturday, June 18, 9:30 a.m. to
2:30 p.m., at Media Arts Center
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bert Rigali, Unitarian Arvid
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noon on Saturday, June 18, at
Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth
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**Digitally Restoring Damaged
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Claire Santos-Daigle and Michael
Daigle address Computer Geneal-
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"Successful Aging and You:
 Let's Think Differently About Aging" discussed Saturday, June 18, 10:30 a.m., at Chula Vista Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-9774. (CHULA VISTA)

"Marriage, Sexuality, and Relationships" examined when Humanist Fellowship meets Sun-

day, June 19, 2 p.m., on third floor of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-670-4159. (DOWNTOWN)

"Floral Secrets of the Chaparral" revealed when ecologist Richard W. Halsey speaks for San Diego Floral Association on Tuesday, June 21, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Owners of Rusty Acres Farm in Rainbow, John Allen (owner of Rancho Jojoba Nursery) plan presentations. Free. 619-232-5762. (BALBOA PARK)

The San Diego County Plant Atlas project was created by the San Diego Natural History Museum to scientifically document the floristic diversity of the county. Museum botany curator Jon Reb-

man speaks about the project on Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

"Wonderful Wood Warblers" explored during classes (Tuesday, June 21, Thursday, June 23) and field trip (June 23) hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum. \$69 fee includes van transportation for outing. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Reclaiming Your American Dream" presented by Will Marre on Wednesday, June 22, 5:30 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$25. 888-376-2025. (LINDA VISTA)

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"Understanding Mexican Politics" is goal for discussion on Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Nominated for Three Pulitzer Prizes, photojournalist Dave Gately focuses on "Military and Night Photography" for North County Photographic Society on Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 p.m. in Ecke Building at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$3. 760-752-6375. (ENCINITAS)

"Welcome to Cyberspace:
 The Internet and Your Artwork" is topic when Ann Berchtold lectures on websites, selling on the Internet for ongoing Professional Artist Lecture Series, Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). 619-236-0011. \$8. (BALBOA PARK)

"Xeriscape Pest Management" divulged when Cynthia Drake presents slide-illustrated lecture, live insect specimens, on Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$8. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Kayak Camping Clinic offered Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). Free. 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

"New Zealand from a Gardener's Perspective" is subject when nurseryman Tom Piergrossi talks about his recent journey for San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

IN PERSON

AcousticMusicSanDiego offers concerts by Kieran Kane and Kevin Welch on Thursday, June 16 (\$15, \$20), and Alison Brown on Friday, June 17 (\$18, \$22). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

The "Narrated Dance Concert Extravaganza" Earthkalah performed by Scripps Performing Arts Centre on June 17 and 18, at Scripps Ranch High School theater (10410 Treenna Street). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday. \$12 in advance, \$16 at door. 858-586-7834. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Poet and Author Ali Liebegott reads from her new novel, *The Beautifully Worthless*, Friday, June 17, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue; 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Last Comic Standing Weekend, North County Funnies kicks off its summer series with comic shows on June 17 and 18. *Last Comic Standing* winner Dat Phan headlines on Friday, Alonzo Bodden takes stage on Saturday, along with Pearl Street Players, at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks series commences with concert of contemporary jazz by Richard Smith, Friday, June 17, 6 p.m. in Stagecoach Park (3420 Camino de los Coches). Shuttle service from La

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Blues Concert by Code Blue, Friday, June 17, 7 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). Tickets for library benefit: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) continue with music by Billy Watson and the International String Submarine Band on June 17, 5 p.m. Series continues on Fridays through September 30. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Author Jack Hamman signs and discusses *On American Soil*, Saturday, June 18, 1 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

Local Author Diana Lindsay offers PowerPoint presentation on her book *Marshal South and the Ghost Mountain Chronicles*, Saturday, June 18, 1 p.m., at Olaf Wieghorst Museum (131 Rea Avenue). Free. 619-237-1492. (EL CAJON)

Mystery Author Linda Palmer signs her latest Morgan Tyler novel, *Love Her to Death*, Saturday, June 18, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"Spiritually Incorrect II: An Existential Anti-War Comedy" presented by former Buddhist monk/author/human rights activist Alan Clements on Saturday, June 18, 8 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

San Diego County is riddled with edges or "ecotones" — boundaries between different geographic regions or ecological habitats. Ecotones harbor great biological diversity and often feature spectacular scenery, especially when the transition from one type of landscape to another is abrupt. Ecotones abound at the ocean's edge, where coastal sage scrub changes into coastal strand or rocky shore habitat and that in turn grades into the intertidal zone. Another major ecotone snakes its way along the county's peaked roof — the top of the Peninsular Ranges some 40 to 50 miles inland. In places, a strip of land just a few hundred feet wide separates cool plateau forests from steeply plunging slopes falling straightway to the desert floor.

A 40-minute stroll through pine woods and windblown chaparral in the Laguna Mountains suffices to take you to Monument Peak, smack-dab on the mountain-desert ecotone. A small cluster of communication antennas rests on Monument Peak, a testament to the mountain's strategic geographic position. Few hikers come this way; as a result, the shortest route to the summit is obscure and requires a bit of navigational attention.


From San Diego drive east on Interstate 8 to Sunrise Highway, and follow Sunrise Highway north about ten miles to mile 25.2 (according to the small green highway mile markers posted every half mile). Park off the pavement on the right (east) side of the road, and start walking uphill on the signed Big Laguna Trail. Initially, you traverse an area dotted with Jeffrey pines and black oaks that was spared in both the 2002 Pines Fire and the 2003 Cedar Fire conflagrations. Proceed 0.5 mile uphill to a junction with the Pacific Crest Trail. Turn left, and continue moderately uphill, counting your paces as you go. After about 800 steps, you get a glimpse of microwave antennas ahead. This is an important clue. At the next sharp leftward bend in the trail, keep going straight on an informal path up the rocky slope. Soon, the path bends to the right and you clamber up to and around a fenced laser-research facility to join a paved access road that is closed to public automobile traffic.

Follow that road to Monument Peak's summit, where the vista of earth and sky spreads incredibly far and wide, particularly around the beginning and


the end of each clear day. Early in the day, the sun vaults above a bluish horizon shaped by Arizona peaks. Late in the afternoon, Laguna Mountain ever faster over sandy flats and badlands a mile in elevation below.

Check out a comprehensive mountain and desert view from the 6000+ foot summit of Monument Peak in the Laguna Mountains.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 55 miles
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View north from Monument Peak



Drive). Show intended to raise awareness of Aung San Suu Kyi, Burma's incarcerated Nobel peace laureate. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 760-753-2345. (ENCINITAS)

The Self-Proclaimed "Muscleman of Technology," a.k.a. Bruce Pechman, will demonstrate some new technology tools and toys, answer questions, from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, at Circuit City

(333 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-291-1402. (ENCINITAS)

"Words in Rhythm, Rhyme, and Reason II" — Juneteenth celebration, writing awards proffered, hosted by African-American

Writers and Artists Inc., Saturday, June 18, 2 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Donation. 619-264-5015. (ENCANTO)

Korean Art and Folk Songs, international pop songs, and se-

lections by Franck, Saint-Saëns, Schubert promised when CantAmore Chorus performs Sunday, June 19, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). \$10. 858-755-2329. (MISSION VALLEY)

Rhonda Vincent and the Rage perform their bluegrass music on Sunday, June 19, 7 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$24 at door. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

Sundays at Six, summer concert by Peter Rutman Blues and Jazz Band on June 19, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Mildred Street). Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

Dixieland Jazz Concert and Dance with music by South Bay Jazz Ramblers, Sunday, June 19, 1 p.m., at Elks' Lodge (1400 East Washington Avenue). Tickets: \$10 general, \$5 for those under 22. 619-297-5277. (EL CAJON)

Music in the Park, summer concert series starts with concert by Sue Palmer's Motel Swing Band, Sunday, June 19, 4 p.m., at Memorial Park at the Bowl (373 Park Way). Free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

Award-Winning Mystery Author Julia Spencer-Fleming signs and discusses *To Darkness and to Death* at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard), Monday, June 20, 7 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

12th Annual Lipinsky Family Jewish Arts Festival concludes with "Klezmer Summit" on Monday, June 20, 7:30 p.m., at Lyceum Theatre. Program includes performances by Bobby Rodriguez, Alexander Gourevitch, cast of *Forever Plaid*. \$22. Reservations: 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Hymn Classics performed by Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass, Monday, June 20, 7 p.m., at Foothills United Methodist Church (4031 Avocado Boulevard). \$10. 619-670-4009. (LA MESA)

Avant-Garde Summer Series showcases poet and mixed-media artist Michael Klam and Group, Tuesday, June 21, 7 p.m., in Nasatir Hall room 100 at San Diego State University. \$5. 619-594-4426. (SDSU)

The Twilight in the Park Summer Concerts start with performances by Jazz Xpress (Tuesday, June 21); Marine Band San Diego (Wednesday, June 22); and Yochanan Sebastian Winston and his band Klez Katz perform tunes by Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach (Thursday, June 23). Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Travel Buddies, a journey through Europe with his dog Ella is chronicled in Michael Konik's book *Ella in Europe: An American Dog's International Adventures*. Duo visits Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue) to "discuss and sign" their work, Thursday, June 23. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

M.D. and Author Nick Yphantides signs *My Big Fat Greek Diet*, Thursday, June 23, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400). Free. (ENCINITAS)

The Insomniac Tour led by Dave Attell and Dane Cook hits town on Friday, June 24, 9 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B

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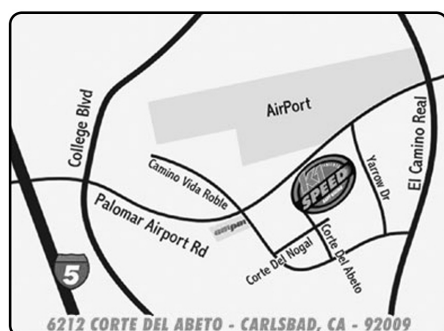
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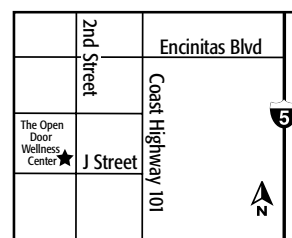
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The "Undisputed Master of Persian Classical Music," M.R. Lotfi, performs Saturday, June 25, 8 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. The *tar* and *setar* master will perform extended improvisations from classical Persian repertoire." \$35 general. 858-653-0336 or 619-318-1286. (SDSU)

Mariachi Showcase and Festival Concert planned Sunday, June 26, with Mariachi Sol de México de José Hernández taking stage at 5 p.m. Concert follows performances by ensembles including Mariachi Chula Vista, Mariachi Chapultepc, many others, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shindig takes place at Rancho del Rey Middle School (1174 East J Street). \$10 adults, \$5 for those under 12. 619-585-4405. (CHULA VISTA)

Pops in Moonlight, San Diego Symphony plans summer pops concert on Sunday, July 10, 7:30 p.m., in Moonlight Amphitheatre at Brengle Terrace Park (1200 Vale Terrace Drive). "The Three Divas" — Debbie Gravitte, Jodi Benson, Jan Horvath — sing

pieces from *A Chorus Line*, *Evita*, *Gypsy*, *Les Misérables*. Tickets: \$25, \$35, \$50. 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

SPORTS

Padres versus Tigers, the Pads are in Detroit to battle the Tigers on Thursday, June 16, 10:05 a.m. Road trip continues with stop in Minnesota for games against Twins, June 17–19, at 5:10 p.m. on Friday, 4:10 p.m. on Saturday, 11:10 a.m. on Sunday.

Padres host Los Angeles Dodgers in Petco Park, June 20–23, at 7:05 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 12:35 p.m. on Thursday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

Andalusian Horse Show, Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Easter Seals Walk with Me, a 1.5-mile fun walk, is Saturday, June 18, at Knott's Soak City (2052 Entertainment Circle). Registration: 7:30 a.m., walk at 8:30 a.m. \$25. 760-518-0472. (CHULA VISTA)

Full Moon Paddling, kayak tour of Mission Bay hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, June 18, 7 to 10 p.m. Fee: \$65 per adult, \$20 for children six and older. Registration: 619-255-0203. (MISSION BAY)

Out & about

DROP INTO Tony Hawk's Boom Boom HuckJam, choreographed skateboarding, BMX, and freestyle motorcross at IPayOne Center Thursday, June 23 (SEE SPORTS)



A 50-Mile Ride with "Short Hills" promised when San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists head out for Del Mar, Del Dios, Escondido, and Poway from Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive) on Saturday, June 18, 8:45 a.m. 858-452-8226. Free. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Naked Juice 5K Walk/Run benefiting San Diego Blood Bank is Saturday, June 18, 8:30 a.m., in Embarcadero Marina Park North.

Registration (\$25) starts at 7 a.m. 619-400-8166. (DOWNTOWN)

Two Bicycle Rides are offered every Saturday, rain or shine, starting at 8:30 a.m. in northwestern parking lot at La Jolla Village Square/UC Cyclery. Select from race-training 45-mile ride, slower 35-mile ride with experienced leader. Helmets mandatory. Free. 858-495-2454. (LA JOLLA)

Father's Day Beach Party and Menehune Surf Classic hosted by Fathers Resource Center, Sunday, June 19, at Moonlight Beach (at foot of Encinitas Boulevard). Competition for children 12 and under, with a father/child tandem division. Live music (from 10 a.m.), booths (8 a.m.), all kinds of entertainment. 760-721-7700. Admission is free; entry fee for contest. (ENCINITAS)

What's a Chukker? Find out during John Collura Cup competition, Sunday, June 19, at San Diego Polo Club (14555 El Camino Real). Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., featured polo match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Father's Day Paddle, kayaking tour of La Jolla Sea Caves hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Sunday, June 19. Tours last approximately two hours; begin at 9:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30 p.m. \$45 fee includes gear. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

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

See the \$1 Million Ramp System when Tony Hawk's Boom Boom HuckJam hits IPayOne Center Sports Arena, Thursday, June 23, 7 p.m. "Best in skate, BMX, and moto" by Hawk, Andy MacDonald, Lincoln Ueda, Mat Hoffman, 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)

Social Paddles on Mission Bay led by Aqua Adventures every Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Beginners, "lapsed paddlers" welcome. Free with own kayak; \$15 with kayak rental. Adventures start at Hospitality Point, 1548 Quivira Way. 619-523-9577. (MISSION BAY)

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Leopold Bloom's 1904 Ramble through Dublin on June 16, 1904, in James Joyce's *Ulysses* is commemorated with Bloomsday 101, Thursday, June 16, at UCSD Faculty Club (9500 Gilman Drive). Readings (4 to 5:30 p.m.), Irish dinner (\$38; 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.), music, short talks, trivia contest. Bring a favorite passage from *Ulysses* to share. Reservations: 858-534-0876. (LA JOLLA)

It's C-Note Time! Summer "C-Note Plus Celebration" and sale at San Diego Art Institute continues through Sunday, June 26. "C-Note Night" is Friday, June 17, 6 p.m. Original artwork is available for \$100, \$200, or \$300; as soon as a piece is sold it is replaced until everything is gone. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Gem Faire with nearly 100 exhibitors offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, rocks, minerals, June 17-19, at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Hours: noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$5 weekend pass. 503-252-8300. (MISSION VALLEY)

Vodkafest USA, with sampling of premium vodkas and gins, Friday, June 17, 7:30 p.m., in "Grand Ballroom" at the Prado. Tickets: \$75 at door, benefiting Sky Ranch Foundation. Reservations: 914-238-2111. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrating Its 70th Anniversary, the Old Globe Theatre plans open house on Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Globe Plaza. Actress Marion Ross serves as MC in role of Queen Elizabeth, presentations by 2005 Shakespeare Festival Company, sword fight demonstrations, backstage tours, costume displays, madrigal performances, more. Free. 619-231-1941 x2356. (BALBOA PARK)

Juneteenth commemorates the date slaves in Texas learned of Emancipation Proclamation, 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)

Out & about

LEOPOLD BLOOM'S 1904 RAMBLE through Dublin in the James Joyce novel *Ulysses* commemorated with Bloomsday 101 at UCSD Faculty Club, Thursday, June 16. (SEE SPECIAL)



Juneteenth is also celebrated on 18th at Oceanside Pier amphitheater, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 760-754-9686. (OCEANSIDE)

Art Around Adams, enjoy "spring art around Adams" Avenue (from Hamilton Street to Biona Drive) on Saturday, June 18, 6 to 10 p.m. Performances, open galleries, artists on hand. Free. 619-283-0302. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Discuss "The Spinoza of Market Street" by Isaac Bashevis Singer when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers on Saturday, June 18, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Taste of Gaslamp, more than 20 locations offer samples of food during self-guided tours, Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 per day, \$40 for both days. Suggested reservations: 619-233-5227. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

More Than 70 Wooden Boats take part in 15th annual Wooden Boat Festival, June 18 and 19, at Koehler Kraft boatyard (2302 Shelter Island Drive). Steamboat rides, variety of boats to tour, knot-tying lessons, maritime mural painting, seminars (boat restoration techniques), exhibitions, rope work and knot tying for kids, demonstrations (boat building), food.

Festival opens at 9 a.m., closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$5 for adults, free for those under 12. 619-952-8037. (SHELTER ISLAND)

"TeleMagica Music and Arts Festival," described as "a gathering of bands, artists, opera, poets, and people of all kinds to ignite the world," takes place Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19, at Institute of Perception (1 Railroad Street). Camping and bonfires allowed; hot springs available for use. Fee: \$20 for both days, free for those under 14. 619-766-9227. (JACUMBA)

2005 Spring Harvest Fair, this year's threshing bee and antique engine and tractor show at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum is June 18, 19, 25, and 26. Blacksmith and wheelwright demonstrations, grist and sawmill operations, vintage skills, along with food, gifts, music, train rides, displays of antique cars and steam engines.

Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$8 general, \$5 for those 6 to 12, and kids under 6 free. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Drumming Circle for drumming yourself "into alignment with the rhythms of the universe," Saturday, June 18, 7 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido

Boulevard). \$5. 760-745-2724. (ESCONDIDO)

Master Gardeners' Sale, Saturday, June 18, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Seventh Annual Old House Fair on Saturday, June 18, runs 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at 30th and Beech Streets. Antique appraisals, vendors, historic home tour (fee), live music, design consultations. Free admission. 619-233-6679. (SOUTH PARK)

"Ride With Pride," Therapeutic Equestrian Activity Center for Handicapped hosts "Ride with Pride" on Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 12152 Moreno Avenue (at Willow Road). Students present riding skills demonstrations. Food, silent auction. Donation. 619-596-2025. (LAKESIDE)

Tea Tasting with Michael Figgins, exploring characteristics and elements of teas, on Saturday, June 18, 2 to 4 p.m., at Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

Veterans for Peace honor U.S. military who have died in Iraq since March 2003, installing over 1600 crosses in lawn at Collier Park (500 6th Street) for "Arlington West" event on Saturday, June 18, noon to 4 p.m. Free. 619-233-0671. (RAMONA)

The House of Finland hosts lawn program at House of Pacific Relations, Sunday, June 19, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, June 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

San Diego Book Award Winners will answer questions about "the writing and publishing of these authors' works" when San Diego Writers/Editors Guild meets on Monday, June 20, 6:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$5. 760-471-5323. (HILLCREST)

"¡Historias! Mexican/Mexican-American Literature" is theme for bilingual discussion at Linda Vista Library (2160 Ulric Street). Read *Canicula: Snapshots of a Girlhood en la Frontera* by Norma Elia

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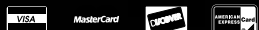
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THE GIFT

"He gave her class. She gave him sex."
— Katharine Hepburn on Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers

He gave her money. She gave him head.
He gave her tips on "aggressive growth" mutual funds. She gave him a red rose and a little statue of Eros.
He gave her Genesis 2 (21-23). She gave him Genesis 1 (26-28).
He gave her a square peg. She gave him a round hole.
He gave her Long Beach on a late Sunday in September. She gave him zinnias and cosmos in the plenitude of July.
He gave her a camisole and a brooch. She gave him a cover and a break.
He gave her Venice, Florida. She gave him Rome, New York.
He gave her a false sense of security. She gave him a true sense of uncertainty.
He gave her the finger. She gave him what for.
He gave her a black eye. She gave him a divorce.
He gave her a steak for her black eye. She gave him his money back.
He gave her what she had never had before. She gave him what he had had and lost.
He gave her nastiness in children. She gave him prudery in adults.
He gave her Panic Hill. She gave him Mirror Lake.
He gave her an anthology of drum solos. She gave him the rattle of leaves in the wind.

THE HUMAN FACTOR

The gambler knows nothing's more addictive than deception with the chance that the betrayed one, the spouse or the State, is pretending or consenting to be deceived for motives of vanity or greed not different from his own, leaving him with a choice to make between his mistress and his self-respect— which may be why the ideal reader of Graham Greene's novels went to a parochial school, was married and divorced, has lived abroad in Europe or Asia, plays in a weekly small-stakes poker game, works for a newspaper, lies for a living.

WHEN A WOMAN LOVES A MAN

When she says margarita she means daiquiri.
When she says *quixotic* she means *mercurial*.
And when she says, "I'll never speak to you again," she means, "Put your arms around me from behind as I stand disconsolate at the window."
He's supposed to know that.

When a man loves a woman he is in New York and she is in Virginia or he is in Boston, writing, and she is in

New York, reading, or she is wearing a sweater and sunglasses in Balboa Park and he is raking leaves in Ithaca or he is driving to East Hampton and she is standing disconsolate at the window overlooking the bay where a regatta of many-colored sails is going on while he is stuck in traffic on the Long Island Expressway.

When a woman loves a man it is one-ten in the morning she is asleep he is watching the ball scores and eating pretzels drinking lemonade and two hours later he wakes up and staggers into bed where she remains asleep and very warm.

When she says tomorrow she means in three or four weeks.
When she says, "We're talking about me now," he stops talking. Her best friend comes over and says, "Did somebody die?"

When a woman loves a man, they have gone to swim naked in the stream on a glorious July day

with the sound of the waterfall like a chuckle of water rushing over smooth rocks, and there is nothing alien in the universe.

Ripe apples fall about them.
What else can they do but eat?

When he says, "Ours is a transitional era," "that's very original of you," she replies, dry as the martini he is sipping.

They fight all the time
It's fun
What do I owe you?
Let's start with an apology
Ok, I'm sorry, you dickhead.
A sign is held up saying "Laughter."
It's a silent picture.
"I've been fucked without a kiss," she says,
"and you can quote me on that," which sounds great in an English accent.

One year they broke up seven times and threatened to do it another nine times.

When a woman loves a man, she wants him to meet her at the airport in a foreign country with a jeep.



David Lehman

When a man loves a woman he's there. He doesn't complain that she's two hours late and there's nothing in the refrigerator.

When a woman loves a man, she wants to stay awake. She's like a child crying at nightfall because she didn't want the day to end.

When a man loves a woman, he watches her sleep, thinking: as midnight to the moon is sleep to the beloved.
A thousand fireflies wink at him. The frogs sound like the string section of the orchestra warming up. The stars dangle down like earrings the shape of grapes.

— David Lehman

From *When a Woman Loves a Man*; Scribner 2005.

Cantu for discussion led by Marta Gonzales on Monday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. Free. 858-573-1399. (LINDA VISTA)

Canyon Quilters host "auction of quilts and other good things," Monday, June 20, 6:30 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Live auction at 7 p.m. Free admission. 858-756-3755. (KEARNY MESA)

Behind-the-Scenes Tour offered Monday, June 20, 1:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Tour includes buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California mission system. \$7. 760-757-3651 x115. (OCEANSIDE)

The Backgammon Club of San Diego holds weekly tournaments every Tuesday, 6 p.m., at Coast Cafe (in Embassy Suites Hotel, 4550 La Jolla Village Drive). \$20 entry, \$10 reentry. 858-342-5533. (LA JOLLA)

Work on Projects and teach others your techniques when San Diego Rubber Stampers meet, Tuesday, June 21, 7 p.m., at Coco's

Restaurant (10430 Friars Road). Free. 619-216-4358. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Converse with the Dead" and "experience some of the spirits that inhabit" the Poway-Bernardo Mortuary when Rick Sadler of *Family Plots* and celebrity psychic M.W. host audience-participation event, Thursday, June 23, 6 p.m. Find mortuary at 13243 Poway Road. \$75 for one, bring friend for free. Required reservations: 636-256-1775. (POWAY)

"A Passion for the Possible — Serigraphs by Corita" are on view through Monday, June 27, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Sister Corita Kent was known in the 1960s as "the revolutionary with a paintbrush." 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

"Book Arts — Seeing Is Believing," exhibition of work by members of San Diego Book Arts on view through June at Benjamin Library (5188 Zion Avenue). Free. 619-533-3970. (ALLIED GARDENS)

"Kenneth Capps: Backyard" includes nine works with strong minimalist sensibility, on display

through Thursday, June 30, at Carlsbad Arts Office (2955 Elmwood Street). 760-434-2920. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"Cinema Summer," San Diego County Fair continues through Monday, July 4, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Numerous competitions and exhibits, including fine arts, livestock, children's art, gems, minerals, home arts; fun zone with rides, games; commercial exhibits; food; contests (bubblegum blowing, pie eating); concerts. Summer film festival each night at 9 p.m.; international children's film festival each day.

Closed Mondays (except July 4). Gates open 10 a.m.; closing hours vary. Admission: \$11 general, \$6 seniors, \$5 kids 6 to 12, free for those 5 and under. 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

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. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

"Props and Rods," Ramona Air Fair 2005 takes place June 25 and 26 at Ramona Airport (2450 Montecito Road). Fly-bys, aerial fire-fighting demonstrations, ultralight planes, music, static displays of aircraft, vintage car show on Sunday, food and product vendors.

Admission is free for those under 12, \$5 for adults. Gates open at 9 a.m. both days, closing at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. 760-522-1777. (RAMONA)

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

San Diego Comic-Con 2005, 36th annual event takes place Thursday–Sunday, July 14–17, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Exhibit

area with comic books, original art, toys, games, trading cards, clothing, movie memorabilia; programming, *anime*, gaming, parties, lectures, guests including Ray Harryhausen, Forrest J. Ackerman, Ray Bradbury, Juanjo Guarnido, Jim Lee, many others. Four-day passes: \$65 for general, \$30 for juniors, seniors. 619-491-2475. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

"Pepper's First Favorites" presented by Puppet Express through Sunday, June 19, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Weaver's Tales perform *Sleeping Beauty*, June 23–26.

Performances Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Find theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission:

\$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

Gymburrito Jr. Kids' Triathlon and Duathlon, Saturday, June 18, 8 a.m., at Spanish Landing Park. Divisions for those 8–12, and 13–14. 858-268-1250. (SAN DIEGO)

Father's Day Story Time, Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Forces explored when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, June 18, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Young People's Beginning Genealogy Class taught by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Monday–Friday, June 20–24, 1 p.m., at Cole Library (1250

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Reading

"It's literally 14 days."
"How did you happen to set the book in this way?"
"The only way to do what I wanted to do was to be a journalist, so that I'm giving you surveillance logs." Mr. Vachss, who has written elsewhere that he has "always regarded [him]self more as a journalist than a novelist," explained that these "logs" allowed him to compress the ongoing action, or acts, leaving "no rest" between one act and the next. "You don't have that leaden exposition; it's all happening at the same time, so that if you go from one set of characters speaking to another set of characters speaking, the time lapse between them is where the third set of characters could be speaking. So you get the sense that it's all happening at the same time. Without that I think it wouldn't have worked. Because you would have had to fill in too many gaps."
"You would have had to write too many green trees and too many long and winding roads."

"I also would have had to account for time, because there were so many things set in motion, that if you let two or three months go by, you'd have to resolve all those things. There are many, many, many things intentionally not resolved in this book. You're supposed to be left with the sense of on-rushing events."
"This book takes a good reader. The more experienced a reader you are, the better this book 'reads' for you."
"I couldn't agree more. But I wrote it in two ways. It's a fast-rushing river. And if you want to read it like it's some damn movie, you can do that. Of course, you miss the undercurrent, and the undercurrent is what's driving the river. If you're willing to make the investment, there's a lot more there for you. But I think it more rewards experienced and astute readers than it requires it."
"They did an audio book of it. To do the audio book, they had to reduce this book by two-thirds. So they're throwing out entire plots, and yet when you hear the whole script, you realize its purpose. It can work that way. So obviously I hope everybody reads the book twice. I really do. But I don't think if they

don't, they get nothing. I just don't think they get the full meal."
"There's a point, early in the book, when the reader seems to enter the book. It's that 'Looking Glass' experience — you turn around and you're in the action."
"That's why there are no judgments made in the narration. And no adjectives, physical descriptions, sure, but it doesn't say 'Rufus was a good-hearted person.' There's nothing like that. You can make up your own mind, so wherever you choose to enter this book, my hope is that you enter it as part of the surveillance team."
"The surveillance business is wonderful."
"It's wonderful if people get it."
"One thing that you do in all your novels is that you get the details right. If the gun is supposed to shoot an elephant, you bring the elephant-shooting gun."
"I do. But that's much more a matter of experience. You want to do it right in a book like this. I'm desperately trying to make the reader rethink the history that he or she's been taught. What you're doing is this: taking known historical fact, of which there's no dispute, and histori-

cal fact that *should* be known, but in fact, largely isn't, and you're blending them in a way that, if I did it right, you come up with a plausible explanation. So, if you look at the Al Capone thing, it would have served the federal government, specifically the FBI, very poorly had Al Capone been gunned down or stabbed to death in prison."
"Right."
"Capone would have been another mythological, legendary-status gangster, who lived fast and died young. Capone humiliated them so many times. He humiliated them in the Cook County Jail, and he absolutely humiliated them when he was sent to Atlanta, because the guards were working for them. He had what he wanted. He had Chateaubriand in jail. They needed a way for him to come down that would absolutely make of him a public mockery. Most think when Al Capone was released from prison he was in his 60s. He was 40. That's when he was released from prison."
"And he went to Florida?"
"It didn't matter where he went, because the point is, if he hadn't come out of prison with syphilis, he would have stepped

right back into a leadership role. But now, watching him as this battling old man, this incontinent, helpless human, the FBI got much more what it wanted. So if you take that, and you take the fact that there certainly was a Tuskegee Experiment [the infamous syphilis experiment conducted by the federal government on Southern blacks], it can make you wonder. But, again, do you think the average person reading this book is going to know that? No."
"No."
"They're not going to know who Emmett Till is; they're going to think Emmett Till is a fictional character."
"Why did you think about Emmett Till?"
"I never stop thinking about Emmett Till. That's why. I remember when I was just a couple of years younger than he was. I remember it hitting me like a punch in the heart. First, I didn't believe it. And then as I got older, of course, the William Bradford Huie story came out. I read that, and I've never forgotten it. Not to this day. But I never believed that those two humanoids were the only people involved in that boy's killing. So this is my chance

to say it."
"When you first learned that Emmett Till had been murdered and how, what was the response of the grown-up world around you?"
"There was no grown-up world because in a culture where there's no world, there's just a million worlds. Blacks reacted differently than whites. Upper-middle-class intellectual whites reacted differently than working-class whites, you see? There just wasn't a universal reaction to it. When you have a New York politician getting outraged about a kid being lynched in Mississippi, you understand that he's pandering to a black constituency in New York."
"What I want people to do when they read the book is go, 'How can you make this crap up?' And then I want people do a little bit of looking. And then they're going to go, 'Hmm, wait a minute, if this is true and that's true — maybe?' You see?"
"Two Trains Running certainly will make readers interested in the validity of the history that they've been taught in school."
"That's exactly what I want to do. Because to me, as far as

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archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)
Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)
John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the

Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)
La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)
Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)
Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)
Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provin-

cial 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 En-

gine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world's first operational jet engines.
Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.
"P-51 *Mustang*," celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions

during World War II.
The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.
The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)
The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot

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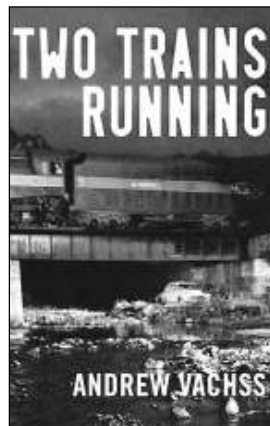


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I'm concerned, history that is available publicly is like trying to convince a Cherokee that Columbus discovered America. It's really that gross. I think that I've been proven right, long before the book came out. Look at the recent revelations about the Bush

Administration literally owning press people.

"And it's not just this administration. One of the things that I'm most bitter about is anything to do with African genocide, having seen it firsthand. Rwanda was never called genocide by the Clinton Administration. One of the points of this book is that it's not Republicans and Democrats. It's rulers and ruled."

"It's class more than color." "It's absolutely class more than color. And it's a microcosm for what happens internationally. If you can get tribalism to run amok that's how — in Nigeria, for instance — you sit there and reap the oil.

"What I really hope out of this book is people will read it and say, 'You know, it's so outrageous.' And then a couple of things will hit them that they know somewhere dimly in their minds are actually facts. And they'll say, 'Hmmm.' And they'll look and they'll look and they'll look. Because I've constructed

completely plausible scenarios that I'm not expecting people to buy. That's not my interest. I'm expecting it to motivate people to go and take a closer scrutiny than they ever did. That's why this whole book is my ode to journalism.

"I believe journalism is in rot, not even decline. And so by making not a journalist so much as journalism the hero of the book and how journalism is the only thing that really stands between us and the vanishing of democracy, I really said what I wanted to say."

On the website www.two trainsrunning.com, Mr. Vachss writes, "Ultimately, *TWO TRAINS* is my tribute to the one faithful force for progressive social change, the one reliable guardian of democracy: investigative journalism. For any journalist worthy of the name, the quest for truth is the ultimate pilgrimage. So, for me, the success of this book will be measured not only by how

many questions it raises, but by how many questioners it creates."

Mr. Vachss went on to talk about Internet journalism. "In the age of Internet journalism," he said, "you can create fact in seven or eight minutes. Because it's transmuted after that, and you can never trace it back to its original source."

As for history as history often is written today, Mr. Vachss said, "I've got a very good illustration. I was contacted recently by an historian. This historian is writing an account of a place and time where I was a player, which was an organizing effort in Lake County, Indiana, when I worked for Saul Alinsky.

"The historian writes to me, 'I left the region and the Calumet Community Congress, which was our founding event, to become the executive director of the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs. Did we ever meet or did we just miss each other?' He knows I was there. Every-

body knows I was. He continues, 'I'm now writing my memoirs and I've got a grant, blah, blah, blah.'

"So I wrote back, 'I entered the Lake County Region' — and I explained how I got there — 'to work in October of 1970, an experience which taught me a great deal about the roots of the White Power Movement and produced friendships which endure to this day. To the best of my knowledge, our paths never crossed.' Okay.

"Here's his answer: 'I'm surprised that you have viewed the Calumet Community Congress as part of the White Power Movement.' So, I write back and I said, 'Where did you get that I viewed the Calumet Community Congress as part of the White Power Movement? What I said was that the experience of working in Lake County at the time taught me a great deal about the roots of the White Power Movement and it did. I chose to work with groups who had not previously received

any attention from the organizers. They included, but were not limited to, people involved with the American Independent Party. One of the many things I learned was that some folks would have then voted for Robert Kennedy had he lived to be a candidate were now backing George Wallace. Any "messages" I got were not a matter of my interpretation. I am a good listener.'

"Didn't hear from him again. But the point is, I never said anything that could be remotely construed as 'The Calumet Community Congress was part of the White Power Movement.'

"He then morphs what I said, attempts to lecture me about it, putting me in a confirm-or-deny position, because if I don't respond as I did, when he writes his stinking little history book, he's going to have me saying that."

Mr. Vachss, I said, "gets a lot of this stuff."

He agreed. "I can give you another example, which is just

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 Coleman

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 oper-

ating 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 Natural History Museum, "Backyard Monsters" features giant robotic insects, up to 11 feet high and 22 feet long, 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.

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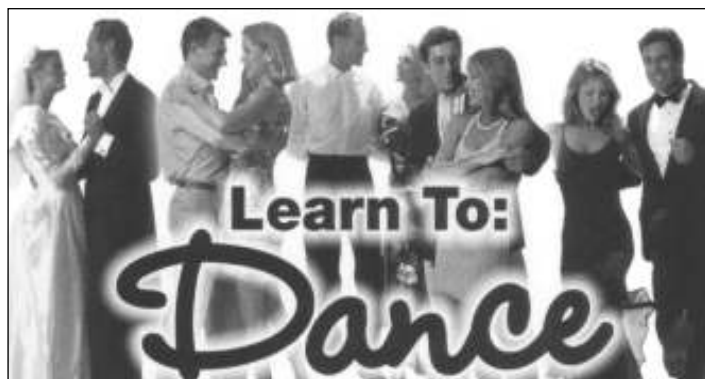
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disgusting. An article entitled 'Modern-Day Slavery,' and it's published in the *Socialist Worker*, blah, blah, right? Okay. Quote, 'If this were an isolated incident it would be terrifying enough, you know, poor little Mary Jones, but it isn't isolated. Some half a million children have been forced into prostitution in Brazil alone, according to the estimate of U.S. lawyer Andrew Vachss.' A letter was written to the editor that said, 'This reporter never spoke to me. I have never spoken on the subject of the traffic of children in Brazil in my entire life and know nothing about it. Your attribution is a lie, your quote is a lie, and your fact is a lie.' Never got an answer."

"So that what we now call 'history,'" I suggested, "has begun to accrue in this way."

"Well, that's my point, and

that's why I wrote this book. Because what happens is people cite what they see on the Internet, then they post it to newsgroups, then other people repeat it."

"It's oral history gone amok."

"If you want to use the proper term for it, the term I always use is 'The unauthenticated oral history.' Because oral history means 'If you're lucky enough to talk to somebody whose grandfather had been a slave and told him about it, there's an authentication you can follow if you know that in fact his grandfather was a slave.' Right? But if you're going to make a completely uncredentialed person into your source, that's not oral history. And that's what happens all the time."

"People lie. I'm still listed as a war criminal on the Nigerian Registry. And there are people who will tell you with a straight face that I served there [in what was Biafra] as a mercenary. Well, what am I going to do? Ask them

to turn over their files? People don't source, and they don't authenticate; they don't fact check, and they don't confirm. They don't do those things."

"You know how they're always talking about that 'window of opportunity? Well, I'm a working-class boy. I know that whatever window of opportunity exists, I don't own the building, so you could sit around your whole life waiting for that window to open up, or you could throw a brick through it. That's what this book is — to me anyway. My attempt to do that."

I asked about the title.

"The title is from an old blues song. The original connection was to the Underground Railroad. The two trains are the difference between a river and the undercurrent. The truth is you're watching the river, but it's the undercurrent that's driving it. So the two trains, hence the cover, where you see the car lurking beneath the bridge as the train goes by. The train

never sees the car, but the car sees the train. So that's why there are two trains running; they're always running is what I'm saying."

"Do I dare ask you about why, after almost 15 years with Knopf, you changed publishers and went to Pantheon?"

"I believe this was the right horse for the course. I believe Pantheon is a wonderful opportunity for me, and I'm excited about all that it offers, and I believe it was exactly the right house for this book."

"Your dedicated website — www.vachss.com — receives two million hits per year. That's amazing."

Mr. Vachss did not disagree. "That's not hits, but visits, about 175,000 a day. It's just an enormous amount of traffic from all over the world." (*Two Trains Running* also has a dedicated website — www.twotrainsrunning.com.)

I said, "It strikes me that most of us are just worker bees.

And most people work hard and simply don't have the energy left to find out what is happening to them."

Mr. Vachss disagreed. "They've got the energy, it's just that we've lost the constituency. In other words, there's a huge number of people in this country who were absolutely vehement about the idea that they'd been abducted by aliens. There's a tremendous number of people who actually believe that there's an alien presence that we're being watched by, and you cannot shake their convictions. But these are the same people who won't question a history book. So, okay."

"The alien thing satisfies needs within them that questioning history would not. It's like the karma people. I got into a really nasty exchange with somebody who was talking about karma. I said, 'Do you know the original translation of the word "karma"? Do you know what it means?' He said, 'No.' I said, 'It

means bullshit.' And he said, 'What?!'

"[Karma people are] basically saying that everybody who's raped, everybody who's tortured, everybody who's killed, everybody who's got AIDS, they somehow earned that in a previous life."

"But the only question to ask if you're an intelligent human being is, 'Who profits?' If you don't ask who profits by a belief, by a value system, then you don't understand it. So who profits by the idea of karma? Obviously the guy in the castle, not the peasant."

"All it is, is a complete abdication of responsibility. If it's all down to karma, what's with effort? But it's comforting, because it takes no effort. All these belief systems, if you buy into them, you no longer have to do anything. All you have to do is be. You are what you do, and if what you do is nothing, that's what you are. Nothing." ■

— Judith Moore

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!* 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication

of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

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

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is 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 continues when Festival Orchestra — joined by William Preucil (violin), Ronald Thomas (cello) — presents pieces by Mozart, Saint-Saëns, Brahms on June 17 and 18. Concert offered on Friday at CECUT (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río), \$15, \$25. Repeated on Saturday at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street); \$18–\$78. (TIJUANA, DOWNTOWN)

Ida Levin (violin) and Rieko Aizawa (piano) perform selections by Mozart, Prokofiev, Beethoven, Debussy, Smetana, Sunday, June 19, 2 p.m., at Laurel Restaurant (505 Laurel Street), \$26. (DOWNTOWN)

Program includes Ravel, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky when Festival Ensemble plays on Wednesday, June 22, at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$38. (LA JOLLA)

Festival Orchestra closes series with concert of Beethoven, Mozart, Schreker, on Saturday, June 25, at Copley Symphony Hall. \$18–\$78.

Except where listed, concerts commence at 8 p.m. Reservations: 619-239-0100.

The Cathedral of Puebla, vocal group Pacific Camerata joined by instrumental ensemble performing music “that would have been heard in and around the 17th-Century Cathedral of Puebla” on Saturday, June 18, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul’s Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Program includes sacred and secular music from Spain and New World, such as “Missa Ave Regina.” \$15. 619-527-4457. (MIDTOWN)

Selections by Franck, Saint-Saëns, Schubert promised, along with American folk songs, Korean art and folk songs, international pop songs, when CantAmore Chorus performs Sunday, June 19, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Río South). \$10. 858-755-2329. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Spread the News!” Chancel choir and soloists entertain on Sunday, June 19, 7 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). 858-729-5531. Offering. (LA JOLLA)

Excerpts From Edith Wharton: A Self-Portrait — new neo-Romantic opera by composer Myron Fink and librettist Donald Moreland — offered Sunday, June 19, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Singers: Patricia McAfee and Deborah Davis (soprano), Chad Frisque (tenor), Philip Larson (bass), Ava Liss (mezzo soprano), Joe Pechota (baritone). Donation. 619-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Civic Organist Carol Williams plans concert on Sunday, June 19, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Hymn Classics performed by Tim Zimmerman and the King’s Brass, Monday, June 20, 7 p.m., at Foothills United Methodist Church (4031 Avocado Boulevard). \$10. 619-670-4009. (LA MESA)

The Three Civic Organists! Opening night for 18th annual International Summer Organ Festival promises performances by current civic organist Carol Williams, civic organist emeritus Robert Plimpton (1984-2000), and former civic organist Jared Ja-

cobsen (1978-1984) on Monday, June 20, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

“Avant-Garde Sensations”! Felix Fan (cello) and David Cossin (percussion) concert with pieces by Magnus Lindberg, Annie Gosfield, Marc Mellits, Tan Dun, premiere of “Close Together” by Julia Wolfe, Jimi Hendrix’s “Voodoo Chile,” Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$17. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Opera Arias performed every Wednesday, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at Alfieri Restaurant in Sheraton San Diego West (1590 Harbor Island Drive). No cover. 619-291-2900 or 619-692-2778. (HARBOR ISLAND)

Masks, Formal Wear, and Period Attire are optional — but encouraged — when San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra presents Viennese Ball, Saturday, July 9. The orchestra, directed by Matthew Garbutt and Mary Gerard, performs waltzes and polkas by Strauss, Suppé, Lehár, and others starting at 8 p.m. at Balboa Park Club.

Tickets: \$40 per person or \$70 per couple in advance; \$45 per person or \$75 per couple at door. Fee includes hors d’oeuvres and beverage. 619-235-8067. (BALBOA PARK)

Pops in Moonlight, San Diego Symphony plans summer pops concert on Sunday, July 10, 7:30 p.m., in Moonlight Amphitheatre at Bregle Terrace Park (1200 Vale Terrace Drive). “The Three Divas” — Debbie Gravitte, Jodi Benson, Jan Horvath — sing pieces from *A Chorus Line*, *Evita*, *Gypsy*, *Les Misérables*. Tickets: \$25, \$35, \$50. 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

Franz Schubert’s Major Piano Works will be performed by concert pianist Gustavo Romero on Sundays, July 10–31. Concerts hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library begin at 4 p.m. at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$29, \$34 (packages available for series, dinners). Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)



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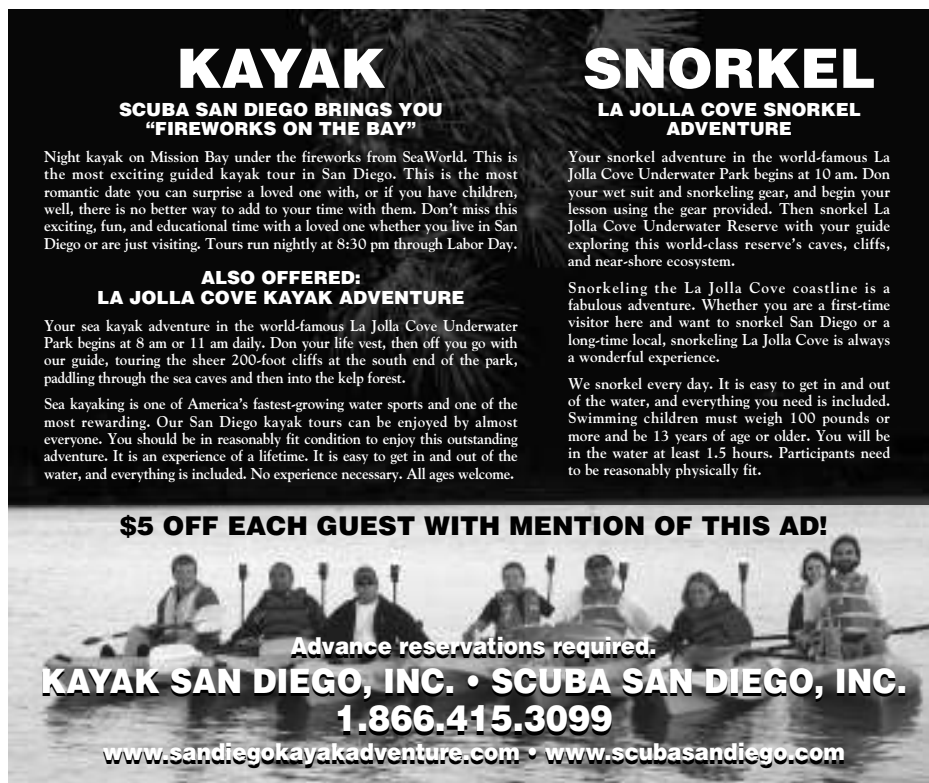
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GALLERIES

"Memoria, Mito, Movimiento," exhibition of art by Salvador Duran opens with reception for the Mexico City-based artist on Friday, June 17, 6 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). Duran, also a musician, performs during opening. 619-231-3900. Through Friday, July 29. (DOWNTOWN)

It's C-Note Time! Summer "C-Note Plus Celebration" and sale at San Diego Art Institute continues through

Sunday, June 26. "C-Note Night" is Friday, June 17, 6 p.m. Original artwork is available for \$100, \$200, or \$300; as soon as a piece is sold it is replaced until everything is gone. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Fallbrook Five + Three," seven printmakers and one ceramicist display their work through Wednesday, June 29, in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Meet artists during reception, Friday, June 17, 5 p.m. 760-505-4816. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Photography of Frank Stefanko" opens with reception for artist on Saturday, June 18, 6 p.m., at Morrison Hotel Gallery (1230 Prospect Street; 858-551-0835). Exhibit includes unpublished photos of Bruce Springsteen, Patti Smith, Southside Johnny. Closes Sunday, July 24. (LA JOLLA)

"Plein Air X — The Tenth Plein-Air Exhibition" landscape painting show opens with reception for 14 artists on Saturday, June 18, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Participating artists paint county's mountain area as well as coast. Closes Sunday, July 24. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

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. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Threshold: Byron Kim, 1990-2004" focuses on the artist's significant body of easel paintings, presenting four major bodies of paintings. Color, "as signifier and as metaphor," dominates Kim's work, and "he has maintained a steadfast commitment to exploring the potential content of abstract painting."

"Location, Location, Location" 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, "Graham Flint: American Panoramas at 1000 Megapixels" showcases the physicist and photographer's project bringing "together the cutting edges of photographic optics, film technology, and digital processing, creating landscape photographs which contain an unprecedented detail and resolution." Through Sunday, September 18.

"Snapshot: From Box Brownies to Camera Phones," also closing on September 18, examines the way family photographs taken by amateur photographers over the past 100 years contribute to the history of photography. Exhibit includes historic snapshots from 1920s-1960s, along with "live feed" of camera phone images.

"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)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Contemporary Links 3: Sandow Birk: The Leading Causes of Death

in America" showcases ten commissioned lithographs, based on prints by 20th-Century American artist George Wesley Bellows. Closes Sunday, August 14.

"Human Presence: Works from the Museum's Collection," two-part exhibit focuses on the human body. "Part I: The Singular Body" incorporates gallery sculptures of people and animals with those in the garden and court. "Part II" brings attention to "physiological reactions to pure form and color" via the "Through the Geometry of Color" exhibit. Experience through Sunday, July 17.

"Tastes in Asian Art" includes "some of the most significant works" in the museum's collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited works, along with well-known pieces. Continues through June 2006.

"The Origins of Mughal Painting" examines "one of the lingering mysteries in the history of Indian art: how such a distinctive and sophisticated style as that of the imperial Mughals arose so quickly." The new installation, showcasing 20 images from the Binney Collection, continues through Sunday, August 28.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, "Old Master Drawings from the Bowdoin College Museum of Art" are on view through Saturday, August 13. Forty drawings dating from the 16th Century to the 19th Century are featured, with majority of works by artists of the Italian and Netherlandish schools, encompassing a wide variety of subjects in a range of styles and media.

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Less Than Charitable?

"Vice officers went into [Winstons on] May 27 to do a regular check of their permits," says SDPD

charity."

The undercover officers forced the band to stop playing immediately that night. The ban continued for 13 days. Live bands resumed on June 9, the day the club received its updated permit.

McKinney explains that Winstons' "cabaret license" had expired, and because of

June 9. Over 300 people were in line when Lesh showed up at 7:15. As he walked by the line, people said hello to him. He didn't look up or smile. A woman trying to get into the kids' section said, "What is this, a love-in?"

Lesh sat down at the table to sign at around 7:30. The first person to meet him didn't have a pen, and there were none on the table. As bookstore employees scattered to find one, the first five people in line offered theirs. Lesh signed three books for the first person but refused to sign a fourth one.

The second person had a photo of the Grateful Dead, and Lesh said, "Sorry, I'm only signing the book today." Soon after, a Barnes & Noble employee announced over the speakers that no memorabilia would be signed.

I walked toward the back of the line, noticing most in

the crowd had Lesh's new book and other things they wanted signed. One person had photos they had taken of Lesh at San Francisco's Fillmore. Another guy had photos from a San Diego concert in the '70s. People held lots of albums in hopes of getting them signed.

One guy said, "I'll tell him he can keep the book. I'll pay the \$27 [book price] for him to sign this photo. It's already signed by Bob Weir and Jerry Garcia. Hell, I'd give him \$50."



EVERYONE WANTS PHIL TO SIGN EVERYTHING

When I walked back to Lesh's table, I asked him how he liked San Diego. He said, "It's great, but I've only been

here an hour."

I watched as people were refused autographs for their memorabilia. Most were pissed. A few said they were

remember was flying out the window," says 21-year-old drummer Sid Hilarides. "I flew about 30 feet." Hilarides and two of his Irideside



HILARIDES (2ND FROM RIGHT) CAN HANDLE EJECTION

glad to meet Lesh in person and shake his hand.

My friend Steve was in the middle of the line. He called me later and said that when he handed Lesh an album, he said, "Oh, that's nice," and set it down without signing it. The person behind Steve had a guitar signed by others in the Dead. Lesh did autograph that.

— Josh Board

Flying Lessons on the I-5

"The last thing I

bandmates were traveling north on I-5 from a Solana Beach gig to another at the Flying Bridge in Oceanside on June 4. The rock/reggae band was in a Chevy Suburban.

"You know how you think someone's going to give you the space to merge?" says Hilarides. "This car in front of us turned the other way. We tried to overcorrect and lost control of the car. The car started spinning, then it tumbled."

"The car flipped eight

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the inside track

Lieutenant Lawrence McKinney. Winstons management told the undercover vice detectives that permits were not needed because the bands playing that night were performing for a charitable cause.

"The detective asked the manager how the [door admission receipts] were distributed," continues McKinney. "They were told that 40 percent went to the band. Under the nonprofit exemption, 100 percent of the gate has to go to the

new municipal codes adopted in 2000, Winstons needed an "entertainment license" for venues over 50 people.

Attempts to reach owners Scott Slaga and Mike Stiffano for comment were unsuccessful.

— Ken Leighton

Lesh's Love-In Grateful Dead bassist Phil Lesh, on a book tour to promote his autobiography *Searching for the Sound*, was at the Mira Mesa Barnes & Noble on

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times,” says bassist Alex Earl, who was in the front passenger seat. He and driver Ben Blessing had seat belts on and were unharmed. Hilarides wasn't wearing a belt, and he was ejected from an open window.

“I went up to him and said his name twice, and he didn't say anything at first,” says Earl. “He was there moaning, curled up.”

“I didn't remember anything,” says Hilarides. “As soon as I remembered I was at the Fiesta [del Sol in Solana Beach], then I started worrying about the other guys.... I broke a lower vertebrae in my back.” After three days in the hospital, Hilarides was released. “They said in six to eight weeks I can take off the brace. I'm so lucky. I can't even believe I'm alive. The [Suburban] got totaled, but somehow my drums are still okay.”

The band canceled three shows, but their Del Mar Fair show on June 18 at 2 p.m. will go on with a replacement drummer.

— Ken Leighton

Guitar Army Girl “The army shows that to get somewhere you have to prove something to yourself and others,” says 23-year-old guitarist Kelli Ruddick, an Israeli army veteran. Ruddick, who plays

Lestat's, E Street Cafe, Twiggs, and the Blarney Stone, is the only local performing musician under 40 to have been drafted. Born in Connecticut, she moved to Israel with her family as an infant.

“In Israel, military service is still mandatory,” says Ruddick. “Men serve three years, women for a year and



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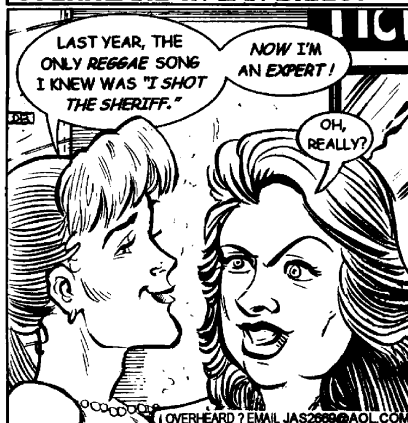
RUDDICK DOES AGGRESSIVE STUFF

nine months.... For me, it was good to deal with such an extreme system at the age of 18. In Israel, there are a lot of external problems. You focus on staying alive, on survival. In America, there is so much freedom. People focus more on themselves. I notice people are more into partying and having fun.... When I meet kids my age, I notice a gap in maturity.”

Unlike most female guitarists, Ruddick, 23, does not sing.

“I have a lot of finger-picking, two-handed tapping, and thumb-slapping percussion on the body [of the guitar],” she says. “My hands are all over the place. It is shocking to some people when they see me play. They

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: BELLY UP TAVERN



JAY ALLEN SANFORD



don't expect to see a woman doing aggressive stuff onstage.”

Kelli Ruddick plays the Coaster Saloon on Sunday at 9 p.m. with the Jordan Loder Band. Free admission. Must be 21.

— Ken Leighton

Brown M&Ms Okay

REO Speedwagon plays the Del Mar Fair tomorrow. While the band is in town, they would like to do some golfing, particularly “if the golf course chosen would agree to trade tee times for tickets and passes.” The band's dressing room requires a bowl of tuna salad (“chilled”), a box of low-fat Wheat Thins, two large bags of M&Ms (one plain, one peanut), a box of microwave popcorn (“natural flavor light”), one large can of mixed nuts, a box of Hall's cough drops (“light blue or light green”), and “one box of Kleenex.” Drinks: a case of Coors, a six-pack of Samuel Adams (“ale or porter”), a six-pack of “a good local beer,” six Snapples (“assorted”), and a six-pack each of V-8 and Diet Mountain Dew. Singer Kevin Cronin has his own dressing room with separate

necessities, including two liters of bottled water (“no bubbles”), a bag of pretzel rods, and “one box each of low fat regular and low fat cinnamon Honey Maid graham crackers (green label).”

When Merle Haggard plays the House of Blues on June 22, he'll use the house sound system and won't use a set list; the band keeps up with whatever he decides to play. He'll be singing into a Shure SM58 microphone fed through a dbx 786 microphone preamp. Occasional compression and effects on the vocals may be added via a Yamaha SPX 990, “to add a subtle shade of bass chorus,” according to tour production manager Mark Woodcock. The mixing board rarely inputs more than 20 channels. “My equipment rider never asks for anything exotic, because I'm not going to get it anyway. Our

standing joke, but it's also a truth, is that our favorite gear is whatever happens to be there for a given show.... Anytime I walk in and see we've got a line array for the night is great.”

(from livesoundint.com and thesmokinggun.com)

— Jay Allen Sanford

Weaker Than

Dishwater? After locals Louis XIV played in Illinois May 25, the *Chicago Sun-*



CRITICS MIGHT PREFER THIS LOUIS XIV

Times called them “more eyeliner than talent.... Despite its royal moniker,

salty lyrics, and heavy eyeliner, Louis XIV's hour-long show at the Metro not only failed its subjects gathered in curious adoration, it proved humorless, rote and, at times, downright bland.... To distinguish themselves, it would help if the band members spent less time on their eye makeup and more time crafting their songs.”

According to the *Chicago Tribune*, “A few weeks ago, just before an Atlanta tour date, Pinback posted an offer for fans on its Internet message board: Any fan who could get the band tickets to an opening-night showing of *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith* wouldn't have to pay for that evening's concert. Obviously the main members of Pinback — Rob Crow and Armistead Burwell Smith IV (who normally goes by Zach) — aren't trying to be the next U2.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Za Za Za

"I kind of relate to being a fat little kid."

My mother was always putting on this old scratchy LP called *Music from Around the Globe*," says 46-year-old Carlos Olmeda, "and I would sit mesmerized at how beautifully diverse each song sounded." This early exposure to world music inspired his later songwriting. "I call what I do tricultural pop. That just means that I'm not really a genre specialist. I sing and I play acoustic guitar with the intent of making you imagine things in your head with a sound-track attached."

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Olmeda moved with his family to Oceanside when he was six and soon got himself a \$15 Tijuana Borderline Special guitar. By the time he reached eighth grade at Washington Junior High in Vista, he was already composing pieces like a musical adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe's "Annabel Lee," which he was asked to play for a final-period history class. "I had to run from phys ed class to get there before the bell to go home. So there I was in my gym shorts and a wifebeater T-shirt, dripping sweat, probably kinda smelly and out of breath, trying to sing this dark love song with all this genuine feeling."

Olmeda played his first professional gig with brother Toca Rivera (currently Jason Mraz's percussionist/backup vocalist) at Vista's El Rancho restaurant when he was just out of high school. "We played mostly originals and some popular acoustic music for tips and then spent all the money playing Ms. Pac Man until two a.m."

His debut studio album *Learning to Walk* dates back to 1995, though he just recently won the copyright to the masters from a one-time "friend" to whom he'd signed rights in order to facilitate

distribution ("All told, it cost me over \$6K to get them back"). Over the past few years he's written music and done voiceovers for television with a company called L-7 Creative, and he won a 1999 San Diego Music Award for "Best Adult Acoustic Alternative Album." Olmeda opens for the Weepies at Dizzy's on Friday, June 17, at 8 p.m.

FIVE FAVORITE ALBUMS?

1. The Beatles, *The Beatles* ("Pop interpreters who existed at exactly the right time in history to allow them to be perceived as revolutionary while remaining almost completely adaptive. Now that's cool.")
2. Bob Dylan, *Highway 61 Revisited* ("When I was a kid in the '60s, Bob Dylan gave me hope that you don't have to sing like Caruso or play like a virtuoso to be involved with music in a deeply moving way.")
3. Paul Simon, *Greatest Hits: Shining Like a National Guitar* ("Poetry, dignity, sense of humor, soul, reason. What I wouldn't give to open a show for this man!")
4. Elton John, *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road* ("With Bernie Taupin. 'Nuff said.")
5. Elvis Costello, *Spike* ("Hope springs eternally, if angrily, man!")

WORST COVER SONG YOU EVER HAD TO PERFORM?

"My mom asked me to play 'The Princess Pupil' at a church luau. To this day I cringe when I remember having to sing the phrase 'Za za za za, za za za za, yay!' Oh, baby! I have the video in the safe-deposit box of a Mexican bank."

LISTS

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



PHOTOGRAPH BY MIKE CORRALES

Toca Rivera, Carlos Olmeda, Jason Mraz

SIMPSONS OR KING OF THE HILL?

"I prefer *King of the Hill*. In its own way I think it's more subversive and less hopeless. The dad is also more soft spoken and loving towards his son. I kind of relate to being a fat little kid with a lot of heart."

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FRIDAY

Static X: House of Blues, Friday,
June 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.
619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Alison Brown: Acoustic Music San
Diego, Friday, June 17, 4650
Mansfield Street, Normal Heights.
619-303-8176.

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.

SATURDAY

Kenny Chesney [780]: Coors
Amphitheatre, Saturday, June 18,
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Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Jewel [882] and **Jackie Greene:**
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MONDAY

Robert Earl Keen [774] and **Guy
Clark:** Humphrey's Concerts by the
Bay, Monday, June 20, 7 p.m., 2241
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TUESDAY

Luciano [732]: House of Blues,
Tuesday, June 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
619-220-8497.

Foreigner [477]: Del Mar
Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 21,
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Monday, July 18 • 7:30

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Thursday, July 21 • 7:30

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Friday, July 22 • 8:00

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Friday, August 26 • 8:00

Doobie Brothers
Sunday, August 28 • 7:30

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Monday, August 29 • 7:00

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Tuesday, September 20 • 7:30

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featuring **Christian McBride &
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Thursday, September 22 • 7:30

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Friday, September 23 • 8:00

Dead Can Dance
Tuesday, September 27 • 7:30

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

JUNE

Babyface: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, June 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Spin Doctors [594] and the **Gin Blossoms:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 23, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Jo Dee Messina: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, June 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Robin Nolan Trio: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, June 24, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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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Donovan: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 28, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Buddy Guy [960]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island

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BY DAVE GOOD

The last time I saw X was at a street fest where the band was, by then, old enough to have parented many of the kids in attendance. Someone's mother even grabbed a Mohawked dufus out of the mosh pit. He was trying to slam everybody. "Very old school," she hollered. "Do you want to get thrown out of here? Chill out." Sign of the times: the kid did as he was told. But that wouldn't have happened back when X, Top Jimmy, the Blasters, Black Flag, and the Circle Jerks were majors in the L.A. punk scene. Those were loud and fast times, some of my favorite years in music, and moms didn't go near those kinds of shows then.

I found **Billy Zoom** the most intriguing

member of X. Doe was more accessible, and his then-wife Exene was a story unto herself. But Billy Zoom — the name alone was worth five points. He could pull the sound of conflagration out of his guitar. He was the weight. His heavy musicianship kept the band anchored. But to look at him onstage, you'd never know it. Zoom was serene and soft spoken. He had a blonde profile not unlike that of a rocket scientist out of a 1950s *Popular Science* magazine.

Billy Zoom worked the rockabilly angle hard when he moved to L.A. in the '70s. This was pre-X. Rockabilly was not the tattooed cliché it would later become. I ask him if he felt vindicated when the genre revived in the '80s. "I thought, it figures. I'm always ahead of the curve. Stuff becomes popular," he says with a wry laugh, "as soon as I stop doing it." I ask Zoom how a musician with his road



BILLY ZOOM

mileage approaches rockabilly today. "I do what I do. I've always kind of tried to have my own identity. I guess I'm old school," he says. "I'm old. I've been doin' this for a long time."

BILLY ZOOM, The Casbah, Saturday, June 17, 8 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12.

Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Journey: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, June 29, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Kelly Clarkson: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante

Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Whitesnake: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, June 29, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Neil McCoy: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 30, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Chris Isaak: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 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.

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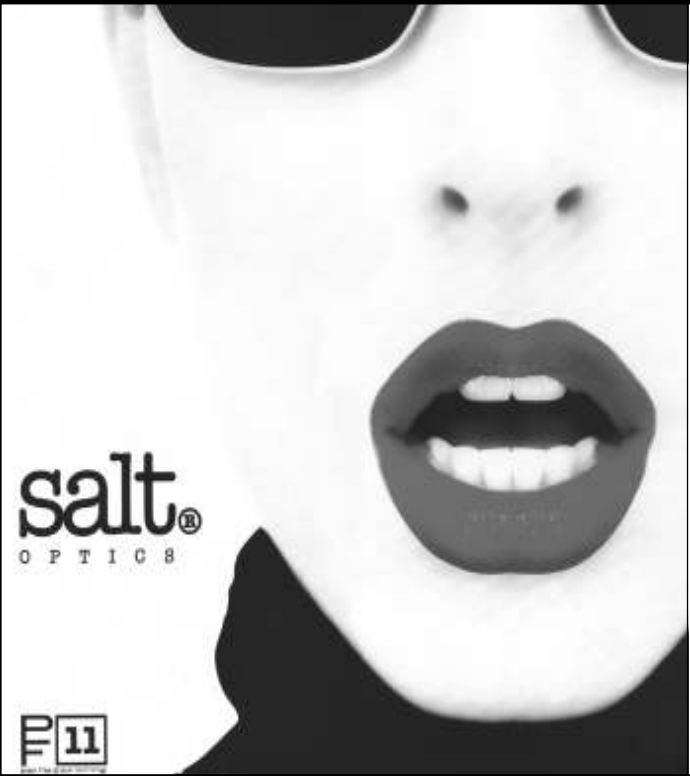
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Junior Brown: Belly Up Tavern,
Friday, July 1, 143 South Cedros
Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140
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Chris Isaak: Humphrey's Concerts
by the Bay, Friday, July 1, 2241 Shelter
Island Drive, Shelter Island.
619-523-1010 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 Concerts by the Bay,
Friday, July 8, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter
Island Drive, Shelter Island.
619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Three Dog Night: 4th & B, Sunday,
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**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
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Billy Corgan: Soma, Monday, July
11, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San
Diego. 619-226-7662 or
619-220-8497.

Widespread Panic [366]: Bayside
Concerts with Viejas, Tuesday, July
12, downtown San Diego waterfront.
619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Boz Scaggs: Humphrey's Concerts
by the Bay, Tuesday, July 12,
7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive,
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Julio Iglesias [608]: Palomar
Starlight Theater, Tuesday, July 12,
7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy
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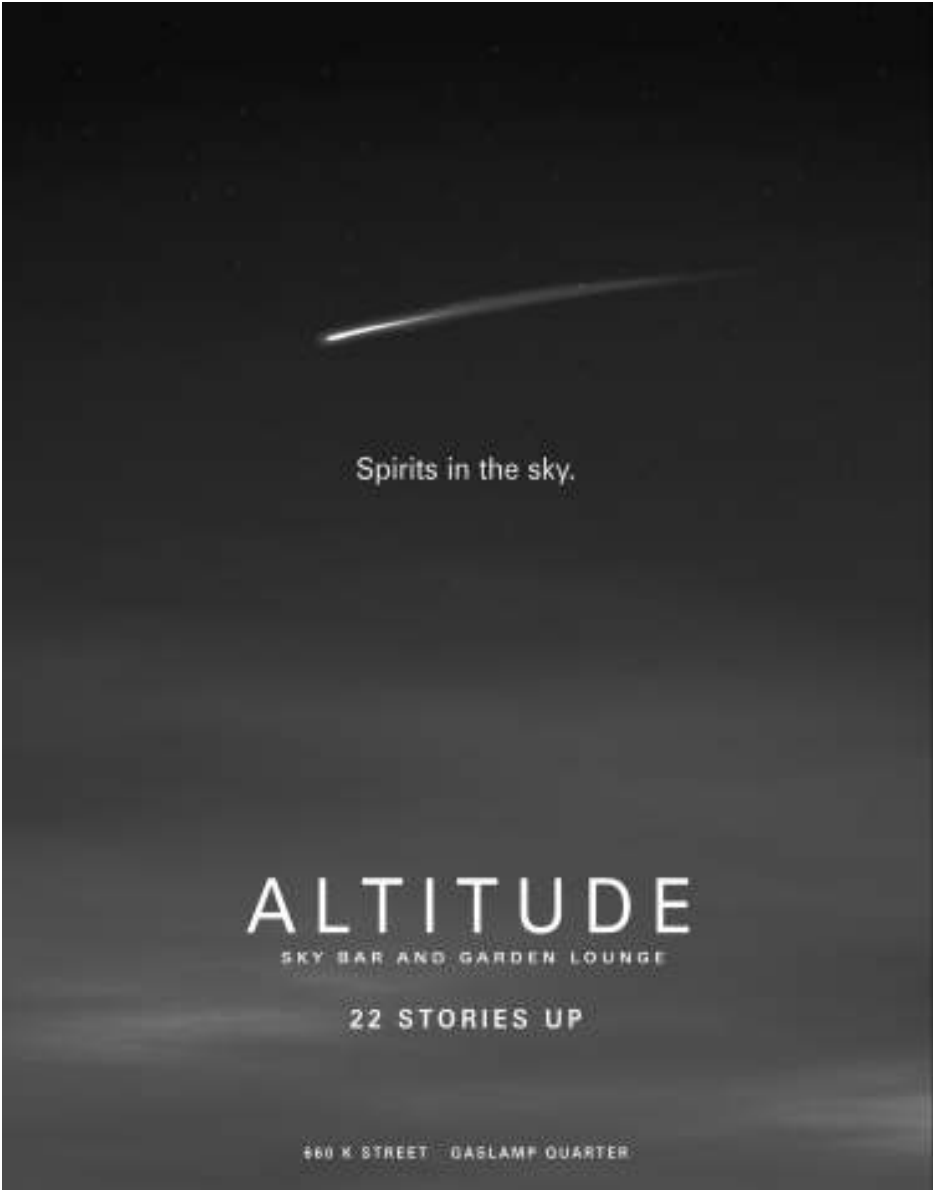
Hootie & the Blowfish [580]:
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Wednesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., 2241
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X: House of Blues, Thursday, July 14,
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Thursday, July 14, 2241 Shelter Island
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Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre,
Friday, July 15, 2050 Entertainment
Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or
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Alanis Morissette [228]: Copley
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Clay Walker: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 15, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Alkaline Trio [345]: Soma, Saturday, July 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Ray Lamontagne: House of Blues, Saturday, July 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Ja Rule: House of Blues, Sunday, July 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Heart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Lila Downs [627]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Circle Jerks: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

Aterciopelados: House of Blues, Thursday, July 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

Stevie Nicks: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, July 23, 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.

Le Tigre [164]: Soma, Sunday, July 24, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 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 [596]: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

LeAnn Rimes: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, July 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Rusted Root [279]: House of Blues, Thursday, July 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Megadeth [586] and **Dream Theater:** Open Air Theatre, Thursday, July 28, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Street Scene featuring the **Killers**, the **Pixies**, the **White Stripes**, **Social Distortion [466]**, **Snoop Dogg**, and more: Qualcomm Stadium, Friday, July 29, Mission Valley.

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.

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Los Lonely Boys and **Ozomatli:** "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Sunday, July 31, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The B-52's: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Michael Bolton [475]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo [590]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 31, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

"B.B. King Blues Festival" featuring **B.B. King [969]**, **Kenny Wayne Shepherd [950]**, and **Joe Bonamassa:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 3, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Michael McDonald [605]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 4, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Burrito Deluxe: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, August 5, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Lonestar [763]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 5, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

System of a Down: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, August 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

Big Head Todd: House of Blues, Sunday, August 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Air Supply [617]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 7, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Clint Black [778]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 7, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Temptations [938]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 10, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

John Hiatt [883]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 11, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Styx [591]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 13, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

AUGUST

Marc Cohn and **Suzanne Vega [469]:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 1, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The B-52's: Palomar Starlight Theater, Monday, August 1, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Hank Williams Jr.: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Tuesday, August 2, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Chaka Khan: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 2, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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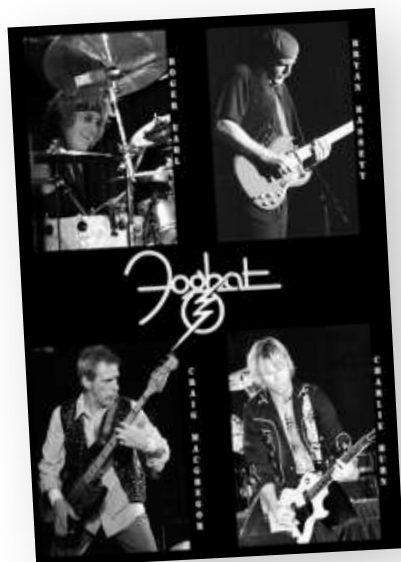
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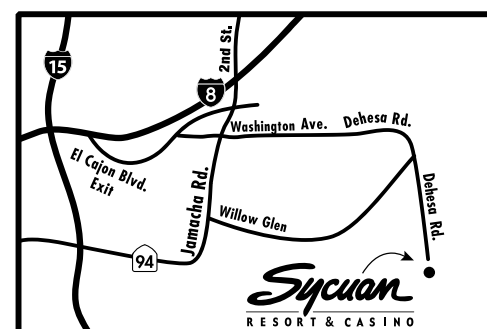
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Cecilio & Kapono [993]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Cowboy Junkies [567] and **Dar Williams** [813]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Amy Grant [613]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, August 15, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby McFerrin [683] & **Chick Corea**: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Eagles: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Judy Collins and **Richie Havens** [830]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

“Dave Koz & Friends” featuring **Jeffrey Osborne** and **Marc Antoine**: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers [611] and the **Black Crowes** [564]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 20, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Jonny Lang [956]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Rufus Wainwright [848], **Ben Folds**, and **Ben Lee** [425]: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, August 21, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Zombie [581]: House of Blues, Sunday, August 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

“Hot Summer Nights” featuring **Al Jarreau** [558] and the **Rippingtons**: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

“Trio!” featuring **Stanley Clarke**, **Bela Fleck**, and **Jean-Luc Ponty**: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 23, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Donna Summer [614]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

America [533] and **Pure Prairie League**: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Dave Matthews Band [288]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Coldplay: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, August 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Smokey Robinson [615]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [674]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 26, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Doobie Brothers [561]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Johnny Clegg Band and Taj Mahal [958]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 29, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Jefferson Starship [578]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 31, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

SEPTEMBER

Susan Tedeschi and **Blind Boys of Alabama** [953]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Devo: House of Blues, Friday, September 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

SHEDAISY: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Johnny Mathis: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Earth, Wind, and Fire and **Chicago**: “Bayside Concerts with Viejas,” Embarcadero Marina Park South, Friday, September 9, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Keali’i Reichel: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Huey Lewis & the News [593]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 9, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Keali’i Reichel: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Crosby, Stills, & Nash [572]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 13, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Alice Cooper [571]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Oasis: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Aretha Franklin: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos [523] and **Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes** [610]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Dead Can Dance [817]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

“Rockin’ Blues Review” featuring **John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers** [933] and **Robben Ford & Eric Bibb**: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 29, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Etta James [951]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 30, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

OCTOBER

Green Day [268]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny G [678]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, October 2, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Seal: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, October 5, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Caldwell [629]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

“Hills of Home” featuring **Doc & Richard Watson** and **David Holt**: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill
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Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Humphrey's
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The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado
Tony Taravella [655]: Couleur Cafe
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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I haven't always known what's considered cool and what's not, but for many years I felt safe in the assumption that **Hall & Oates** were not cool. Recently my assumption has been put to the test. Ben Gibbard, the singer of Death Cab for Cutie and Postal Service, has posted online a list of his top-ten favorite Hall & Oates songs. And it's not just him. I asked Ajax Green, formerly of the band Gratefuloon Bus, what he thought of Hall & Oates, and he went on at length about the soulfulness of Daryl Hall's voice, the magnificence of John Oates's mustache, and how when you listen to "Sara Smile" and "She's Gone" alone with headphones on, "If you have ever known sadness, you will understand, and

these songs will transport you up to heaven."

I can't always tell when Ajax is being serious, so I asked his friend Russ Blackmar to elaborate. He said that a few years ago while spinning records at nightclubs he found that "not only would people put up with H&O, they would totally eat it up." He continued, "Nowadays, it's funny — I hear 'Sara Smile' and 'I Can't Go for That' all the time, being DJ'd all over the place."

Sarah Guerin, the third fan I talked to, put things in perspective: "I hate to say that I'm petitioning others to accept the brilliance that is Hall & Oates, but I have no problem telling people that I listen to them. I'd much rather sit on my couch and listen to H&O or Bread or the Little River Band or Boston than go to some hipster retard party to see assholes try to out-cool each other."



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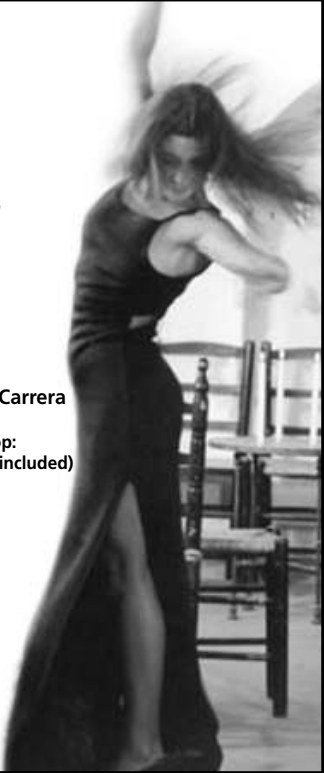
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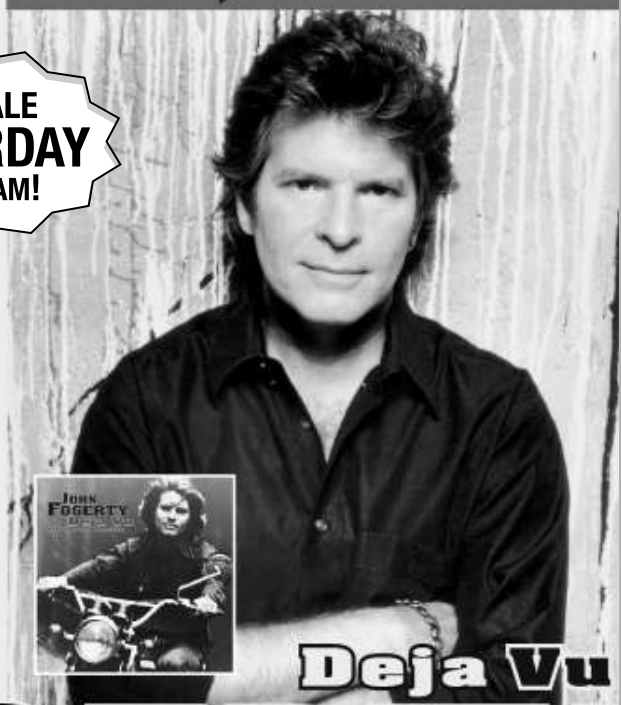
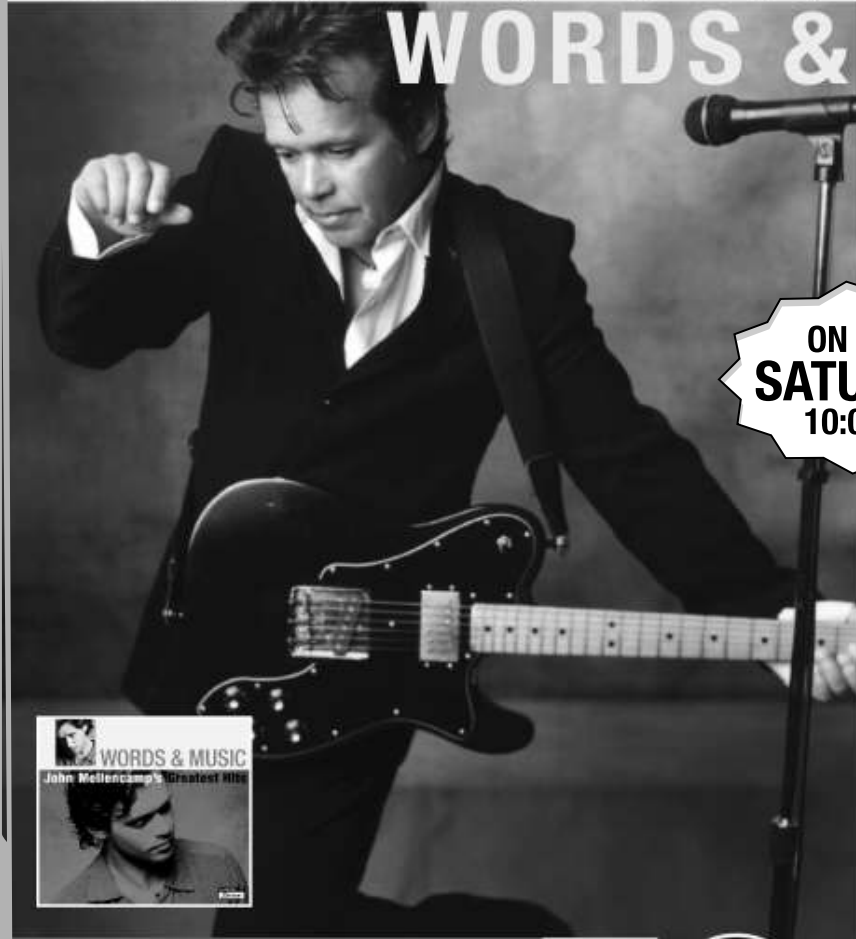
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Booty Basement: Fourth Saturday of the month, rap, booty bass, and '80s with DJs Rob, Ikah, and Dimitri. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

Club Ballyhoos: Wednesdays, electro, '80s, and indie with DJ Richard D and DJ B.; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Club Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. 619-521-4747.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

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Deviantly Dark: Sundays, dark, driving progressive house and breakbeats with DJs Emmet Masterson and Joe P; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Faction-6: First Tuesday of the month, elektroclash, indie, and synthpop with DJs B-czar, Talbot, and NarcoLept. No cover; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Thursdays, college DJs spin party breaks, house, and club remixes. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggaeton. Sundays, Sunday night jam. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

HiFi: Third Saturday of the month, '80s, britpop, and indie with DJs B-czar and Richard D. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

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MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, *Saturday Night Mix*, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.


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.

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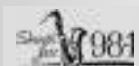
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Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163, Hillcrest. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Sanctuary Sundays: House, hip-hop, and Latin dance with DJs Xcite, Moreno, and Puga, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; no cover. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

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.

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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 4 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., *the Abyssinians* and *the Devastators*, reggae. Friday, 9 p.m., *Hot August Night*, Neil Diamond tribute. Saturday, 9 p.m., *General Public* featuring *Dave Wakeling*, ska, and *the Skeletones*. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Proper Jive* and *Teresa Russell and Cocobilli*, rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the Jerry Garcia Band* and *Plump*, alternative.

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. to 8 p.m., *the Baja Blues Boys*, 9 p.m., rock. Monday, rock. Wednesday, country.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday and Friday, *Criminal Funk*, rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Int'l Silver Strings* *Submarine Band* featuring *Billy Watson*, blues.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Cory Wilkens*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *the Kyle Jester Blues Show*. Friday, *Fuerte*, salsa. Saturday, *Palos*, Latin. Sunday, *Thomas Yearsley*. Monday, *Eladio*. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Blue Largo*, blues/jazz.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant, 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-2818. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Band in Black*, rockabilly.



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Album name: *Big Back Yard* (2004)

Artist: Big Back Yard

Label: self-released

Songs: 1) Buzzes 2) Temporary 3) San Francisco 4) Foreplay 5) Money Pit 6) Callous 7) Numb Inside

Price/Where Available: Send a mail request to BBY Music, 852 Reed St. #3, San Diego CA 92109. \$4 plus shipping and handling

Names of band members: Ventura Natividad (vocals), Derek Dossey (guitar), Kyle Turk (drums), Andy Kirk (bass), Adam Tierney (keyboard)

Extra info: Big Back Yard is being considered by Arista and Universal, says guitarist Derek Dossey

Website: www.bbymusic.com

Five-piece jam band Big Back Yard mixes up rock, reggae, and ska on their debut disc. The first few cuts are short and sweet, heavy on the reggae and funk influences. "Buzzes," the strongest track, is the band at its best; a tight

chorus with intermittent singing that acquiesces to the percussion's wandering melody line.

The weightier tracks are carried by the voice of front man Ventura Natividad. Though each vocal performance is solid, the lyrics pale

in comparison to the rhythms. "Callous" features the band's longest lines: "Take this callus off my soul, I don't want it there no more." Apart from this, there isn't much verbal cohesion. Though, in this case, it proves to be a good thing. While repetitive lines and fragmented phrases that aren't so eloquently assembled hinder the instrumental synergy, this allows the sound backing them to develop into something sharp, fresh, and able to hide any minor lapses in songwriting.

The third cut, "San Francisco," deviates from the laid-back melodies. Starting out as a soft, piano-based ballad, the song soon breaks into a rocker with the addition of lofty guitar riffs. There are ample reggae overtones throughout the disc, but the music always culminates in raucous rock-propelled choruses. "Money Pit" incorporates a hybrid reggae/folk element with a rhythm carried



Big Back Yard

by Natividad's raspy vocals. The disc ends with the rolling acoustics of "Numb Inside."

Big Back Yard's music possesses a certain roughness that accentuates the strength of its solid vocal harmonies and mellow instrumentals. In spite of a few unpolished technical edges, the use of improvisation transforms the group's musicianship into an honest attempt at revamping three very different genres.

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Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Three Legged Dog*, rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Zydeco Blues Patrol*, blues. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*, blues. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock. 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bruce Cameron*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Torpedo Betty*, blues/swing.

Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Performances are on the patio. Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Blue Largo*, blues/jazz. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Fabulous Woodies*, surf sounds. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Lomatones*, classic rock.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove*, rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock.

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. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/heavy rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Doomsday Device*, *A Knife for Cadence*, and *Turtle Click*. Friday, *Flood the Sky*, *Headtrip Superstar*, *Orson*, and *the Ups*. Saturday, *Abigail's Attic*, *LP*, *Roxie Monoxide*, and *Shut Up Marie*. Wednesday, call club for information.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 3 *EZ Pieces*, blues. Friday, *the King Fish Blues Band*. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues/rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues. Monday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band*.

La Paloma Theatre, 471 South Coast Highway, Encinitas. 760-436-7469. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Rhonda Vincent & the Rage*, bluesgrass.

Leucadian Bar, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Custard Pie*, classic rock/blues.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Innocent*, rock.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Freshly Squeezed* and *Eleven Eyes*, rock/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 Street, 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, *the Old Town Jazz Band*, Dixieland jazz. Friday, *the Bandana Band* and *See Spot Run*, world beat.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Saturday, live music. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., *the Red Pepper Jazz Band*, Dixieland jazz.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

The Pine Hills Lodge, 2960 La Posada Way, Julian. 760-765-1100. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Cowboy Jack*, country.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live rock.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Biscocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Scalini, 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-259-9944. Thursday through Saturday, live jazz. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Sambajazz*, American and Brazilian jazz.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Nervous Fire*, *the Marches of May*, *Deverb* and *Foil*. Friday, *Hellbound Hayride*. Saturday, *Innocent Noise*, *Flight Risk*, and *Dear Whoever*.

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Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Powell*, blues/jazz.

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Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is heavy rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Saturday, *Divided by Zero*, *Media Lab*, *Broken Foundation*, *Downspell*, and *Malachi Crunch*.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international dance music.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Wednesday, live jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *the Kneehighs*, hip-hop, 9:30 p.m., *Dumbluck*, rock/reggae, 10 p.m., *Faded Chronicles*, hip-hop, 11 p.m., *the Biddy Bums*, rock/reggae. Saturday, 10 p.m., *the Derren Raser Band*, acoustic/folk.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *the Pickford*

Party, rock. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae.

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 Ross*.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live music.

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Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Riot House*, rock. Saturday, live rock. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis*, acoustic. Wednesday, *the Bartones*, rock.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Thursday, *Amelia Browing*, *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 Irish music.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Those Dang Robinsons*. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Percolorators*, 9:30 p.m., *Steam and Rule of Thump*. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Plump*. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*. Tuesday, *La Lluvia* and *Pocket*. Wednesday, *Granian* and *Fat Camp*.

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Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., *David Timothy Smith*.

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DANCE FLOOR ► a small area in front of band; during DJs, people dance in all areas of the restaurant

BATHROOMS ► you have to leave the restaurant and go around the corner to use bathrooms (100 feet away); both the men's and women's restrooms had one toilet and one sink and were clean and graffiti-free

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DECIBEL LEVEL ► 113 when Billy Love did a cover of "You Send Me" by Sam Cooke

WEIRDEST BAND NAME ► Blue Insomnia

QUOTABLE ► "It's weird applauding when only four people are here."

There was a small crowd the first time I came here. An elderly couple ate dinner on one side of the restaurant, and we were on the other. So close to Billy Love, the acoustic guitar seemed loud. I wondered how many people know about this place. When I asked the manager, he said, "We are packed during racing season. Sometimes it's slow during the week."

I loved hearing Sam Cooke songs that sounded like Cooke singing them. When Love performed songs by ELO, America, Creed, and Boston, they all

sounded great. I liked that they didn't sound like the record. "The Needle and the Damage Done" by Neil Young and Cream's weird, psychedelic "Tales of Brave Ulysses" were great surprises.

After scarfing my chicken-satay appetizer and pizza, I split with my date. When I returned, DJ Sandra was playing a great mix of dance tunes for a bigger crowd.

I told the manager how much I liked the place but had never seen it before. He said, "We've been here three years. A lot of people come in and say they live in Del Mar but have never seen us before."

I walked over to talk to a couple at the end of the bar and asked them how often they come here. The guy said, "Once in a while. My wife loves the martinis." She elbowed him and told him to shut up. He continued, "We can't go around the corner, with all those clubs and restaurants. I don't know if it's so crowded because of all the tourists over there, but we'd rather have a nice, quiet dinner here. It's a quaint little place, and actually a pretty happenin' club at night."

It's the nicest place I've been to in six months.

— Josh Board

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Harold & Chris*, Irish and American

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Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *On Broken Wings, From a Second Story Window, Reflux, Ion Dissonance, and With Hope's Last Breath.*

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, *the Life of Brian*, rock.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Friday, *Static X*, rock. Tuesday, *Luciano*. Wednesday, *Merle Haggard*, country.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Full Effect Band*, jazz. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Latino Express*, 9:30 p.m., *the Detroit Underground*, rock/soul. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, disco/dance. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Monday, 9:30 p.m., *the Eve Selis Band*, roadhouse rock. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak*. Wednesday, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

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The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the West Coast Pin Ups*, country rock.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Acoustic Underground*. Friday, *Renata Youngblood and Campaign for Quiet*. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Allison Lonsdale*, 8:30 p.m., *Jose Sinatra*. Sunday, *Bad Credit* and *Numskull*, rock/alternative. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Kyler England, Sara Petite, and Saba*.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Live rock/alternative/folk music. Call club for information.

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Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *New Direction*. Monday, *the David Shard Duo*.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Monday, 9 p.m., *the Scene Index, the Clockwork Army, the Esthas, and Airport 81*, indie rock.

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Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Billy*

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Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Capriccio String Quartet*, classical music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Good Morning Milo* with *Cindy & John*. Friday, *Christopher Mast, John January, Just John & the Dude, and Matthew Jordan*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the B-3 Four*, jazz.

DOWNTOWN

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The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Mother Hips and Piñata*. Friday, *Billy Zoom, Three Bad Jacks, and Rip Carson*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Juana Molina and Arabella Harrison*. Sunday, *Jesse Sykes & the Sweet Hereafter, Inara George, and L'altra*. Monday, *Dressy Bessy, the Daffodils, and the Jessica Fletchers*. Tuesday, *Enon, the Thunderbirds Are Now! and Sparrow*. Wednesday, *Disposable Income, Hostile Combover, and Rail Them to Death*.

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Rather than admit the truth, Big Daddy has pretended to love them all.

One of my favorite stage directions comes in Act Two of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. Arguing that drama shouldn't give easy answers, Tennessee Williams adds: "Some mystery should be left in the revelation of character in a play, just as a great deal of mystery is always left in the revelation of character in life, even in one's own character to himself."

He refers to Brick Pollitt, Ole Miss All-American, in the late 1940s, and national TV sports announcer, now impotent alcoholic suffering a "disgust with life." Gossip — in the play and the audience — blames his relationship with Skipper. Brick says it was a "true, clean" friendship. Others allege that the football buddies were lovers, which explains why Brick will no longer sleep with his wife, Maggie. But does it? Or is it just an easy answer that masks a deeper spiritual crisis?

Brick is life-blown. He's known stardom, soared above the heights. Now he can't even clear a hurdle on his high school's track. To return "a person in Brick's state of spiritual despair" to the living — and life-creating — with a quick solution at play's end, Williams said, would be artistically false. It would be yet another lie in a play brimming with mendacity.

Lies have held the largest cotton plantation in the Mississippi Delta together. Big Daddy, who owns the 28,000-acre estate, defines mendacity as "having to pretend stuff you don't think or feel

or have any idea of." Big Daddy can't stand his wife, Big Mama, eldest son Gooper, his wife and their five "screechers." Rather than admit the truth, Big Daddy has pretended to love them all for four decades, and vice versa. It's a cover-up.

But the Band-Aid's too small for the wound.

Big Daddy's dying of cancer. But those wanting to inherit the plantation pretend he isn't. They

kiss up, tout the lie. Amid this tangled web, in which mendacity spreads like cancer, Brick's blank despair almost seems sane.

I never say that you must see a show. What you must do's your own business. But please, if you love live theater, do not miss Cygnet's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. It is wonderful.

In effect, Williams didn't write a play. He wrote a musical score, a symphony of emotions, from "soft" to extreme, in three movements. At Cygnet, under Sean Murray's expert direction (and on Murray's subtle, raked set), everything contributes: every sound has value (is that a little dog barking in the thunder?), the lighting ranges from lyrical to raging, and the cast — as fine a local ensemble as you'll ever see — blends and jars with striking fluidity.

Francis Gercke and Jessica John (who makes Act One an extended solo riff) are excellent as the emotionally paralyzed Brick and steaming, determined Maggie. Tom Stephenson's understated Gooper and Melissa Fernandes' Mae (who is *really*



Jessica John in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, by Tennessee Williams

Cygnet Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area

Directed by Sean Murray; cast: Paul Bourque, Jim Chovick, Jessica John, Francis Gercke, Sandra Ellis-Troy, Melissa Fernandes, Tom Stephenson, Michael Thomas Tower; scenic design, Murray; costumes, Michael Dondanville II; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, M. Scott Grabau

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pregnant) give three-dimensional support. Sandra Ellis-Troy and Jim Chovick bookend the play as larger-than-life Big Mama and Daddy. At one point, inundated by mendacity and sudden disillusionment, Big Daddy does this amazingly slow, 360-degree turn that...Nope. Enough. Go see for yourself.

On the Starkadders' *Cold Comfort Farm*, in Howling, Sussex, old Adam's milking the cows: Pointless, Feckless, Aimless, and Graceless (whose wooden leg's come loose); Rennet just dove down the well again (she does whenever an ex-boyfriend is mentioned); Amos's off preaching to the Quiverers (their favorite hymn: "Whatever shall we do, O Lord?"); Seth is probably "moll-licking" another local lass; when not writing poetry, young Elfine's a gossamer blur, flitting about like a hummingbird. Upstairs, madder than the Havishams, Aunt Ada Doom bemoans a horror she saw decades ago in the wood-



Season Duffy, Matt Thompson, Sarah Zimmerman in *Cold Comfort Farm*

shed — the smokehouse? Or is hers a madness of convenience? After all, she eats enough for three.

Enter Flora Post. After an "expensive, athletic, and prolonged" education, she has a choice: find real work, or begin a career as a "parasite" on her relatives. Though "untidy lives" bug her no end, Flora heads to *Cold Comfort*, where she will be the first "civilized being" to grace the farm, and where she will tidy up each and every Starkadder.

Stella Gibbons wrote as if she always got a good night's sleep. Some call *Cold Comfort Farm* the funniest book ever written (Ra-

belais's mighty *Gargantua and Pantagruel* has it beat, but not in a cakewalk). By the early 1930s, romance novels of agricultural life filled British bookstalls: bleak, predictable tomes in which grimy characters outangst each other. Convinced it was "sheer flappedoodle," Gibbons parodied the rural craze by plunking a young — and controlling (and so self-controlled she's "a masterpiece of repressed passion") — sophisticate in its midst. Gibbons takes the parody a step further: she rates her most purple passages with from one to three stars.

Flora's guru is Abbe Fausse-Maigre, who preached: "Never

confront an enemy at the end of a journey, unless it happens to be his journey."

Novels turned into plays or movies often get lost in the transition. What's usually missing is the narrator's distinctive voice. Paul Doust's adaptation of *Cold Comfort* has other problems — with rhythms and a need to tie, then re-tie loose ends. But he's transformed Gibbon's voice, and humor, onto the stage.

So has, with a severe exception, Lamb's Players Theatre. Employing a Gothic-Goofy style, the Starkadders are played so over-the-top that mere silliness rules. Hunkering around like simians, the actors not only parody rural novels, they parody themselves. This wears thin.

But then Doren Elias dazzles as Mr. Neck, a Hollywood producer/blazing comet. As do Mike Buckley's two sets (rustic farmhouse kitchen with a monstrous sukebind plant threatening to choke it; and classy estate exterior); Jeanne Reith's costumes, from elemental to elegant; and Nate Parde's burnt-orange lighting.

Critics usually err when they proclaim that an actor's made a breakthrough perfor-

mance. More often than not, the actor, who may have waited years, finally lands the right role. Case in point: Sarah Zimmerman. Usually given ensemble parts, she's a terrific Flora. Dressed in smart slacks, a silk blouse, and flowing scarf, Flora becomes a young Kate Hepburn: assured, urbane, cutting, funny, and reason enough to see the show. ■

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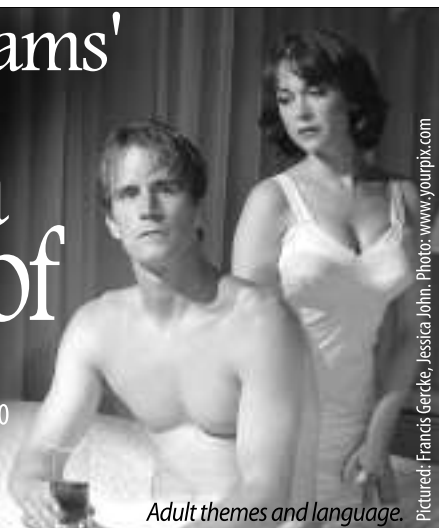


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Iago on the evil-ladder. NCRT's opening night was shaky, in part because David Ellenstein's direction wavered between sharp sections and fussy crossings and blockings on Marty Burnett's gloriously detailed set. The genuine interest lies how Rosina Reynolds embraces Esme's arc. Both move from the theatrical, in life and art, to the real. At the end of an outstanding performance, Reynolds doesn't present Esme's heart through externals; she invites you into it. When she does, Reynolds might break yours. Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, 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.

Assassins

For two nights only, Cygnet Theatre presents a staged reading of Stephen Sondheim's musical with an all-star cast. Manny Fernandes directed, musical direction by Andy Ingersoll and Amy Dalton. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, MONDAY, JUNE 20 AND TUESDAY, JUNE 21 AT 8:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

Autosapiens and Other Species

Hip and Heet Productions presents a theatrical musical, written and performed by Lory Tatoulian, with music by Ara Dabandjian. DIZZY'S, 344 SEVENTH AVENUE (BETWEEN J AND K), DOWNTOWN, THURSDAY, JUNE 16 AT 8:00 P.M. 858-483-5136.

Bronze

Sledgehammer Theatre presents the world premiere of Ruff Yeager's comedy about a bronze-medal ice skater holding hostages at gunpoint in an all-night diner. Yeager directed. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, ST. CECILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JULY 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Reviewed this issue. Critic's Pick CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH JULY 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525. EXT. 3.

Cold Comfort Farm

Reviewed this issue. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH JULY 17; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-6050.

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.

For Reasons That Remain Unclear

6th@Penn Theatre presents Mart Crowley's drama, which asks: "what would you sacrifice to erase the past?" Claudio Raygoza directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAY, JUNE 18, THROUGH JULY 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SELECTED WEDNESDAYS) AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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, 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.

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Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

The Culy 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 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 Last Sunday in June

Korbett Kompany Productions stages Jonathan Tolins's drama about a gay couple whose guests converse "about

relationships, self-acceptance, and the very meaning of what it is to be gay." Bob Korbett directed. ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, (AT IDAHO), NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH JUNE 19; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 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 Mari-pat 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 unexpressed memories). Hulking around in heavy black gabardine, a python-sized rosary coiled at her waist, she commands such a presence that eyes avert when she glares at them. And — whether threatening 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 who had an old-school, parochial education. And everyone else.

Worth a try.

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Latinologues

For one performance only, Rick Najera’s popular “comedy about Latino life in America” comes to the Spreckels. SPRECKELS THEATRE, 121 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN, SATURDAY, JUNE 25 AT 8:00 P.M. 619-220-TIXS.

Lobby Hero

In Kenneth Lonergan’s moral comedy Jeff, security guard for a Manhattan high-rise, tells a lie to save his job. He didn’t fall asleep at his desk, he swears. Three others — all in uniform, responsible for the security of the building, or of New York — face larger versions of the same choice, and all raise urgent moral questions about where the line gets drawn. The dilemmas of *Lobby Hero* intensify so much, even the title gets tricky. The play registers high on the verbiage scale (when someone enters, you expect them to give a 20-minute speech), and the opening night performance at the Carter had some “air,” slow patches that needed excision. But to the credit of director Kirsten Brandt, and a quality cast: Mark Espinosa as an NYPD blue super-

cop; J. August Richards as a conflicted security captain; Lauren Lovett as a rookie cop who watches her partner make more violations than most criminals — all do excellent work. And Nick Cordileone’s portrayal of Jeff, the well-meaning security guard adept at self-sabotage, is special. His earnestness makes him sympathetic and hilarious. And thanks to Jeff’s probings, by indirections the conflict in the lobby begin to find directions out.

Worth a try.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH JUNE 26; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

The Lost Players’ Rapunzel

The world premiere musical at the Lyceum encourages audiences to watch “as the child you used to be.” But even a child would have trouble with a meandering script, lame, forgettable songs, and in-jokes only a child-actor would get. Not to mention that the show tries so hard to please, just about everything’s at cross-purposes. There are plusses: Leigh Scaritt as an evil diva; Rebecca Spear as an intelligent ingeune; David McBean

tightrope-walking spotlit circles. But the script has fundamental problems with emphasis and a reticence to take itself seriously. Douglas Sheehan, Hoover High graduate and an actor with proven longevity, wrote the book, music, and lyrics — and wrote himself the largest part, the Player Captain. In effect, *Rapunzel*’s a star vehicle for a secondary character. Sheehan’s an engaging narrator, with a natural warmth. But revisions of *Rapunzel* — which should be legion — could begin by pruning his part by half: especially the pirate scene in Act Two. When the pace needs picking up, he does a good ten minutes on his career, even autographs headshots. LYCEUM STAGE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JUNE 26; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY 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 chauvinists ranging from a 123-year-old geezer still searching for the perfect woman to the Colonel, who deals with women by the book...his book. Ford Austin plays Bobby and the MCPs with an engaging audience rapport and an ability to disappear into another character. Robert Dubac wrote *Male Intellect*, which, like *Forever Plaid* and *Late-Nite Catechism*, has become an international touring show (you can’t help but hear the author, behind the jokes, patting himself on the back for being such a sensitive dude). Asked which character he identified with most, Dubac replied: “Separately they are individuals, but put together all one guy. Women who see the play say, ‘I’ve been out with every one of those guys!’ ”

Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, ONGOING RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Symmetry,” “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.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

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.

Palm Beach: the Screwball Musical

The La Jolla Playhouse opens its season with this musical homage to the “madcap screwball movies of the 1930s.” Liz doesn’t realize that “her chosen beau’s family has as many skeletons in the closet as diamonds in their jewelry box.” Des McAnuff directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, LA JOLLA, THROUGH JULY 17; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

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 BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE 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 an evening with the notorious Baritone family: “gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun.” DIAMOND BAR/CULY THEATRE, 338 SEVENTH AVENUE (ALSO LAFAYETTE INN AND SUITES, NORTH PARK), OPEN-ENDED RUN; “SELECTED FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS” AT 7:30 P.M. 800-944-5639.

The Tale of the Allergist’s Wife

Laguna Playhouse stages Charles Busch’s comedy about a depressed doctor’s wife reunited with a mysterious childhood friend. Joel Bishoff directed. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH JUNE 26; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

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 CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH JUNE 26; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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Tropical Transplant

Distant wars, nearby tables: Thirty years ago, North Vietnam conquered Saigon, the capital city of South Vietnam. When the U.S. withdrew in '72, many professionals and prosperous businesspeople came to the U.S. Members of the South Vietnamese military, on the other hand, couldn't desert their posts. But once Saigon fell, it was too dangerous for them to stay, and they, too, fled. San Francisco saw the first waves of both sets of immigrants. The first group opened several casual Vietnamese eateries. The last-minute military migrants founded top-notch restaurants: A former general opened the first serious Vietnamese dinner house in the Bay Area, and an air force navigator owns another. One man settled in Southern California — a pilot. He opened our own Le Bambou, the first Vietnamese restaurant in San Diego, and the best I've tried here.

Le Bambou's charm begins with its ambiance. Live bamboo plants grow from glass-bricked dividing walls. Each white-clothed table bears a vase of fresh flowers, often pink and yellow roses from the owners' home garden. The chic hostess, one of the owners' daughters, is swift, fluent in English, and alert to diners' needs. She even memorizes the longest orders and helps newbies learn Vietnamese eating customs.

After a scouting visit, I lassoed four friends who were new to this cuisine: world travelers Keith and Cheryl (mom to a rug rat) and regulars Sam and the Lynne. The appetizers arrived, each platter laden with a heap of lettuce leaves, fresh mint and cilantro, and raw veggies (bean sprouts, julienned carrots, sliced tomatoes, and/or sliced cukes), with minor variations from plate to plate. Most included at least one dipping sauce in a bowl on the side, and some also came with a covered container filled with warm, translucent rice-paper crêpes.

I told my friends that these are not mere decorations. The appetizers are interactive — you get to play with them. (And, to the Vietnamese, this means that you'll appreciate them more keenly.) Whatever the dish — be it Imperial Rolls or rolled beef fillets or grilled shrimp — if it comes with greens, "wrap" it. Place the stuff on a lettuce leaf, add herbs, veggies, dip to your own preferences, and roll it all up. (If rice crêpes come with the dish, you set the lettuce leaf atop one of those first. Be sure to close the container again, to keep the remaining crêpes from hardening.) Then take the package in hand and get up close and personal with your vittles. By



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the time the entrées arrived, Cheryl had swiped one of her toddler's lettuce leaves, explaining, "Already, I like the appetizers better. You get to roll everything up and eat with your fingers. Going back to a fork is boring."

There are a dozen choices on the appetizer menu, and another two on the list of ten house specialties. An appetizer of ground shrimp grilled on sugarcane is the best version I've tasted since leaving San Francisco. The dish originated as a delicacy from the old royal palace at Huế (in the center of the country), but at too many local restaurants it has the plebeian texture of bubble gum. Here, it's a tender, sweet-flavored shrimp-cake. It's served already separated from the spent sugarcane that flavors it and comes with rice-paper crêpes, greenery, and a spicy peanut sauce that's complex and tangy, with an almost imperceptible bass note of *nuoc mam* Vietnamese fish sauce.

Among the restaurant's pleasures are such rarely found treasures as "Golden Coins" — patties mingling barbecued ground shrimp and pork, shaped

into sausages and sliced into thin ovals. Imperial Rolls have deep-fried flour-batter wrappers that are thinner than egg rolls, thicker than spring rolls. We loved them with a pork and vegetable stuffing but reveled in an unusual seafood variation featuring small whole shrimp, minced pork, bulk crabmeat, and cabbage threads. The dip for both is *nuoc cham*, a sweet and peppery sauce (again based on the fish sauce, which you can't really taste).

"Stuffed Squid" are baby calamari filled with ground shrimp, pork, chicken, mushrooms, onions, and bean threads, sparked with black pepper. They're flash-fried until crunchy and served halved lengthwise, swathed in a dark, sweet, smoky sauce (a sort of Vietnamese barbecue sauce), along with the usual greenery. "The stuffing is like a Parisian pâté made from Asian ingredients," said Lynne. That was hardly surprising, given France's long occupation of Indochina. Soft-shell crabs, the most debatable (and expensive) of the appetizers, offered molting crustaceans with exceptionally fragile shells. Their cornstarch coating seemed to guzzle up the

Le Bambou

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PICK HITS: Seafood Imperial Rolls, Ground Shrimp on Sugarcane, Golden Coins, Lacqué Duck, Shaking Beef, Sautéed Scallops (or shrimp) in Tamarind Sauce, Star of the Sea Curry.

NEED TO KNOW: Two blocks west of the Del Mar Heights exit from I-5, near Vons in the Del Mar Village mini-mall. Casual, quiet, comfortable. Plenty of vegetarian dishes. Menu in clear English; intelligent service.

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canola frying oil. They arrived in a flurry of neutral-tasting bulk crabmeat, caramelized onions, and greens, with a side dish of tangy, mysteriously purple sauce.

Our choice of soup wasn't optimal. The menu described *Suông* as "special prepared shrimp with rice noodles in tangy chicken broth." It sounded so exotic, we had to try it. The shrimp's specialness? They were ground and reassembled into Chee-tos-shaped squiggles. So far, so good, but the broth wasn't tangy. Instead, it had a squeak-in-the-teeth sweetness, borne of sugar and (oddly) turnips. A dash from the table ramekin of Asian red chili sauce improved the balance, but next time I'll choose the spicy shrimp soup.

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The menu divides entrées into Vegetarian, Beef, Chicken, and Seafood categories. (Although pork is used in many appetizers, it doesn't get an entrée category to itself.) More entrées appear on the "Le Bambou Specialties" list. Even if eating with a fork is less fun, the best of the main dishes soon won everyone over. Scallops in tamarind sauce featured sautéed Asian bay scallops surrounded by a sweet-tangy sauce. "This is really a sophisticated flavor," said traveling man Keith, who'd chosen this dish.

The superstar entrée was "Star of the Sea Curry." Southeast Asian curries bear no relationship to Indian curries, but those culture-blind European imperialists picked up the Hindi word (*gari*), mispronounced and misspelled it, and spread it all over Asia as a catch-all term for any piquant stew. The seafood component in the Star Curry includes shrimp, hatch-cut calamari, and scallops, with fresh snow peas for vegetal sweetness. The silky coconut-

cream sauce tingles with touches of chili, lemongrass, and cilantro. The more we ate, the more we loved it. But as in most Asian restaurants, the hotness of your curry defaults to perceived ethnicity. A pale face automatically gets you a "two" on a spiciness scale of ten. If you want a hotter dish, you will have to ask (or beg) for it when you order. In emergencies, however, there's always that ramekin of red chili sauce.

On the meatier side, the tasty "Shaking Beef" offers garlic-marinated steak cubes, grilled with onion and scallion slices (like an unskewered kebab), with salad vegetables. Beef with pineapple matches beef slices with pineapple chunks, cilantro, celery tops, and near-raw tomato slices. "I'm a little disappointed with this," said my partner. "Since the dish is stir-fried, the flavors stay strangers to each other." The next day, however, even he had to admit that, after a night's rest in the fridge, the tastes had harmonized. (Doggie bags are a great invention!)

Strangely enough, the "Le Bambou Specialties" list included both the weakest and strongest dishes sampled. Thumbs up for "Lacqué

Duck" (*vit quay*) — half a large duck, easily enough to feed two with no other entrée. It resembles Cantonese "barbecued duck" with its glossy, soy-rubbed skin and sweet glaze — but unlike most Chinese takeout duck, it's not swamped with MSG. It arrives with a heap of cooked onions and scallions and a pristine *au jus* sauce.

The darker side of the house specials includes "Clay Pot Rice" — a starchy mixture containing an interesting array of ingredients cooked nearly dry. The Cornish game hens "Le Bambou" were also dry from reheating. While many other Vietnamese restaurants rub the birds with aromatic five-spice powder, Le Bambou eschews this Chinese flavoring. (Apparently, Del Mar folk prefer it so; owner Andy Do tells me that it's a top-selling item.) The combination fried rice "Le Bambou" proved to be an ordinary, clumpy mixture of rice and protein bits mediated by scrambled egg. "Even I can cook this," said Sam. "It's the same as what you might make at home, using yesterday's rice and leftovers."

There are several fruity desserts, but the appetizer and entrée portions are so generous, we couldn't handle more food.

The charming wine list includes numerous French bottlings at merciful markups, including several serious reds and a deliciously fruity Trimbach Alsatian Gewürztraminer that's the perfect quaff with Southeast Asian food. ("That's what I drink myself," says Mr. Do.) A tasty Pouilly-Fumé proved a drier but still appetizing alternative. There are plenty of California bottlings, too — but the fruity white Frenchies are obviously so much fun with this cuisine. And for a true taste of old Saigon, beer lovers can opt for 33 Beer, a Vietnamese brand that even beer-haters like me can enjoy: It's made for the tropics, to accompany a tropical cuisine.

Over the years, San Diego has gained scores of newer Vietnamese eateries serving *pho* and other tasty peasant dishes. I love a good *pho*, but I miss the elegant cuisine of decadent, sophisticated Saigon that I learned to love up north. When the *Reader* was doing annual "bests" issues, Le Bambou won the reader poll for best Vietnamese cuisine every year from 1996 onward. Here's another vote.

ABOUT LE BAMBOU

Owner Andy Do didn't set out

to be a restaurateur. "I was a pilot in the South Vietnamese air force. When Saigon fell in 1975, we had to leave. We had relatives living in San Diego, studying at UCSD. They said, 'Come to San Diego — nice weather, everybody's friendly.' So we came, and they were right about everything.

"I thought about becoming a pilot again here, but my wife didn't want me to. She thought it was too dangerous. I had to find some other way to make a living. My wife had a good background in cooking — her mother taught her. She's from the north, where women are very good cooks. So when she was cooking for the family, for friends, everyone said, 'Why don't you open a restaurant?' In Saigon, I used to eat in restaurants a lot, so she cooked a lot of things for me, I tasted them and told her which ones were good enough to serve in a restaurant." I asked whether there's much French influence on their food. "Yes, naturally, French food had a strong influence on Vietnamese cooking. Our food is a blend of Asian and French.

"In 1977, we opened Le Bambou in East San Diego. It was the first Vietnamese

restaurant here. In 1987 we moved it to Del Mar. It is still our family's restaurant. My wife still cooks here. We have six children, from 21 to 40 years old, and three or sometimes four of them work here. They're learning to cook, so perhaps they will eventually take over."

He and his wife have had to adapt their cuisine not only to American tastes but to Del Mar tastes in particular. For instance, he can't use ground beef. "It's too fatty, and our customers don't want fat. When people are rich, they worry about their health — they want to live a very long time." They've also had to back way down on the heat of their spicy dishes. "We always ask how hot people want it, on a scale of 1 to 10. But when Americans ask for 'very spicy,' we still give them a 5. Me? When I eat, it's a 10 — or a 15."

Note: On the reviews of Nobu and Samurai, graphic errors were made in translating split ratings into stars. The correct ratings: Nobu had 4 stars for sushi, 2½ stars for the dinner menu; Samurai had 4½ stars for sushi, 2 stars for the dinner menu. ■

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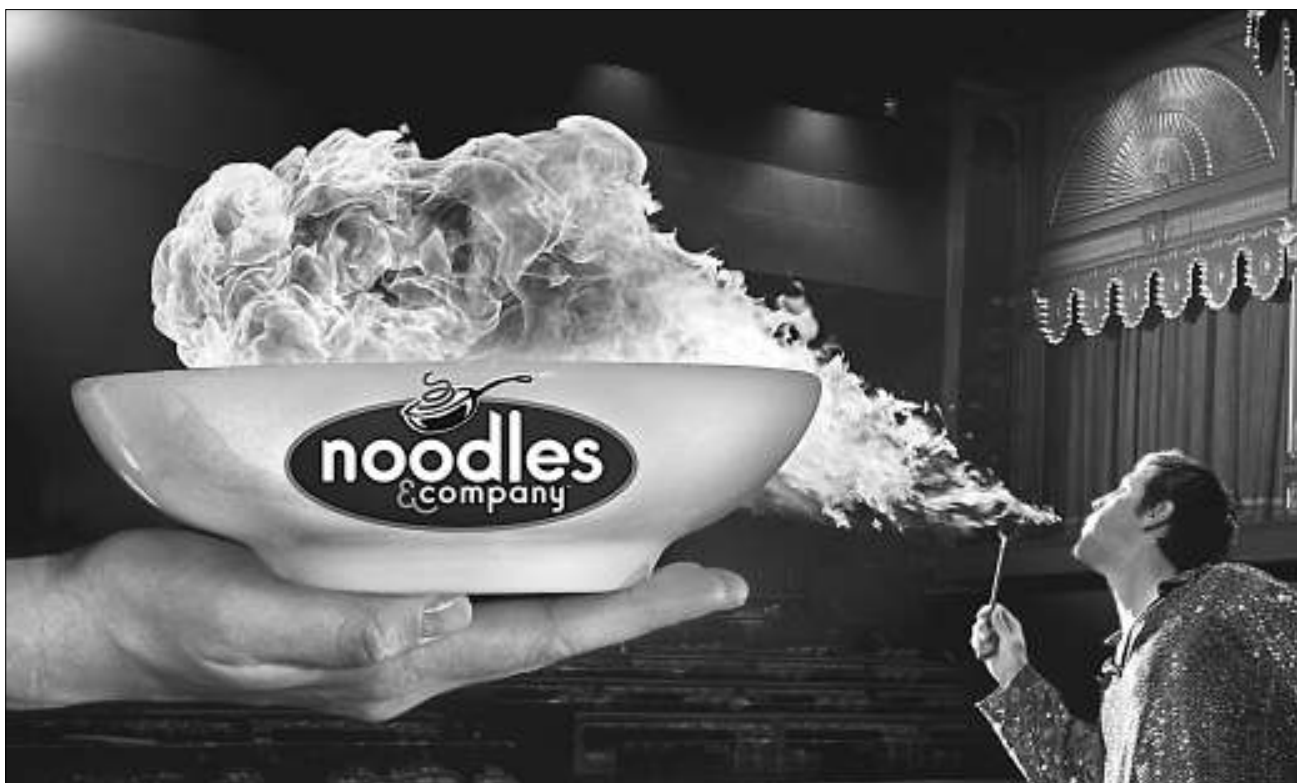
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"What a day. Nothing's falling right. Gimme a beer, sweetheart. And meatballs. Your famous meatballs."

Oh, man. It's hot, and I need a drink. I'm up here about a job. A one-week affair helping clean up a warehouse — could be some surplus furniture in it for me. Been walking miles, along one side of the Marines' Miramar airbase. Tomcats, choppers whoosh and clatter around the sky as I head into this totally forgettable strip mall. "The Filling Station," says a sign over a bar wedged into the corner. Wow. Looks like the ideal place to bring your *novia*, knowing you'd know, like, no one.

Not that I'd be alive today if I ever tried that on the lovely Carla. Can just see her sniffing my shirt for evidence, looking me straight in the eye, waiting for me to blink.

I shudder as I swing through the doors.

Man, it's dark in here. But slowly, I make out the tables and chairs, three pool tables, purple walls, orange walls. Out-of-state license plates. And signage.

I'm on a drinking team that has a pool problem.

When I feel athletic I go to a sports bar.

And here's a good one: *No Shooting Within City Limits*. It's metal, riddled with rusting bullet holes.

Seems I'm the only person here, though. Must be that time of day. Around three. Except for Katrina, behind the counter. She's blonde. Li'l tummy's exposed with the lowrider jeans. Big attractive eyes shine out in the half-light.

"Uh, do you have food?" I ask.

That's not why I came in, but guess I've gone onto autopilot.

"Sure," Katrina says. She points to a list on the back wall. Looks like a bunch of hot sandwiches, burgers, Philly cheesesteaks. I slide onto a stool.

"Something to drink?" Katrina asks.

"Cawfee?"

"Uh, no," she says. "Afraid not."

"Iced tea?" I'm trying hard to ignore the dripping Buds (\$2.25) in the cooler.

Katrina goes out back to look, comes in shaking her head. "Sorry. Not that either. How about soda?"

I get a Coke (\$2.00).

"And you'd like something to eat?" she asks.

At just this moment a guy walks in. "What a day," he says, dropping onto a stool. "Nothing's falling right. Gimme a beer, sweetheart. And meatballs. Your famous meatballs. I need comfort food."

I follow his eye to the whiteboard. Everything up there's a sandwich, too, one kind or another. "Lunch menu," it says. "All \$5.99."

"It's the dinner menu, too," Katrina says.

"Can you put ESPN on?" Mike says.

Katrina reaches up and flips the channels.

"You dish here?" Mike asks.

"Uh-huh. Can't seem to find it, though."

"Well, whatever. Noise. Just something that makes noise," Mike says.

I'm still working on the menu. Cheeseburger. Meatball, Philly cheesesteak, BBQ rib, grilled chicken breast, chicken Caesar salad. Then they have all the straight sandwiches like ham, turkey, roast beef, with Swiss, American, or cheddar cheese.

Oh, and a bunch of appetizers. French fries for

\$1.75, taquitos (\$2.75), onion rings (\$3.50), mozzarella cheese sticks (\$3.85), zucchini sticks (\$3.75), chicken nuggets (\$3.75), and macaroni and cheese (\$3.50).

"Guess I'll have the barbecue rib," I say, as a second guy wanders in.

"Well, if it isn't my favorite gal," he says, sitting down at the end stool.

"Well, if it isn't my favorite customer," says Katrina. She brings a Bud over and reaches across to give him a big hug.

"This is our time," says the guy, Shorty. "Whole bunch of us regulars come in between three and seven. Shell, Doc, Doug, Mike, AJ, Patrick, Trevor the Brit, Jeff, Wayne, Duane, Jim... we used to be in two groups, us over there — 'Perverts Corner' — and 'Liars' Corner' here. Now we're all over here. The 'Lying Perverts.'"

Shorty helps run a window installation business around the corner. "This has become a real nice pub. In the bad old days it was, like, a stripper joint. But now Jim and Letreasa — they own it — they've made it a *Cheers* kind of place. At night, you get lots of Marines from the airbase across the road, and they're great. But we're the three-to-seven crowd. It's our club really. We go to ball games together, all sorts of things."

"These are my guys," says Katrina. "They know where everything is. They know all the prices."

"And she cooks a whole dinner for happy-hour food every Thursday, right, Katrina?"

"Salisbury steak this Thursday," she says. "Sometimes I do chicken rice, chicken enchi-

ladas, lasagna. And it's all free to snack from."

She brings Mike's meatballs and my rib sandwich. I've got potato salad on the side, but I could have had French fries, onion rings, or macaroni salad.

"It's Tony Roma's BBQ rib patty," she says, as I chew into it. No ribs, of course, but it tastes really great. And she's brought a big pot of terracotta-colored barbecue sauce with it. There's lettuce, tomato, onion. And it's plenty of food. If this is the Filling Station, it's done its job.

"So where are the others?" I ask.

"They'll be here," says Shorty. "They have to. We all watch *Cops*."

At seven o'clock, says Shorty, it's like Cinderella at midnight. "Shift change. Bobby the bartender comes on. Two bouncers come in. Prices go up. Music changes. Karaoke cranks up. We get out. Whole new scene. Except we might stay for *Millionaire*, exercise our little brain cells."

Boy, I just remembered why I'm here.

"Anybody know where Activity Road is?" I ask.

"Just down Black Mountain Road."

"Black Mountain?"

"You're right next to it."

All right, then. If I play my cards right, I could be back for some of that free Salisbury steak.

I get up, think of asking Katrina, "Do I get a hug, too?" It's that kind of atmosphere. Then I think, no. Not a regular, yet. Besides, I can just see Carla's nostrils twitching, three hours from now, when we hug hello. ■

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Brian Loring didn't set out to ride the wine boards to success in the wine business, which is probably why he was able to do it at all. The wine boards — Internet bulletin boards/chat rooms such as the West Coast Wine Network (run by San Diego's own Brad Harrington) and eRobert-Parker.com — are not a good place to show up and flog your latest creation. The posters are a savvy bunch, many of them with deep cellars and oceans of experience. And they like their commercial independence — they're not in the business, not beholden to anyone. They're in it for the fun of it. You show up as CabFan2005 and start raving about the hedonistic fruit on your new Extravagance Reserve Cabernet (Egostroke Vineyard), and you're liable to get called out and flamed. The reason they didn't blast Loring when he started writing about Loring Wine Company? In part, because he was one of their own.

For now, Brian Loring still has a day job — he writes software — and it was through a couple of coworkers at Hughes Aircraft that he discovered the wine boards back in 1998. "It was just wine geeks talking about wine — finding new wines, telling about good experiences at wineries, asking silly questions like 'What's your favorite wine?'" Loring, a longtime devotee of Burgundy and California Pinot, became a vocal regular.

Then, in 1999, he bought three tons of Pinot Noir from his friend Norm Beko at Cottonwood Canyon; two years of helping out at harvest time had left Loring with the fever that convinces a body to abandon reason and start making wine.

Fortune smiled upon him.

"As a newbie starting out, I had no mad skills or anything," he admits. Pinot Noir was his great love, so naturally he wanted to make it — but Pinot is not known as a forgiving grape. Part of its reputation for inconsistency, suspects Loring, comes from the fact that

producers are often "dealing with fruit that's just on the edge of ripeness. At that point, it's really fragile."

Early on, however, he found himself getting into vineyards planted with newer, heartier clones, clones that produced riper, heartier fruit. (Loring buys all his grapes.) "Once you get rolling, the connections are just there. I found Clos Pepe on the Internet. I was going to get grapes from James Ontiveros, but he had to drop fruit and didn't have any left for me. So he convinced the guys at Garys' Vineyard to sell me some fruit. Once I was there, it was easy to get into Rosella's vineyard, which is owned by one of the Garys. And Adam Lee at Siduri called me and told me that Keefer Ranch had some fruit available. We watch out for each other; we're all kind of buddies." (Another example of the peculiar noncompetition

between winemakers who by rights should be fighting desperately to dominate their share of the relatively tiny wine market.)

Fruit from these new clones, says Loring, "is not as delicate; it's not as much 'the heartbreak grape.' People say that you have to have all gravity flow in the winery when you're making Pinot" — meaning, you let gravity take the juice from crusher to fermenter to barrel and so on, so as not to bruise the fruit through any kind of violent force. Such a setup is usually too expensive for a newbie operating out of a warehouse, but Loring was saved by his beefy new grapes. "I pump everything, and I don't think it beats the wine up at all; it's happy to be treated like Syrah or anything else."

"I started sending out a kind of early blog as e-mails to a bunch of people about what I was doing," recalls Loring. The e-mails formed a Wine-maker's Diary, and somebody began posting them on the West Coast Wine Network. "People started asking questions, and before you knew it, they started signing up for the mailing list. Then when they said to other board members, 'Try Brian's wines; they're really good,' those other members said, 'Okay.' It was word of mouth, in a sense, but because of the boards, I've gotten as far in three years as I might have in ten years without them. The wine boards brought pennies from heaven — or, thousands of dollars from heaven." They helped give him the wherewithal to double production year after year, to set up contracts with top-flight growers. "Today, I'd say at least half of my mailing list is people that are on the boards" — though



Pinot Noir — the heartbreak grape no more?

as the scores and press begin to pile up, Loring is beginning to get more signups from elsewhere.

Now, he says, "I try to be really careful not to market myself when I'm on the boards. I try not to talk about my wines unless someone asks a question or attacks my style of winemaking. I spend most of my time talking about other people's wines. The guys who run the boards are cool with it; I think they like having winemakers and vineyard guys participate. It kind of rounds out the discussion."

But if he doesn't use the boards as a selling platform, he's happy to use them as a tool for customer care. "I could be in upstate New York for two weeks, testing sonars in a barge in the middle of a lake, but when it's time to go to dinner, I can have five or six dinners set up in Syracuse or Rochester or Corning. It started as just survival on business trips; I didn't have to go back to the hotel room with a cheeseburger and watch TV."

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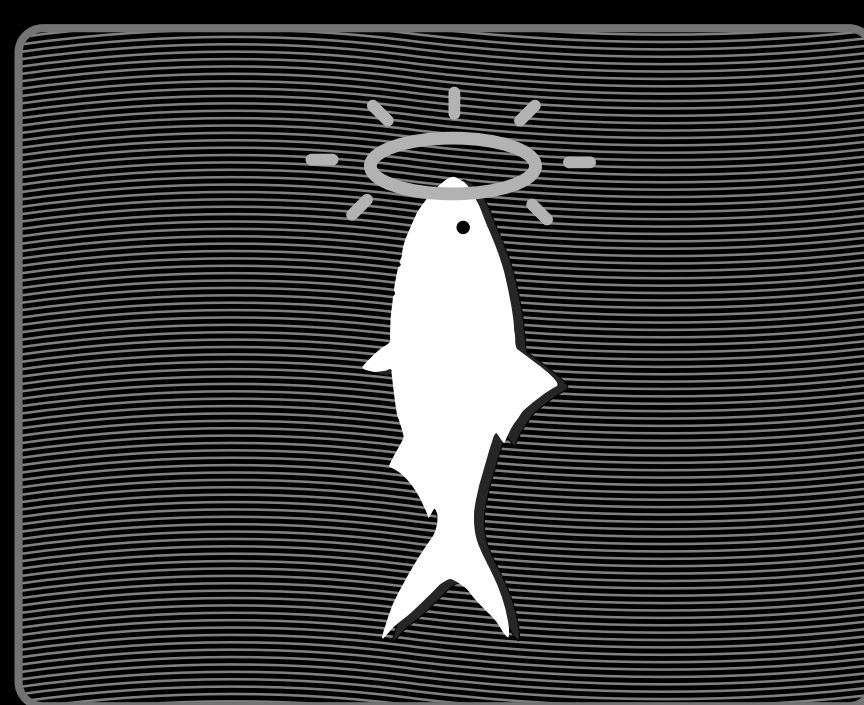
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But then it was, like, ‘Gosh, these people are on my mailing list, it would be nice to put a face to the name, have a little more connection with the customer.’ I’ve met hundreds of people on my mailing list through the boards. I’ll add an extra day to my New York business trip and drive down to Philadelphia. Or I’ll stay overnight during my Chicago layover and hook up with some people for dinner.”

If it’s a grand affair like the recent eRobertParker.com offline tasting at the Pamplemousse Grill, Loring may bring some barrel samples. “I figure the winemaker ought to bring something interesting, and it gives my customers a feel for the vintage. I do that sort of thing way more often than formal winemaker dinners, where you stand up, say your piece, and sit down. I’ve been very lucky — demand has exceeded supply. I don’t have to schmooze and sell the wine. I can just talk to the people who have already bought it and thank them.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

En Familia Amici 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You’ll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother Michael offer personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made breads and beverages. Be sure to try the house’s *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian

and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Blvd.), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic “pond” in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little “cROUTONS” of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant’s best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day’s worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — *E.W.*

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as “mom and pop” as they get. “Hi honey. You going to have the usual?” That’s Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast’s what a lot of folks come for. “Dieter’s Downfall,” a 3-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the “Sausage of the Week” is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter’s real downfall comes with Marsha’s carrot cake or her double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of her oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served “All you can eat!”), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick “manhole” pancake that’s bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to “deli” sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Ruby’s Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby’s: You can build an appetite just getting there. It’s at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside

pier. (There’s a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby’s is part of a themed “forties diner” chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it’s still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, “Dewey-Warren” presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the “Super Burger” with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a clever, ethereal Dungeness crab *panna cotta*, a lush *bourride* seafood stew, and an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/03)*

Tom Giblin’s Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly “small-townish” saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef

with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish “peasant” potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as “wraps” for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-by-the-Sea) 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you’re tired of Italian restaurants, you’ll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted only for parties of six or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — *E.W. (6/98)*

NORTH INLAND

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* (“squat lobster,” in fishermen’s terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it

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Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/02)

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the *Xam Bo Luong*, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay. Their Thai chicken mushroom will make you weep with happiness, call it a night, and go home satisfied. But then you'd miss out on enjoying an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very expensive. — S.M. (6/04)

Sand Crab Cafe 222 Micro Place (at Oppen, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bar-

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GOLD COAST

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (off Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzu under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parme-

Samurai Japanese Restaurant
979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts “the largest California sushi bar” as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. —E.W.

LA JOLLA

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarls-

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea

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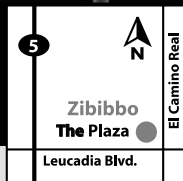
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La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the “in” spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and “pan-niches” such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — E.W. (12/99)

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream “expensive!” Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to

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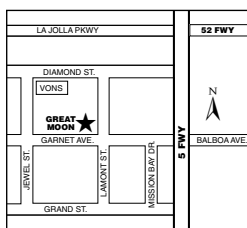
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24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splish on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This brick, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, shawarma, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

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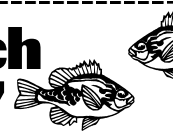
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Dumpling Inn 4619 Convo Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

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dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; dinners moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Via Italia Pizzeria Trattoria 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732; also at 565-569 South Coast Highway 101 (between E and D), Encinitas, 760-479-9757. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crusts and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? At the original branch (in the "Food Court" near the Clairemont mall's theaters), the room is noisy, service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (6/02)*

THE BEACHES

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely

by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef." If don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the *forró* ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes early Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Hanaoka-2 1203 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-9755. This is the suave cousin of the Hanaoka family restaurant in National City. The atmosphere is fifties moderne revival, with a Ginza sleekness. It's still reasonably priced if you choose carefully (most sushi is 20 percent off during early-bird hours, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.). The Philadelphia roll is delicious with its smoked salmon, seaweed, cream cheese, rice, and sesame seeds. But this place is really aimed at yuppies. People order "cabo-wabo" spicy crab with yellowtail, or toro roll (meat from the belly of a tuna), which the chef sears with the sharp blue flame of a blowtorch. Every guest gets a loud traditional welcome from the chefs. And a farewell. Open evenings only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Hawaiian Island Barbecue Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like gar-

lic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the chicken *lau lau* (chicken and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked *kalua* pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage,

steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but "serious" breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Society Billiards Cafe 1051 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-POOL (7665). Okay, this is a pool joint, but a classy one with sidewalk seating and a decent kitchen. It has the normal appetizers — buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins — but also dishes like chicken taquitos and veggie dip, and good salads like teriyaki chicken with French bread or pita. The French connection continues: Marc, the chef, is French and throws a mean Greek, Thai, or New York pizza, or 17 other varieties. His mesquite chicken wrap goes great with one of the many ales. And the great thing is, you can come late: the kitchen's open till 1:30 p.m. every night. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weekend Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four

Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni, toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-sar's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares*

(Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelta a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until midnight on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market, 25th and Imperial, and 1270 Picador Boulevard.) Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("*koitiow bahat sai kho*"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or por-

tobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Jimmy's 6935 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back

through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

La Mesa Ocean Grille And Seafood Market 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard (at Maryland Street), La Mesa, 619-463-1548. This spot speaks seafood in several accents — Italian, Mexican, Cajun, and "Continental." One part of its menu is devoted to basic fare, such as seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, blackened, "wraps"). Then there are the more elaborately sauced-and-garnished seafood dinner entrées, most with pasta accompaniment. Fisheschewers will find chicken and veal in classic Italian treatments (scaloppini, *piccata*, etc.), plus nightly specials. Seafood here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are occasional missteps — too much salt in the blackening, a hollandaise that tastes of lemony mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat — cool, refreshing, and slightly tart. Baked Maryland-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooey-rich and tasty. The ambience, too, is a mixture of styles — from the encyclo-

pedic fish posters of a basic fish house, to the lace curtains and tablecloths of an old-style seafood restaurant, to the slightly hip modernity of charcoal-gray track-lighting and black-background fish-design upholstery. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *A.M. (5/01)*

Lemon Grove Fish-N-Chips 2605 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-6212. Snapper, cod, whiting, and catfish seem to go down better here at sunset on the deck looking across the valley to Old Lemon Grove. Even more so the salmon. It's wild, but the prices aren't. Even the plain ol' fish and chips taste fresh, with crispy batter and good malt vinegar. The coleslaw (it's made with raisins) freshens your mouth up for the next round. You get the feeling these guys really care. Plus plenty of the sides you'd expect, like zucchini sticks and hush puppies. Open daily for lunch and dinner; Monday dinner only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant 3893 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W. (9/99)*

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the

capital tends to be less biting hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuete* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious *pelangoches*, a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Open daily; closes early on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Sunny Garden Cuisine of China 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-cruste, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly non-sweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and

hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee



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Potrero's Cafe 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2697. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/02)

Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only breakfast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — E.B. (10/01)

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limbed clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-scorers. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar.

Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (10/02)

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne's incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations are open seven days, three meals, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (2/05)

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterranean or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (5/04)

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs,

tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *auslak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamodd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (9/02)

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (11/98)

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Brunch weekends featuring blini (Russian crêpes). Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

Rice Jones 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887. It's probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones's owner Anh Long had two good ideas: one, to provide rice with just about everything

(usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank), and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and California. She offers lemongrass chicken next to California bruschetta (sautéed mushrooms and tomatoes on toast). Or a turkey burger next to a Vietnamese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: "shrimp wrap," a shrimp patty wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It's a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakae*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). And entrées like *arni psito* — roast leg of lamb — are guaranteed to stuff you. They come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and

French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. — E.B. (5/02)

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioners. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine

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list; food expensive or higher. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. The old Chive was wonderful enough, but now, with chef Fabrice Poigin (most recently of Bertrand at Mr. A's) taking charge of the kitchen, it features a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around it. Diners can choose an adventure-meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A new "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the *puttanesca* is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (12/02)*

The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill 1065 14th Street (at C), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are popping across the road to this cellar-dive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheeseburger), the King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, the Queen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, and the Drone Chicken or Bee Sting (spicy Cajun grilled mahi mahi). Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy's 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch and dinner; Saturday and Sunday dinner only. Bar closes at 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian special-

ties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork, a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Rei Do Gado Churrascúria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can live up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Wildside Cafe & Rebel Juice Bar 1048 Seventh Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here's a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it's the names: "lunatic lentil soup," sandwiches like "turkey tantrum" (roast turkey with salsa), "tuna scandal" (tuna mashed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites: "veggies on a bike" (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and "bagel without a cause" (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually, all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local loffies: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Friday, breakfast to late lunch; Saturday breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates "tuna" wraps (using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté), burgers (using flax seeds), "meat" loaf (using walnuts) — all pretty credible and edible. For dessert, the spice cake (dates, figs, nuts, papaya) works well. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for

lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to

entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sun-

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day; open Mondays in summer only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. But watch it if someone offers you "chocolate milk" — it's slang for pig's blood. Open six days, breakfast through early dinner; closes early on Sundays. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steamtable combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrees like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

McDini's Baja Bar & Restaurant 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771. The first version of this "Corned Beef Capital of the West" opened downtown in 1890. They came to National City in 1948. Despite the "Baja," it feels more like an Irish pub, with three pool tables, long bar, and booths. It's got a diverse, mellow family scene — all ages, all races, chatting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed

front "patio." Or chowing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, as bland as packaged ham). But the vegetables are surprisingly good, so go for the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open for lunch and dinners six days; Sundays, dinner only. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/04)*

Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at Harbor Drive), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The little blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up *cervezas*, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as "Club 13." Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited it on their north-south tour of California's oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the romantic "Moonlight On The Sea" moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own *lumpia*, and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sandwiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and dinnertime doubleburgers fit right into this wonderful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a

quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *saté*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* taste buds. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

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.

Cien Anos Calle José María Velasco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat minitacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcals worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor

tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeadó" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeuvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (3/05)*

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menu; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first

fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — *N.W. (11/02)*

Vallarta Natural Boulevard Agua Caliente #1252, Tijuana, 686-1560. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana really appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, *caldo tlalpeño* soup, *taquitos panzones* (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, and especially *milanesa*. The *milanesa* is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal — breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (9/98)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. Family-style, Southern Italian cooking in huge dining rooms with ditty decor. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions huge, and roaring-loud ambiance is child- and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti the best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (6/00)*

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and or-

der the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — *E.B. (2/03)*

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in College Area, Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/02)*



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An anticipatory response to *Batman Begins* might be that it surely should have been called *Batman Continues* or *Batman Resumes* or at least, for a finer shade of meaning, *Batman Changes*. The casting of a new man in the role of the DC Comics superhero — Christian Bale succeeding George Clooney

succeeding Val Kilmer succeeding Michael Keaton — hardly gives the series leave to pretend it is no longer a series. But British director Christopher Nolan — succeeding Joel Schumacher succeeding Tim Burton — is indeed not looking to follow in anyone's footsteps (much less to do further damage to his reputation, founded solely on *Memento*, than he did already in his Hollywood remake of *Insomnia*). He is instead looking to strike off on his own, to return to square one: how and why Bruce Wayne came to be Batman; the psychological root of his fixation on flying mammals; the part this played in his guilt over his parents' murder; in short, the logic, the reasoning, behind the selection of his chiropteran crime-fighting persona. Burton, if I remember right, went over

some of this ground in the original *Batman* of 1989, or maybe I'm thinking of Schumacher digging into the background of the sidekick, Robin, in the 1995 *Batman Forever*. In either case, the ground was not gone over in

such detail, nor with such a straight face, a grim face, a "game face." Should you still bristle at the title, think of it rather as *Batman Starts Over* or *Batman Backs Up*. Think of it, in other words, as a prequel, if only to link it with *Star Wars III* and *Dominion* to form a summer cycle. Mind you, it's a much better film than those, easily the best *Batman* film since the 1989, and possibly better than that one by a whisker. *Batman Recovers*.

The starting-over will naturally mean that the storytelling takes a good long time to get to the Batsuit, the Batcave, the Batmobile, and all the appurtenances, a time taken up with flashbacks to boyhood and young manhood, and with a present-tense plotline that picks up in an Asian prison, where a scruffily bearded Bruce Wayne is commingling with the lowest form of humanity and learning firsthand about the criminal mind,



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and where he is visited in solitary confinement by a nattily attired and smoothly groomed Liam Neeson, neither a phantasm nor a fairy godfather, who poses him a challenge out of the Arabian Nights: pick the rare blue flower that grows on the eastern slopes, carry it to the top of the mountain, and join the path of the League

of Shadows, in order to find what he seeks. And what's that? "To turn fear on those who prey on the fearful," he answers, ever mindful of his father's dying words, "Don't be afraid." All of this, and the subsequent training in Eastern martial arts and eventual disillusionment with the League of Shadows, produces surprisingly little

impatience, thanks to the straight face, the grimness, the gameness, the unflagging intensity, the hammering on the motif of fear, the percussive musical accompaniment credited jointly to Hans Zimmer and James Newton Howard (which one's the drummer?).

But the intensity, etc., cuts two ways: it lends a degree of conviction

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to the goings-on, and yet it risks looking ridiculous once it runs into the Batsuit, the Batcave, etc. Can an air of seriousness feasibly be sustained? (For all his lack of superpowers, the hero floats through the air with the ease of Spider-Man if not Superman.) To help sustain that air a bit further, there is no jokey villain this time (notwithstanding a forward-looking nod to the Joker at the fadeout), but rather an apocalyptic criminal plot, fully worthy of a Fu Manchu, to do to Gotham what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah, and for similar reasons. And the nightmarish visions evoked by a “weaponized hallucinogen” (a sign of the times, a salute to Al Qaeda) are genuinely scary. On balance, the two-way cutting goes deeper in the direction of conviction than in that of ridiculousness. Nolan is somewhat less successful as a handler of hot-and-heavy action, pulling us in so close to it that we can barely follow it; and we can only react with a sigh at the sight of this Caped Crusader

adding head-butts and kung-fu kicks to his repertoire. Even so, Nolan merits much credit for filling the Batsuit with the low-wattage Bale, an actor as opposed to a star, a more credible sufferer and struggler and a less certain victor. And the support team, aside from the kewpie-doll Katie Holmes as an incorruptible D.A., is solid: a dry Michael Caine (taking over for Michael Gough, one constant in the *Batman* series) as the loyal manservant, Alfred; a wry Morgan Freeman as the supplier of gadgets (what “Q” is to James Bond); and a world-weary Gary Oldman as the town’s one honest cop. No Robin and no Batgirl equals less silliness.

Howl’s Moving Castle, imported from Japan and distributed through Disney, is the second film from Hayao Miyazaki, the acknowledged master of anime, since his announced “farewell” one, *Princess Mononoke*. The latter, to our shame, was but the first of his works to receive a wide release in the U.S.; and, to my personal shame, it served as my belated introduction to him. So, while I am not complaining about the deferral of his retirement, neither am I rejoicing. At least not at the pitch of other critics I’ve read. I still have several earlier Miyaza-

kis to track down on DVD, and I still intend to follow through, but *Howl* seemed to me really more of a snore, a dreamworld that doesn’t so much pull the spectator into it as push him towards his own. It certainly, in common with the other ones I’ve seen, doesn’t lack for imaginative detail. On the contrary, it could have made do with a little less. The French novelist and essayist Anatole France, who went on a few flights of fancy of his own, once made the point in a fictional dialogue that the human imagination can come up with nothing the human eye hasn’t already seen; it can only come up with new combinations. (“The Greeks used to see centaurs, sirens, and harpies, because they had previously seen men, horses, women, fishes, and birds.”) In that sense, Miyazaki here combines too much. Piles too high. Blends too thick.

The titular castle, to begin with, is an amalgam that might symbolize the entire project: a fused junkpile of architectural odds and ends lifted from Medieval fortresses, 19th-century factories, Spanish galleons, WWII battleships, countryside cottages, boiler rooms, God knows what all, walking around on giant chicken’s feet and dragging a di-

nosaur’s tail, the residence of a glam-rock wizard called Howl (voiced, in the English-dubbed version, by our new Batman, Christian Bale) and a Casper-the-Friendly-Ghost fire demon called Calcifer (expressing himself with the Borsht Belt shtick of Billy Crystal), and the refuge of the demure heroine, a young milliner transmogrified into a hunchbacked crone by the multiple-chinned Witch of the Waste. It looks — and this is not meant as a compliment — like something you might encounter in a live-action Terry Gilliam film, right down to the computer animation that so contaminates Miyazaki’s hand-drawn purism. The setting is a similar amalgam: an alternative Europe of past and future, history and fairy tale, naturalistic novel and prettified operetta, pastoral ideal and urban dystopia, model T’s and s-f flying machines, grazing sheep and ambulatory edifice, mythical birdman and Disney ingenue, all jammed together, with a lot more besides. It’s too much of a good thing. Or anyway, too much of a thing, whether or not good.

What the film most definitely does lack is adequate mundanity to ground the runaway whimsy (the breakfast of bacon and eggs stands out as an excep-

tion), and, more importantly, adequate narrative drive — an adequate narrative motor — to propel the viewer through the long, slow couple of hours (the very vague Orwellian war in the distance never acquires any clarity or urgency). There is nevertheless a good deal to like: the pogo-sticking scarecrow, the wheezy little terrier, the authentically dreamlike bit of the hero and heroine walking on air to escape a mob of faceless tar-blob creatures, the comical bit of a snail-paced race up a mountain of stairs between the corpulent witch and the hunchbacked crone, the temporary smoothing-out of the crone’s wrinkles at moments when she recaptures her youthful ardor. Miyazaki maniacs, of which there are more than a few, will doubtless find much else to like. As for me, I’ll stick with the anime from earlier in the year, *Steamboy*. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Batman Begins — Reviewed this issue. With Christian Bale, Katie Holmes, Liam Neeson, Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, and Gary Oldman; directed by Christopher Nolan.

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Bringing Up Baby — Screwball comedy involving, among others, a paleontologist, a society girl with an uncorrectable high opinion of herself and an unstoppable word flow, a fox terrier who has stolen and buried a priceless brontosaurus bone, a big-game hunter, and a pet leopard whose temper can be soothed by the singing of “I Can’t Give You Anything But Love, Baby,” all of whom, plus others, come together at top volume for the finale in the sheriff’s office. The infectiousness of the thing doesn’t come so much from Howard Hawks’s directorial touch (he’s normally light on drama and ham-handed on comedy), but from the perfectly natural, unselfconscious, and idiosyncratic sense of humor. What Hawks finds funny is easy to identify because of the persistent re-surfacing of the same ideas in other movies: a bookworm for a hero; Cary Grant in women’s clothing; a woman oblivious to the fact that the back of her dress is missing; the nagging repeti-

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tion of a person's name until it begins to sound like an accusation; and so forth. With Katharine Hepburn, Charles Ruggles, Barry Fitzgerald. 1938. ★★ ★ (GARDEN CABARET, 6/16 THROUGH 18, 8:30 P.M.)

Cinderella Man — The story of heavy-weight boxer James J. Braddock, the Bulldog of Bergen, the Pride of New Jersey, a working-class hero for real. It's something of a puzzle why his story had not been told on screen before, seeing as how we have it on the authority of Damon Runyon, who conferred on him the titular nickname, that no human-interest story in the entire history of boxing can compare with it. Runyon, to be sure, passed from the scene in the mid-Forties, or well before the story of, say, Sonny Liston; but the latter's shadowy tale is not the type to interest Damon Runyon, or for that matter humans in general. Braddock's, on the other hand, is the "inspirational" one of a real-life Rocky, a Seabiscuit on two legs, who, after challenging for the light-heavyweight crown in his early career, broke his hand in the ring, piled up the losses, lost his license, lived with his family in abject poverty through the first half of the Depression, took work on the docks when he could get it, got a second chance in the ring as the last-minute substitute for an injured fighter, then a third chance, and a fourth, and finally a shot at the title against the glamorous heavyweight (and, unacknowledged in the film, sometime Hollywood actor) Max Baer, an 8-1 favorite with two dead men on his record. You ask yourself what sort of human would be interested in telling such a story, or what sort would be interested in watching it (cheering for the foreknown outcome), and you come up with a simple answer: a simp. More specifically, Ron Howard. Not for nothing is Howard a trusted name in the popular mind. He makes the "right" choices, meaning the expected ones, the proven ones: grainy-photography clichés for gritty authenticity, desaturated-color clichés for bleakness of mood, golden-light clichés for domestic warmth, slow-motion clichés for the fights. He is fortunate, though, to have in the lead role one of our more sympathetic, more soulful leading men, Russell Crowe, with jug ears and a haircut to show them off, looking as if he could have stepped out of a Lewis Hine photo, walking a steady tightrope between dignity and degradation. Renée Zellweger, Paul Giamatti, Bruce McGill, Craig Bierko. 2005. ★ (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 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)

Crash — Multicharacter tapestry of the seething melting pot of L.A., an object lesson on racial and ethnic stereotypes, attitudes, biases, tensions. The didactic impulse overrules good sense: a bigoted cop, for just one example, gives a hard time to a respectable black couple at the side of the road, and then both he and his bleeding-heart partner have separate, life-and-death encounters with the wife and husband the very next day. Matt Dillon, Don Cheadle, and Jennifer Esposito stand out, among Sandra Bullock, Brendan Fraser, Terrence Howard, Thandie Newton, Ryan Phillippe, Larenz Tate, and Lucacris. Written and directed by Paul Haggis. 2005. ★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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), under the title of *Exorcist: The Beginning*. Any comparison between the two — 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 are not. We can hereby 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. 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. 2005. ● (GASLAMP 15)

Donnie Darko — Dark comedy, photographically as much as temperamentally, about a disturbed adolescent (Jake Gyllenhaal of *October Sky*) who has an imaginary friend in a demonic bunny suit giving him mischief-making orders. (The bunny's end-of-the-world forecast, however, carries little weight when the action is set in the thick of Dukakis's run for the Presidency.) First-time filmmaker Richard Kelly, age twenty-six, reveals an individual voice and an eccentric sense of humor (i.e., sometimes actually funny), and even when he hits predictable notes (e.g., the Grundy-ish old crone on the high-school faculty, who, when asked whether she knows who Graham Greene is, responds, "I think we have all seen *Bonanza*"), he hits them at his own unforced pace. Much the same can be said

for his frugal use of special effects. The time-travel resolution is nonsensical even by time-travel standards, and it has the effect of wiping the slate clean in the chicken-hearted fashion of the it-was-all-a-dream convention. "Clever" is the compliment it was fishing for. "Gimmicky" might be the reasonable compromise. Jena Malone, Drew Barrymore, Mary McDonnell, Patrick Swayze, Noah Wyle. 2001. ★★ (KEN, 6/18 MIDNIGHT)

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)

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worse. Archival clips (CNN, C-SPAN, etc.), talking heads, and the disembodied voice of Peter Coyote, narrator, retrace the route from boom to bust: a chance to be horrified and disgusted all over again. Some of the horror and disgust must be reserved for the picture quality of the archive footage. Written and directed by Alex Gibney. 2005. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Happily Ever After — Consider-the-possibilities marital comedy written and directed by Yvan Attal, revolving around three car salesmen in contrasting marital states, and achieving a quality of genuine discourse. Tender moment: Attal, who also plays one of the three salesmen, gazing at his wife's neck as Elvis sings of how he can't help falling in love. (One of Attal's greatest assets as a filmmaker, displayed also in his *My Wife Is an Actress*, is his on-screen as well as off-screen wife, Charlotte Gainsbourg, who in truth has a neck that can stand to be gazed at.) Bad moment: a food fight between the two of them, to the background sounds of *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* on TV, evolving into a feather-storm pillow fight. Johnny Depp puts in two cameo appearances, the first one silent and the second one speaking fluent French. With Alain Chabat, Emmanuelle Seigner, Alain Cohen, Anouk Aimée, Claude Berri. 2004. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 6/17)

High Tension — French-made horror thriller with Cécile De France and Maiwenn



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Le Besco, directed by Alexandre Aja. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY

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The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy — End-of-the-world science fiction as filtered through the sensibility of zany, nutty, Monty Python-y British humor. The trendy, youthful, culty Douglas Adams book, now a quarter of a century old, demonstrates itself to be less than timeless. With Martin Freeman, Zooey Deschanel, Sam Rockwell, Mos Def, and the voice of Alan Rickman as a clinically depressed robot; directed by Garth Jennings. 2005. ● (GASLAMP 15)

The Honeymooners — A face-change for the vintage TV comedy, with Cedric the

Entertainer as Ralph Kramden and Mike Epps as Ed Norton, directed by John Schultz. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Howl's Moving Castle — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Jean Simmons, Emily Mortimer, Christian Bale, Billy Crystal, and Lauren Bacall; directed by Hayao Miyazaki. ★★ (ESCONDIDO 16, FROM 6/17; HILLCREST

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Kingdom of Heaven — Or, One More Reason Why the Middle East Hates the West. Back, back, back to the 12th Century, back to before the Third Crusade ("To kill an infidel is not murder, it is the path to heaven"), equipped with cultural relativism, vats of blood, miles of slow-motion, and wave after wave of lung-filling 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. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Kontroll — East European absurdism set in the Budapest subway, staying underground the entire time and never coming up for air: a dark, dark, dark comedy with a soft spot for its existential drop-out hero, a member of the disrespected class of ticket-checkers. ("Everyone hates us.") Reward for him looms in the improbable form of a fragile, angelic gamine. Writer-director Nimrod Antal has a definite vision, a little difficult to share. Sandor Csanyi, Zoltan Mucsi, Csaba Pindroch. 2004. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 German-speaking 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 tricky 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)

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events — An amalgam of three of Daniel Handler's children's books under

the pen name of Lemony Snicket (Jiminy Cricket! what a monicker!), here impersonated in voice and in silhouette by Jude Law. The setting is an amalgam as well: Charles Addams Gothic and Edward Gorey Edwardiana infiltrated with modern conveniences such as cars with telephones, and verbal anachronisms such as “This place could use a little TLC.” The grand total, the small sum, is a sort of mock-Dickens to do with three orphaned siblings and their nefarious guardian, Count Olaf (Jim Carrey, piling two additional disguises, a slimy herpetologist and a salty sea captain, on top of his initial disguise as a hook-nosed ham actor with Bride-of-Frankenstein hair). The movie starts out with a just-kidding animated feature called *The Little Elf*, and our author/narrator, after its abrupt interruption, cautions us solemnly that the movie we are about to see instead is “extremely unpleasant,” and he gives us leave to go elsewhere for our entertainment: “It’s not too late to see a film about a happy little elf.” But oh yes, it is. In the opening decade of the 21st Century, it is most definitely too late. The “dark” children’s film we are now obliged to put up with — ironic, cynical, facetious, factitious, forced, and jaded — takes excessive pride in its trendy conventionality and its stout opposition to forces long since decimated. With Liam Aiken, Emily Browning, Timothy Spall, Billy Connolly, and Meryl Streep; directed by Brad Silberling. 2004.

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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 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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Lords of Dogtown — Buddy film “inspired by a true story” as well as by Stacy Peralta’s documentary of a few years previous, *Dogtown and Z-Boys*, detailing the exploits of the skateboarding pioneers of Venice, Ca., in the mid-Seventies. (Peralta, one of those pioneers himself, wrote the screenplay for this re-enactment, preserving the immortal line from the documentary, “We’re gonna be on summer vacation for the next twenty years.”) The buddies constitute a central quartet, teammates under the sponsorship of a surf-shop guru, split apart by the push-and-pull of competition and commercialism, but still bonded forever by the shared experience of honing their skills in the empty swimming pools of Southern California during a year of drought. True stories can be trite, too. The dramatization, needless to say, was not content to be a latter-day Frankie Avalon drive-in movie. It instead gives itself *cinéma vérité* airs. Catherine Hardwicke, the maker of *Thirteen*, was enlisted to direct (bringing along her star and creative collaborator on that one, Nikki Reed). And certainly the camerawork is often sloppy enough to pass as unplanned. And the dramatic scenes, so to call them, are underwritten and underformed in favor of a hectic climate of frolicking and carousing. The cast — John Robinson, of *Elephant*, Emile Hirsch, Vic-

tor Rasuk, an almost unrecognizable Heath Ledger, a makeup-free Rebecca De Mornay — does nothing to disrupt the pseudodocumentary illusion. Any rise in verisimilitude, however, comes with a commensurate rise in tedium. 2005.

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A Lot Like Love — The course of romance commences seven years ago, with anonymous mutual enrollment in the mile-high club in the lavatory of an LAX-to-JFK red-eye, and it proceeds from there in fits and starts, after progressively diminishing intermissions (three years, two, one, one-half), without either party ever really getting to know the other, or getting to be known to the viewer, either. All that matters is that they look good together, or separately, and have a good time. “They” are a would-be and then has-been dotcommer and a would-be actress and will-be photographer, portrayed respectively by Ashton Kutcher, whose specialty is an almost ventriloquial ability to speak through a frozen smile, and Amanda Peet, whose specialty is a lusty rapaciousness (my, what big teeth you have, Amanda!) suggestive of a brief, breath-catching recess in a marathon bout of lovemaking. Add, behind them, an album’s worth of pop songs, and British director Nigel Cole will prove to you that he can not only make comedies for tittery oldsters (*Saving Grace*, *Calendar Girls*) but can just as well make one for tittery youngsters. 2005.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Madagascar — 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 aggressive, 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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Five years old, daughter of Dan Bennett, film critic for the *North County Times*

POOH’S HEFFALUMP MOVIE: Pooh and his friends meet a Heffalump named Lumpy. Lumpy is funny. He makes that noise.
Baraka: Different parts of the world are pretty in color, like the jungle.
Walt Disney’s Sleeping Beauty: In this animated fairy tale, I think the witch isn’t that scary. I don’t worry about her.

POOH’S HEFFALUMP MOVIE (USA) 2005,
Buena Vista Home Video
List price: \$29.99

BARAKA (USA) 1992,
MPI Home Video
List price: \$24.98

WALT DISNEY’S SLEEPING BEAUTY (USA) 1959,
Disney DVD
List price: \$29.98

MADISON LEDGER
Five years old, daughter of Kay Ledger, film critic for *ASIA: The Journal of Culture & Commerce*

Thomas the Tank Engine: He is a train. He’s my favorite color. That’s all.
Kim Possible: She fights bad guys. She takes them to jail. She is so tough. She has a partner. His name is Ron Stoppable. The color of her hair is orange.
Teletubbies: They’re some of my favorite colors. One of them is red, one of them is purple, one of them is green, one of them is yellow. They eat Teletubbie custard. It’s funny on the computer game because they pop bubbles.

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE (England) 1984,
Anchor Bay Entertainment
List price: \$29.98

KIM POSSIBLE (USA) 2002,
Walt Disney Home Video
List price: \$19.99

TELETUBBIES: HERE COME THE TELETUBBIES (England) 1997,
Paramount Home Video
List price: \$14.99

TONY WEIDINGER
Twelve years old, son of Beth Accomando, film critic for KPBS

Shaun of the Dead: The best zombie movie I’ve seen. I liked how Shaun walked around and didn’t notice the zombies because everyone was already like a zombie working at boring jobs. I liked the bonus feature diary of the actors who were trying to be zombies in the movie.
GTO: I love this anime series because it’s about a crazy teacher who has an interesting life. It’s funny how he teaches the kids. I wish I had a teacher like him.
Shanghai Knights: This is one of Jackie Chan’s best American movies. You can watch it again and again. I especially like how Owen Wilson and Jackie act together.

SHAUN OF THE DEAD (England) 2004,
Universal
List price: \$29.98

GTO: GREAT TEACHER ONIZUKA BOX SET (Japan) 1998,
Tokyopop
List price: \$99.99

SHANGHAI KNIGHTS (USA) 2003,
Touchstone Home Video
List price: \$29.99

GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Mad Hot Ballroom — Marilyn Agrelo’s documentary on New York City fifth-

graders who’ve been channeled into the stay-off-the-streets-and-stay-out-of-trouble activity of competitive ballroom dancing: “I see them turning into these ladies and gentlemen,” one teacher manages to say while fighting back tears. We follow three disparate classes (only one of which will make it through to the citywide finals: “I still really don’t understand what happened,” a dejected curly top buttonholes the emcee at the quarterfinals, after his team falls three points short), and we follow them with an almost parental tunnel vision: we cannot really judge the competition; we have eyes only for “ours.” Kids being kids, however, with no pumped-up heroes or villains (beyond a troublesome student named

Jonathan, whose troubles go uninvestigated), this is an easy-to-like film with an easy-to-overlook fuzzy video image. 2005.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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

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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-to-head competition is sort of fun in a wallowing, 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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

Mr. and Mrs. Smith — A stargazer’s delight, if, anyway — and it’s a big if — you can take delight in gazing at Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (lips and more lips), worshipfully photographed by Bojan Bazelli, and pamperingly enshrined in an ambience of pristine showroom opulence. There is space in this firmament for no one else, apart from a small corner for Vince Vaughn and his dimming persona of sociopathic glibness. The two stars play a husband and wife whose passion has gone out of their marriage after “five or six years,” depending on which one you ask. Unbeknownst to either of them, they both happen to be top-level, high-tech assassins for rival espionage agencies, and once this fact becomes known to them they are obliged to turn their sights on each other. If — another big if — the situation may shape up for a while as a darkly comic metaphor on the slow death inherent in the conjugal life, this impression, this hope, cannot survive their mutual revelation, after several sincere attempts at pre-emptive annihilation, that their love remains strong, that their passion can be rekindled by means of a common enemy, that their romance after all is not darkly comic, but brightly. And if — a final

big if — filmmaker Doug Liman (*Swingers*, *Go*, to start with) can be seen to have come through *The Bourne Identity* with his “promise” unbroken — the promise of a filmmaker with, or on, an edge — he here undergoes a harder whack on the chisel. 2005.

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My Summer of Love — The bonding of two young women from different backgrounds; with Nathalie Press and Emily Blunt; directed by Paul Pavlikovsky. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/17)

The Perfect Man — A self-described “teenage gypsy” hopes to bring stability to

her life by wooing her nomadic single mom with flowers and E-mails in the guise of a Secret Admirer. Torturously contrived comedy tilting toward a transparently tidy resolution. Hilary Duff continues to seem a sweet young thing, callously ill-used. She and her on-screen mother, Heather Locklear, share a brief moment of liberation when they cut loose to a danceable pop tune. Chris Noth, Mike O’Malley, Ben Feldman, Carson Kressley, Vanessa Lengies; directed by Mark Rosman. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 6/17)

Robots — A follow-that-dream fairy tale set in a world of robots, anthropomorphized and sentimentalized to such extent that an assembly-required baby-bot will grow organically into a tot-bot and a teen-

bot and ultimately a budding inventor-bot. It offers, as they say, something for everyone: fart jokes and big-butt jokes, pop-culture allusions, corporate satire, the schizophrenic voices of Robin Williams, the aesthetic of “cute.” Something for everyone, at least, who’s not put off by the vacuum-sealed sterility, the machine-tooled smoothness, the showroom sheen of computer animation. Or by the two-faced disparagement of money (“Profit schmoft!”) 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.

● (VOGUE)

Sahara — “A Clive Cussler Dirk Pitt Adventure,” trumpet the opening credits. Those are of course two separate people, Clive Cussler being the original novelist, and Dirk Pitt (wham! bam!) being his swashbuckling hero, who, along with his comical sidekick Al Giordino, is hunting a treasure-laden Civil War ironclad up the Niger River. Yes, indeedy. (Clues will be

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Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00; Sun. (12:40, 3:45) 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **The Honey-mooners** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:35; Mon.-Tue. (1:25, 3:30, 5:35) 7:35; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:35, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (1:10, 3:25, 5:40) 8:00; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:30; Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:20; Mon.-Tue. (1:15, 3:15, 5:15) 7:15; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:15, 10:10; Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:35, 4:25) 7:25

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Donnie Darko: The Director’s Cut (R) Sat. 12:00; **Shake Hands with the Devil** (Not Rated) Fri. (5:00) 7:20, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (5:00) 7:20, 9:40

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Bringing Up Baby, Thursday through Saturday

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Howl’s Moving Castle (PG) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:40; **Kontroll** (R) Fri. (4:45) 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 4:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (4:45) 9:55; **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. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Mon. (2:00, 4:35) 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; **My Summer of Love** (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:05) 7:35, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:55) 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:05) 7:35, 9:50; **Saving Face** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:10) 7:20

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Everest (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Island of the Sharks** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 9:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00 **Night on Dream Mountain** Sat. 10:00; **Rhythms of the World** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 7:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00; **Volcanoes of the Deep Sea** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3D (PG) Fri. (11:50, 2:15, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; Mon.-Tue. (11:50, 2:15, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 3:15, 3:45) 4:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45; Mon.-Tue. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 3:40) 7:20, 11:00; **High Tension** (R) Fri.-Tue. 7:20, 9:40; **The Honey-mooners** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45; **Howl’s Moving Castle** (PG) Fri. (11:10, 2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. (11:10, 2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 10:30; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Lords of Dogtown** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 1:50, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (11:10, 1:50, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:05) 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30) 4:30, 5:05, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Tue. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:05) 7:00, 9:30; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00) 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; **The Perfect Man** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants** (PG) Fri. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; Mon.-Tue. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 12:15, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30) 7:00, 8:00, 10:15, 11:15; Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 1:15, 3:30) 4:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15, 11:15; Mon.-Tue. (10:00, 12:15, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30) 7:00, 8:00, 10:15, 11:15

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3D (PG) Fri. (2:20) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45; Sat. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. (11:50) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45; Mon. (11:45, 2:20, 4:50) 7:15, 9:45;

Tue.-Thu. (2:20, 4:50) 7:15, 9:45; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00) 4:05, 7:30, 10:45; Sat. (10:00, 1:00) 4:05, 7:30, 10:45; Sun. (10:00, 1:00) 4:15, 7:30, 10:35; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 4:10) 7:30, 10:35; Wed.-Thu. (1:00, 4:05) 7:20, 10:20; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15) 4:30, 7:45, 10:50; Sat. (10:05, 1:15) 4:30, 7:45, 10:50; Sun. (10:05, 1:15) 4:30, 7:35, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:30) 7:35, 10:40; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; Mon. (11:15, 1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:40; Tue.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:40; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (2:05) 4:20, 6:50, 9:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:20, 6:50, 9:15; Mon. (11:30, 2:05, 4:20) 6:50, 9:15; Tue.-Thu. (2:05, 4:20) 6:50, 9:15; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 5:05, 8:00, 10:55; Sat. (10:40, 2:00) 5:05, 8:00, 10:55; Sun. (10:40, 2:00) 5:05, 7:45, 10:45; Mon. (11:10, 2:00, 5:05) 7:45, 10:45; Tue.-Thu. (2:00, 5:05) 7:45, 10:45; **The Perfect Man** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; Mon. (11:00, 2:40, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30; Tue.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants** (PG) Fri. (1:55) 4:55, 7:50, 10:35; Sat. (10:45, 1:55) 4:55, 7:50, 10:35; Sun. (10:45, 1:55) 4:55, 7:50, 10:40; Mon.-Tue. (1:55, 4:55) 7:50,

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.

● (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Saving Face — Facile, unassuming, amusing comedy to do with a Chinese-American mother and daughter who bear separate social burdens: the widowed mother is pregnant again at age forty-eight, and the unmarried daughter has a new lesbian lover. The playing is uneven: Joan Chen is a cagy old pro, while the younger generation — Michelle Krusiec, an unfident surgeon, and Lynn Chen, a stiff dancer whom we never see dance — can’t keep pace. Written and directed by Alice Wu. 2005.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Sea Inside — Factual story of a

Spanish quadriplegic who, after twenty-some years of paralysis, took his fight to the courts for the right to die. Given its intrinsic limitations, the film is well directed (by Alejandro Amenábar), well photographed (by Javier Aguirresarobe, who collaborated with this director on *The Others*), and well acted (by Javier Bardem, Belén Rueda, Lola Dueñas, Mabel Rivera, Clara Segura). The protagonist, acting as a spokesman for the artist rather than for euthanasians, says a good thing: “Who said anything about quadriplegics? I’m talking about me!” And his relationships with, primarily, four very different women are sharply defined: the empathetic lawyer who herself suffers from a degenerative disease (and with whom our hero explores the boundaries of untactile sexuality), the simple factory worker who insinuates herself at first as a pro-life advocate, the pregnant representative from Death With Dignity, and the silently devoted sister-in-law who, together with a moody nephew, cares for the invalid round the clock. And the out-and-out debate of the issue with a quadriplegic priest is cleverly staged: the priest’s wheelchair won’t fit up the staircase, and our hero won’t come down, so a messenger must shuttle upstairs

and down with the points and counter-points, until the debate degenerates into a shouting match, with no more need of an intermediary. There are further attempts to cinematize the material through flashback and fantasy. Still, for all its valiant struggle, the film is almost as confined as its protagonist: not so much by restriction of movement as by narrowness of scope. 2004.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 6/19, 2 P.M.)

Shake Hands with the Devil: The Journey of Roméo Dallaire — Documentary by Peter Raymont on the leader of the U.N. peacekeeping forces during the genocide in Rwanda.

(KEN, 6/17 THROUGH 23)

Sin City — Comic-book burlesque of the hard-boiled *film noir*, tougher than tough, cooler than cool, bloodier than bloody, sillier than silly. Robert Rodriguez adapted it — or more accurately, copied it — from Frank Miller’s series of graphic novels; and he insisted, to the point of resigning from the Director’s Guild, on sharing the directing credit with Miller (besides bringing in his buddy, Quentin Tarantino, as a “guest director” of unspecified services). Different

first-person narrators guide us through the different, dovetailed storylines, but always with the same hammerhead tone of voice: “I’m gonna find that son of a bitch that killed you, and I’m gonna give him the hard goodbye.” The baroque black-and-white photography, with digital dabs of color for a red dress, green eyes, blue eyes, golden hair, blood, etc., may at first be “visually arresting” (thank you, *Newsweek*), but over the long haul it’s visually imprisoning. Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke, Clive Owen, Benecio Del Toro, Jessica Alba, Brittany Murphy, Carla Gugino, Jaime King, Rosario Dawson, Alexis Bledel, Michael Madsen, Elijah Wood, Nick Stahl, Powers Boothe. 2005.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants — The grin-and-bear-it title, from a best-selling “tween” novel by Ann Brashares, refers to a clique of four sixteen-year-old girlfriends in Bethesda, Md., linked from the womb in their mothers’ prenatal aerobics class, who purchase a pair of thrift-shop jeans that magically fit their dissimilar bodies (“scientifically impossi-

ble”), and who mail the garment back and forth as a way to stay in touch during their summer of separation. While it deals with matters like divorce, suicide, cancer, and defloration, the drama has a timidity about it that poses no hazard for the target audience (girls a bit younger than the principal foursome), nor for anyone else who might wander into range. Veteran cameraman John Bailey gives it a surface gloss; and a cartload of pop songs provides emotional cues or comic relief, according to your level of sophistication. Above all, the film serves as a showcase for four young actresses (though only one of them is truly as young as a teenager) to strut their stuff. Alexis Bledel and Amber Tamblyn, despite their experience on successful TV shows (*Gilmore Girls* and *Joan of Arcadia*, respectively), do not appear to have much stuff to strut. Both are a bit narrow and monotonous. But America Ferrera ranges easily from sunny smile to cloudy frown in a convincing simulation of complexity. And newcomer Blake Lively, the actual youngest of the group, a willowy, prom-queeny blonde, with an Ellen Barkin-ish asymmetrical smile, manifests a not quite flawless beauty (i.e., natural, not surgical) that does-

1:50, 4:30) 7:15, 9:55; **High Tension** (R) Fri.-Tue. 7:05, 9:50; **The Honeymooners** (PG-13) Fri. (10:10, 12:35, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 12:35, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; Mon.-Tue. (10:10, 12:35, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:25; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 2:05, 5:00) 7:50, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 2:05) 5:00, 7:50, 10:40; Mon.-Tue. (11:10, 2:05, 5:00) 7:50, 10:40; **Lords of Dogtown** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:35, 1:10, 3:50); Tue. (1:10, 3:50); **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:20) 6:50, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:20, 6:50, 9:30; Mon.-Tue. (11:30, 2:00, 4:20) 6:50, 9:30; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (10:05, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:35) 7:00, 7:30, 10:05, 10:35; Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00) 4:35, 7:00, 7:30, 10:05, 10:35; Mon.-Tue. (10:05, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:35) 7:00, 7:30, 10:05, 10:35

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SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

Batman Begins; Sahara; Mr. and Mrs. Smith; The Longest Yard

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3D (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:00 (10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **The Honeymooners** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:15 (2:00) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:00 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15, 10:30; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denney Road (858-558-2262)

Batman Begins; The Perfect Man; Mr. and Mrs. Smith; The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D; The Honeymooners; High Tension; The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants; Cinderella Man; Lords of Dogtown; Madagascar; The Longest Yard; Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith; Monster-in-Law; Crash

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)

The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3D (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; **Bat-**

man Begins (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 1:00, 1:30, 3:55, 4:30, 4:55) 7:15, 7:40, 8:05, 10:35, 10:55, 11:15; Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 1:00, 1:30, 3:55) 4:30, 4:55, 7:15, 7:40, 8:05, 10:35, 10:55, 11:15; Mon. (12:35, 1:00, 1:30, 3:55, 4:30, 4:55) 7:15, 7:40, 8:05, 10:35, 10:55, 11:15; Tue. (10:20, 12:35, 1:00, 1:30, 3:55, 4:30, 4:55) 7:15, 7:40, 8:05, 10:35, 10:55, 11:15; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:20, 3:40) 7:00, 10:20; **Crash** (R) Fri.-Tue. 7:05, 9:45; **The Honeymooners** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (12:25, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:40; Mon. (2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 10:40; Tue. (11:00, 2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 10:40; **Lords of Dogtown** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 4:25); Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:25; Mon.-Tue. (1:35, 4:25); **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:15, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:45, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Tue. (11:55, 2:15, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:35) 6:55; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 12:45, 1:05, 3:35, 3:55, 4:20) 7:05, 7:20, 7:35, 10:25, 10:35, 10:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 12:45, 1:05, 3:35, 3:55) 4:20, 7:05, 7:20, 7:35, 10:25, 10:35, 10:50; Mon. (12:15, 12:45, 1:05, 3:35, 3:55, 4:20) 7:05, 7:20, 7:35, 10:25, 10:35, 10:50; Tue. (10:45, 12:45, 1:05, 3:55, 4:20, 12:15, 3:35) 7:05, 7:20, 7:35, 10:25, 10:35, 10:50; **The Perfect Man** (PG) Fri. (1:45, 4:15) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:15, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (1:45, 4:15) 7:10, 9:45; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants** (PG) Fri. (1:25, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; Mon. (1:25, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20; Tue. (10:30, 1:25, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 3:10, 3:45) 7:15, 9:40, 10:30

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)

Kicking and Screaming (PG) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 9:45; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 7:45; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 6:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)

Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

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MOVIES

n't blind you to her talent. With Jenna Boyd, Bradley Whitford, Nancy Travis; directed by Ken Kwapis. 2005.

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Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith — George Lucas closes the circle: the last of the three prequels, evenly spaced out at three-year intervals. (The filmmaker'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.) Anakin Skywalker, 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. 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'd 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*), 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 leaves him quite literally diminished in stature (or symbolically, once again, castrated). Though he gets propped up afterwards in the operating room, he comes out of it as a sort of Wizard of Oz with the curtain thrown back. Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Ian McDiarmid, Samuel L. Jackson. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; 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)



Howl's Moving Castle

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 baths in between, when the hero comes under the care of a kindly old blind piano tuner (Morgan Freeman) and his bubbly pianist step-

daughter in braces and knee-highs (Kerry Condon). With Bob Hoskins; written by Luc Besson; directed by Louis Leterrier. 2005.

● (GASLAMP 15)

The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill — Human-interest documentary, and avian-interest, about an unemployed San Fran-

cisco 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)

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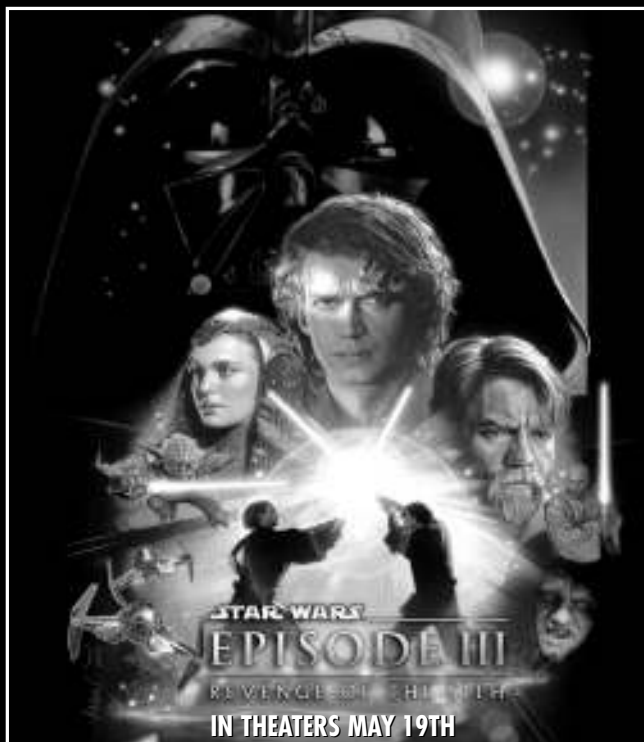
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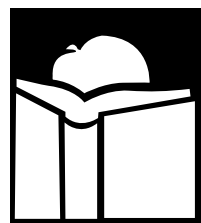
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Kristen Solano
Home Decorator
Pacific Beach

I hope that they'll be happy with themselves, respect their father, and love us unconditionally. If they don't finish high school, they'll still be my kids and I'll still love them. I would be disappointed, but I would encourage them. They wouldn't be happy working at McDonald's; I would raise them better than that. I'd like my kids to pursue jobs like professional baseball players; that'd be tight. I want four kids: three boys and one girl. The little girl will be the princess and a total daddy's girl. All four will be close in age so they can all share one car on the way to high school. My boyfriend and I are serious; he's hoping for all boys, but I'd like one girl. We even know about the [sexual] positions that make it so you have boys or girls.




Lauren Flath
Food Server
Pacific Beach

Very high expectations. My kids will have to do very well in high school and go to a good college. I'm not going to pay for their college, though; they can get financial aid. I want them to have a career that requires a degree. If they want to become doctors or lawyers, then that's all the better. I won't pressure them one way or the other. I grew up as a Christian, so that's how I'm going to raise them. As little kids, I'll make sure that they go [to church], but when they're older I'll let them decide for themselves.




Scott Lyman
Barista
Encinitas

I would hope that my kids go to college; I just want them to do what makes them happy. I'll try to offer them a variety of things to try when they're young so they can have an idea of what's out there. If they want to become artists, I'll encourage them. I have a brother-in-law who teaches art and he's happy. He spent a lot of time doing independent work before he became a teacher. It didn't bother him that he was struggling in the beginning because he was enjoying what he was doing. I think that's extremely important. It's also important that they support themselves; I want to be able to help them out with college, but they'll have to contribute their share.




Lauren Yuma
Student
Rancho Santa Fe

I would expect them to go to college unless they were going to pursue acting or some type of sport. If I truly thought they were bad at acting, I would discourage them. If I had a daughter and she wanted to become a model but she was too short, I would tell her not to. I'd break the news to her so she wouldn't get hurt further down the line. Being truthful with your kids is a good thing. My parents have encouraged me to pursue acting; they're home-schooling me and when I'm done I won't be going to college. I would never become a stage parent because I figure-skated when I was younger and I saw parents yelling at their kids, starving them, and making them skate when they didn't want to. I remember kids borrowing money from people at the rink to buy food from the vending machines.



Michael Perry
Student
Del Mar

I expect them to have good morals and be good people. I don't necessarily expect them to be successful in the business world; I just want them to be genuinely good-hearted people. I went to private school my whole life, and I would want for them to have the same opportunity by following in my footsteps. That puts some pressure on me a little because I have to be able to provide the lifestyle that I want for my family. Sports played a big role in my life, and I think kids usually follow the trends of their parents, so I think it's inevitable that they'll want to play sports. My girlfriend of three years plays college soccer and I played basketball all through high school; it'd be in the genes to be athletic. As long as my kids are on the top of their game with whatever they choose to do.



Kirstin Shots
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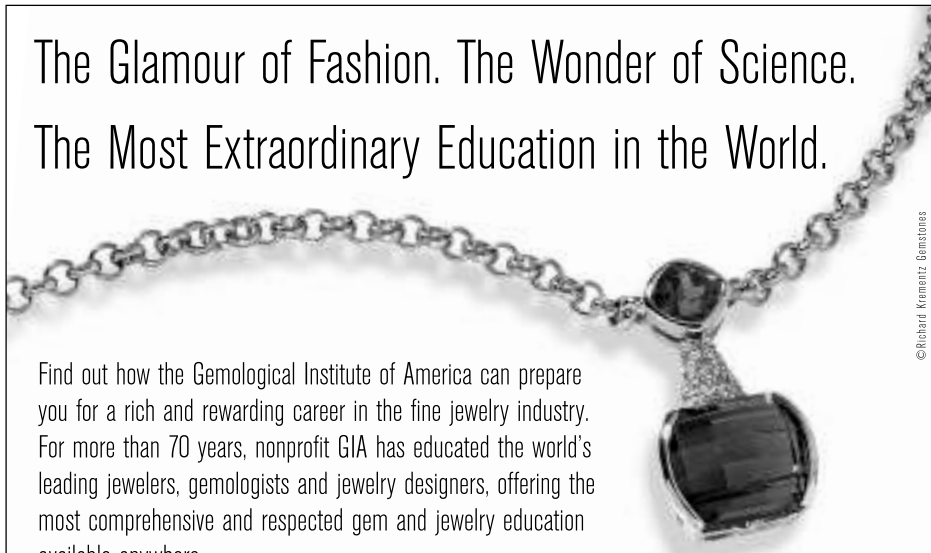
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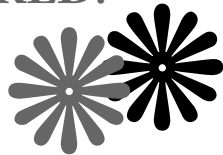
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PERSONALS

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DAVIEBABE on the East Coast. The closest thing to livin' that I'd ever known. Never understand why I let her go. Still crazy after all these years.

DESPITE THOUSANDS years mankind around, despite billions books, schools, religions, lectures, despite wars, killing fields, massacres, tortures, genocides, double talk, double cross, divide/conquer, corruption, tyranny, space weapons, tested mankind remains spiritually undeveloped.

HGS: A 6 or 9-day weekend in the waterfall suite at the Madonna Inn would be an appropriate first anniversary. TYS Michale IRLDY 247/365.

MY SCARS REMIND me that the past is real. I tear my heart open just to feel. Pray and work for peace on earth.

NICK K. NICK K. NICK K. Write soon! Weeks have gone by. We all want to hear from you. Don't let time pass you by. WI WI WI.

MATCHES

SHARED INTERESTS

FRIENDSHIP. Female, 41, seeks few platonic pals who wants to focus on relaxing! Movies, music, TV, videos, light exercise, shopping. Suggestions? (6/29) ☎48391

FRIENDSHIP. Pacific Beach lady, 53, wants to find friends, men/women for movies. I like movies on weekends. I like

FREE DATESMART 3-HOUR CLASS

Women Learn:

Fashion Valley theaters. Age unimportant. (6/29) 📞48370

COUNTRY MUSIC anyone? Female seeks a platonic friend to visit a country place in Santee. Music, conversation, people watching and light dancing. (6/29) 📞48392

SALSA PARTNER. Attractive East Coast sister, middle age, laid back. Likes to dance, love salsa, like the Gaslamp atmosphere. Seeking salsa partner to dance with. (6/29) 📞48371

MUSIC. Lady wishes to meet friends, 55-65, who have an appreciation for vocal, classical music, show tunes, Mario Lanza, etc. (6/29) 📞48393

MATCHES

WOMEN

SEEKING MEN

LATINA, 49, PETITE, seeking male, 45-60, for serious relationship, nonsmoker, honest, generous, loving. Enjoy dancing, movies, outdoors, family and friends. (6/29) 📞34917

WARM-HEARTED, affectionate lady, pretty face, nice figure. Seeking 59+, tall gentleman to share fun times and adventurous wondering. Sense of humor is a must. (6/29) 📞34928

MAKE ME LAUGH AND I'M yours. Dance with me and I'll spoil you. Lusty, active, intelligent, 60s, female whose heart and attitude are mid-40s. (6/22) 📞34910

STUNNING, CURVACEOUS redhead, 54, 5'10", sensuous, passionate, spiritual, personable, huggable, extroverted, East County. Are you outdoorsy, attractive, energetic, affectionate, wicked, playful, tall, exciting, stable nonsmoker? (6/22) 📞34896

ATTRACTIVE, YOUNG- hearted senior, humorous, animal lover. Seeking silver-haired gent who will treat me right. Theater, travel, our golden years, can only get better. (6/29) 📞34922

SLIM, CHEERFUL, HEALTHY, tall, warm, affectionate, white female, 67. Seeking good-natured, fit, 6'1"+ gentleman, near

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From this page, click on "Matches."

age 67, for fun, companionship, TLC. Friends first. Nonsmoker, please. (6/22) 📞34885

EARLY RETIREE in San Carlos seeks attractive, intelligent friend for dating, maybe marriage. I'm world traveler, Mexican art lover, good looking, dancer, financially stable. (6/22) 📞34903

UNBREAK MY HEART, take me away in your world of movies, dinners, dancing, home life, walks, 52. Enjoy romance, serious, kind gentleman to love. (6/29) 📞34916

SOUTH COUNTY. PERSONABLE, pretty, slim, trim, 5'3", brown hair, giver, open, spiritual, entrepreneur. You: 45-55, enjoy life, hiking, beach, mountains, ocean, biking, fit, active, nonsmoker. (6/29) 📞34935

LOOKING LONG LASTING relationship, possible marriage. Fun and humorous, honest, sincere. I'm Asian, divorced lady, witty, loving; caring person waiting for your call. (6/22) 📞34888

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage

man. Friendship, sportive, no previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-51, 5'9"+. (6/22) 📞34911

EDUCATED, ATTRACTIVE black woman looking for a good man. Race open. Books, theaters, walking, progressive, 51-75, cruising. No more single supplements. You same. (6/22) 📞34902

PROFESSIONAL BLACK FEMALE, slim, beautiful, adventurous. Seeking white Hispanic male, 35-50, for long-term relationship, hiking, dancing, camping, movies, etc. No smoking or recreational drugs. (6/22) 📞34887

ASIAN, CLASSY, SEXY and intelligent, 5'6", wishes to meet nonsmoker, 42+, 5'8", caring, financially and emotionally secure gentleman for long-term relationship/marriage. Serious only. (6/22) 📞34907

LOVELY, LONELY, SINGLE mom seniorita with 12-year-old son. 5'2", age 40, need single dad to make a whole family. (6/22) 📞34897

WARM PERSONALITY, traditional values, attractive blonde/blue, retired navy widow. Seeking congenial Christian gentleman. Enjoy healthy lifestyle, cruises, swimming, cultural activities, quiet times. (6/22) 📞34884

TALL, BEAUTIFUL, SPUNKY lady looking for educated, decent gentleman, 65-75, with excellent sense of humor. Republicans need not reply. (6/22) 📞34892

WELL-EDUCATED professional, emotionally and financially secure with a good heart and looks. Looking for a man with similar qualities for friendship, possible long relationship. (6/22) 📞48362

FUN, FIT, YOUNG, shapely, intelligent, 64, Caucasian, Democrat, walks, arts, nature, dining. You: 57-64, healthy, nonsmoker, compassionate, life-loving; friendship, romance, relationship. San Diego preferred. (6/29) 📞34913

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, petite, Brunette, 41. Enjoys movies, reading, music. Seeking male, 38-48, easygoing, to possibly build relationship, easy to talk to. (6/29) 📞34931

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Let's share our passions in these areas. Please be intellectually curious, sensuous and appreciative of the many beauties of San Diego. You are 62+. (6/29) 📞34930

ONE SPECIAL GENTLEMAN wanted. Attractive lady, 70 years, young heart, life is

great. Dreams do come true if shared by two. Adventurous, exciting, awesome, sharp. (6/22) 📞34883

ATTRACTIVE, HAPPY, HONEST, humorous, Caucasian mom, 5'7", 128lbs., brown/blue, 40. Seeking same in male, 30-45, 5'9"+, nonsmoker, movies, outdoors, boardgames, homelife, long-term relationship. (6/22) 📞34904

ASIAN PAMELA ANDERSON, funny, smart, beautiful inside/out, 5'4", active, exciting, faithful. Seeking gentleman, honest, smart, well educated, enjoy travel, golf, family man, good spirited. (6/29) 📞34923

SEARCHING FOR EDUCATED, nonsmoker, sincere, considerate, secure, romantic, healthy, gentleman as friend for openers, by an attractive, educated lady, ex-member of the US Diplomatic Corps. (6/29) 📞34927

MUST LOVE DOGS, rollercoasters, movies. Pretty, adventurous, fit, 5'9", 30s, Caucasian seeks very cute, clean cut, trim, romantic, 30-40, Caucasian, financially secure, nonsmoking, nondrinking prince! (6/22) 📞34905

BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus-size, blonde/brown eyed girl. I love friendship, companionship. Love movies, coffee and conversations. Let's get together and see what happens. (6/29) 📞34914

NORMAL, SANE, SEXY, shapely, funny blonde, a little wild. Seeking down-to-earth male, 55-65, with sense of humor and no sailboat. Nonsmoker. (6/22) 📞34889

ATTRACTIVE GAL, NONSMOKER, slender, seeking gentleman, 55-65, for friendship, maybe more. Dining, dancing, walking, hiking, movies, music, theater, nature, pets, enjoying the good life together. (6/22) 📞34894

SEXY BLACK LADY seeks cutie who's smart, fun, healthy, spiritual, 30-40 years, outgoing. I'm 5'6", 120lbs., fit, affectionate, loving, good listener. Call me. Race open. (6/22) 📞34893

CURVACEOUS BEAUTY, great legs, 5'2", 130lbs., educated, honest, happy, love life. Seeking gentleman: emotionally/financially secure, 58-70, trustworthy, honest, long-term, romantic, healthy and traditional. (6/22) 📞34890

FORMER PROFESSIONAL singer in musicals. Slender, pretty, great legs, nature lover, walker, well educated, loves travel, nonsmoker, centrally located. Seeking that special man. (6/22) 📞34909

FRIEND, COMPANION wanted for attractive, educated lady, 70. Dining, dancing, tennis, garage sales, theater. Share expenses. Balboa Park area. (6/29) 📞34918

MENSCH SOUGHT BY 42-YEAR old princess studying to be the queen. Must be funny and good kibbitzer. No kvetchers or excess mishgoss. Let's schmooze! (6/29) 📞34921

CUTE CALIFORNIA GIRL, blonde/blue, 5'8", slender, teacher. Enjoy beach, concerts, Egyptian belly dancing, boating, gym, flying. Seeking fun, successful, attractive, fit, romantic, nonsmoking, 34-48. (6/22) 📞34898

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, 38, 5', 110lbs. Seeking older, secure, cultured gentleman for sincere, long-term companionship. Enjoy arts, jazz, walks on beach. Must love animals. (6/29) 📞34925

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Across

1. CD forerunners
4. Mason or McBeal: Abbr.
8. Artist's goof
14. Electric ____
15. Cheese with a rind
16. Noted Hollywood executive
17. Univ. figure
18. Encyclopedia volume between "Aardvark-Ailey" and "Plebian-Zygote"?
20. City between Turin and Genoa
22. Nations Unies members
23. Encyclopedia volume between "Aardvark-Lisbon" and "Rebbe-Zygote"?
29. Butter alternative
30. Heavenly figure?
32. Fraternity party staple
35. The "Star Wars" trilogy, for one
37. Campbell of "Wild Things"
38. Encyclopedia volume between "Aardvark-Agrarian" and "Disarmament-Zygote"?
43. "Yikes!"
44. Cold War lands: Abbr.
45. Annoy
46. The Beatles' last album
50. Sold, to an auctioneer
52. Encyclopedia volume between "Aardvark-Retrovirus" and "Seneca-Zygote"?
57. Where you might take the bull by the horns
58. Break bread
59. Encyclopedia volume between "Aardvark-Calisthenics" and "Oregon-Zygote"?
65. Mudhole
66. How stores often buy merchandise
67. Tend the sauce
68. Canadian capital?
69. Actresses O'Donnell and Perez
70. Ages and ages
71. Surg. locales

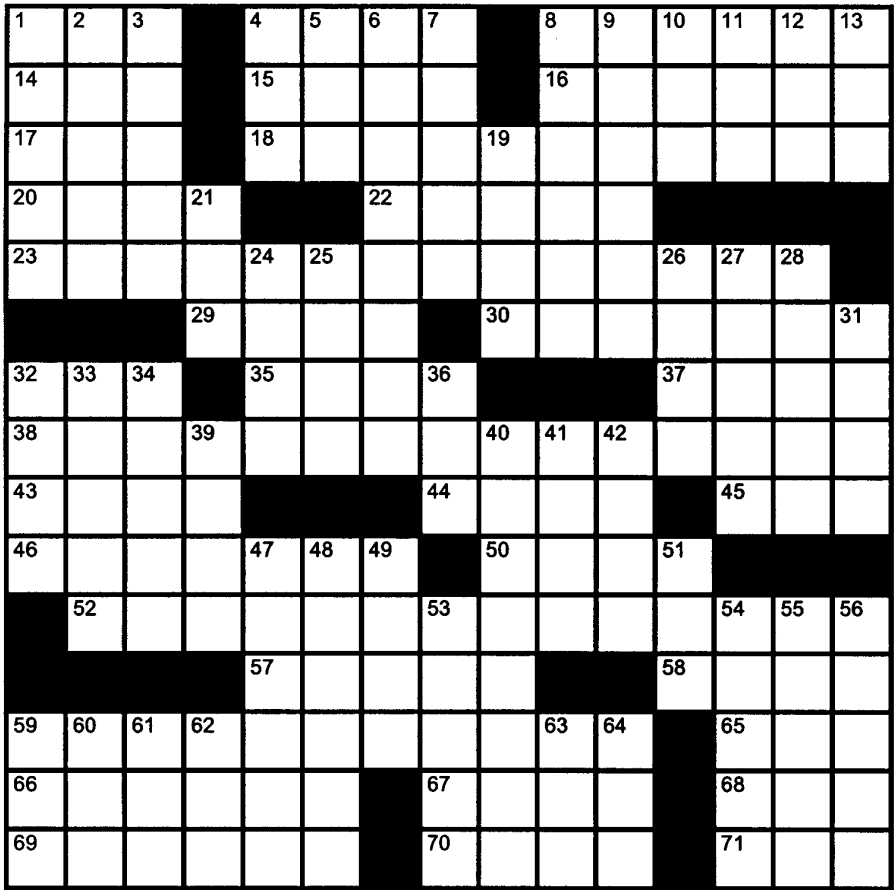
Down

1. Over 18, say
2. Soft drink since 1898
3. Mattress supports
4. Org. for a 4-Across
5. Quadri- preceder
6. "We're finished here"
7. "The best is ____ come!"
8. Deadly sins, e.g.
9. "Smoky Mountain Rain" singer Ronnie
10. Wear and tear
11. It's stranded
12. Some appliances

13. Ode preposition
19. Boathouse equipment
21. Lance who sat in front of O.J.
24. Choice word
25. How Scotch may be served
26. Hong Kong's Hay ____ Index
27. Cheri of "Scary Movie"
28. "When hell freezes over!"
31. Be malodorous
32. Film critic Pauline
33. October 31 prankster
34. Prepare Parmesan, say
36. Madison Ave. output
39. Reduce one's sentence, say
40. Treats well
41. Low-budget hotels, for short
42. ____ Seierstad, who wrote the 2004 bestseller "The Bookseller of Kabul"
47. Terrapin, e.g.
48. "The Producers" director
49. Prefix with skeleton
51. Pull the plug on
53. Short and sweet
54. Music played at Studio 54
55. Type in
56. California's Point ____ Peninsula
59. Geometric fig.
60. "I'll take that as ____"
61. Many oz.
62. French pronoun
63. "Ich bin ____ Berliner": JFK
64. Some Xing crossers

RULES OF THE GAME

1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 6/9/05.

Of the 193 entrants, 181 were correct. The winners are:

1. Maria Lopez, San Diego
2. Jo Ann Sciacchatano, San Diego
3. Kim McCann, San Diego
4. Jennifer Nogle, San Diego
5. Alan Burrows, El Cajon

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SULTRY, nice legs, curvaceous figure, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, nonsmoker, upscale, successful, compatible, generous, 36+ Caucasian bachelor. (6/22) **34899**

BEAUTIFUL CLASSY BRUNETTE, with a great personality, positive and optimistic. Seeking an honest, kind and caring gentleman, 55-65, with a great sense of humor. (6/29) **34926**

QUALITY WOMAN, 35, worth the wait. Tall, athletic, intelligent, down to earth. Nonsmoking, nondrinking. Seeking outgoing man, 30-39, for adventures in dating. (6/22) **34906**

SEXY CUBANITA, 47, 5'5", great heart, like dancing, art, music. Seeking family-oriented gentleman for a rewarding relationship. 43-50, let's enjoy life. (6/22) **34895**

BEAUTIFUL LATINA. Like exotic places, movies, cooking. You: no games, non-smoker, kids, professional, honest, loving and ready for some stable; healthy and hot. Muah's! (6/29) **34936**

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, slender, blonde, easygoing, Beverly Hills retired searching financially secure, 65+, for Garden of Eden, monogamous. Enjoy swap meets, fairs, walking, talking, driving. (6/22) **34900**

VERY ATTRACTIVE NORTH County homeowner, blonde/green, nonsmoker.

Seeking good-looking tall male, homeowner North County. Into romance, travel, 50s-60s, humor, gentleman, sincere. (6/22) **34908**

ABSOLUTELY ATTRACTIVE Asian, 5'5", 38, shapely, intelligent, honest, passionate, eclectic. Seeking real chivalrous, humorous, attentive, highly accomplished, romantic, handsome, travel, adventurous, easygoing, healthy, strong, monogamous. (6/29) **34924**

EXCUSE ME. OLD FASHIONED girl, 60, smoker, no bars, likes lunches, TV, homebody, coffee, conversation, great attitude. Jolly man, laid back, country friends, first. 60+. (6/29) **34933**

SEXY, INTELLIGENT, vibrant, full-figured, 56, lady wants to get out for fun with gentleman,

48-62, for friendship, romance? Sense of humor, honest, active! Hello! (6/29) **34937**

CAVIAR TO PEANUT BUTTER jeans to ballgowns, vivacious, sophisticated, intelligent, adventurous, successful, small blonde, 50-something, going on 7 seeks man for all seasons, 55+. (6/29) **34934**

ATTRACTIVE, SEXY REDHEAD, young 50, great legs, sweet and unique personality. Into jazz, dining, movies. Seeking long-relationship with tall, handsome, in shape black gentleman. (6/22) **34891**

PRETTY AND PETITE music teacher, 5'2", 115lbs. Enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, hatha yoga, seeks gentleman,

man 5'10"+, 45-55, athletic, spiritual, good sense of humor. (6/22) **34912**

FUN, FIT, CURVACEOUS blonde likes water, sports, outdoor events, dining, travel, sunsets. Looking for a man with a great sense of humor and financially secure. (6/29) **34929**

FUN-LOVING, SLENDER, Asian, cute, 58. Seeking friendship, companionship or relationship, someone who enjoys life, beach walks, the simple pleasures of life. I'm sweet, honest. (6/29) **34919**

WHITE, CENTRAL AMERICA for all seasons. 46, professional, need macho man, 45-60, with car, work, time for me, holidays. No drugs. (6/29) **34915**

FRIENDSHIP WANTED, possible relationship. I am Hispanic, 46, fun-loving, good

sense of humor. Seeking male, 45-55, race unimportant, must be stable. (6/22) **34886**

I AM CLASSY, NOT PERFECT, 5'2". Love everything; humor, dancing, travel, independent. I'm seeking a secure, honest, lifetime man, 68+, same. (6/29) **34932**

WHITE MALE, CONSIDERATE, caring, for long-term relationship. I am 5'3", 115lbs., caring and compassionate. (6/29) **34920**

LOVING, CARING, attractive Filipina, 47. Seeking neat, attractive male for weekend fun, dining out, dancing, romance, possibly long-term relationship. Friendship first. 47-55. (6/22) **34901**

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

ARE YOU SINGLE, 30-something, healthy, Italianish, affectionate, reliable, financially responsible, Christian, childless but ready for family now with similar monogamous, mature, secure, wonderful widower? (6/22) **48357**

IT WOULD BE A TREAT to meet and greet and have a seat while I rub your feet so you can feel complete! (6/29) **48386**

NICE GUY, 68, RETIRED, healthy, active, outdoorsy, no baggage, like foreign films, desert, cruises, stable finance, La Mesa area. Looking for a nice lady. (6/29) **48394**

WELCOME LADIES. This single white male, mid-40s, 6'4", professional chef. Are you hungry? Be the seventh caller. All races welcome. Romantic evening, jazz, 25-50. Hurry. (6/22) **48337**

HANDSOME, STABLE, CARING, 34, prefer a Filipina or Asian who is honest and sincere. Me: homeowner, college graduate, organized, career minded, non-smoker, active. (6/29) **48408**

WIFE WANTED. Architectural designer, house builder, extroverted, world traveler, aware, huggable, personable, listener, compassionate, intuitive, open, communicative, loves life. You're 37-47. No cats, please. (6/22) **48346**

MATURE, GENEROUS, NORTH County inland, white male to meet attractive, non-smoker, younger woman. Ride in my Porsche, dining, weekend getaways, etc. No players. No drugs. (6/29) **48381**

BLACK/WHITE FEMALE, white male would like to meet you, develop friendship/relationship. Be straight up, sincere, the respect you show-the respect you get. (6/29) **48389**

BLACK FEMALE! Sean Connery look alike, communicative, monogamous, athletic, 61, in Pacific Beach. Seeking sexy, earthy woman for sharing, laughter, good conversation and emotional intimacy. (6/29) **48396**

TALL, BABY BLUE COLLAR gentleman loves beach, mountains, home, 52 years. Desires attractive, fit and wise lady for summer adventures and opportunity for cherished relationship. (6/22) **48348**

SPOILING YOU GENEROUS, Del Mar, very handsome, fun, tall, white, slim, wealthy, athletic, sophisticated bachelor. Seeking devoted future with very cute, childless, wholesome young lady. (6/29) **48384**

CARING, FUN, FIT, ROMANTIC, stable white male, 6', 54, 175lbs. Seeking special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel. Bye for now. (6/22) **48344**

PLAYFUL BLONDE, BUGMAN, 50, 5'10", 180lbs., ready to settle down. I'm thinking 7/7/07. If you're like me, unencumbered, happy, healthy, strong. Let's go for it. (6/29) **48399**

YOUR BAD MOOD. Let me help you work it out. My motto: "If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun." Be good. (6/29) **48400**

NATURIST MALE, WHITE, 42 look 30, attractive, slim. Seeking 18-45 height/weight proportionate lady with whom to enjoy sun and beach as they were intended. (6/29) **48383**

NORTH COASTAL, DEL MAR? Encinitas? Compassionate, loving, good looking, growth oriented, educated, holistic, fit guy. Seeking slim, similar type woman. I'm 5'10", 60, 178lbs., lovable. (6/29) **48404**

MUSICIAN/SONGWRITER, 6', seeks same. Oldies, classic rock, country, bluegrass, fun, nature, travel, easygoing, 30-40, songwriter, poet or singer. (6/22) **48361**

FULL-BODIED WHITE WOMAN, 180+lbs., wanted by attractive black male for a totally unique and passionate relationship. Be large, proportioned, attractive and wanting a permanent commitment. (6/22) **48363**

59-YEAR-OLD MAN looking for North County woman, nonsmoker, with good sense of humor, happy with her life, who wants a good professional man. (6/29) **48377**

STOP! READ THIS! Mixed female (black/white?), 25-45, attractive, curves, sought by fine black male, 39. Long walks, all that jazz, however you like! (6/22) **48349**

DOWN-TO-EARTH WHITE MALE, 52, healthy, sincere, affectionate, enjoy outdoors, weekend travel, and home life. Seeking white professional, 45-55, female for relationship. (6/22) **48355**

GUY NEXT DOOR, 41, seeks girl next door, 50-60, for coffee, tea, conversation, walks, with the possibility of romance. (6/22) **48351**

TOMBOY FEMALE WANTED by white boy, 49, 5'11", 180lbs., astute, articulate, with wicked humor. Open to age, prefer unencumbered, attitude for adventure, passion, romance, friendship. (6/22) **48358**

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ACTIVE, ATTRACTIVE, fun, fit, North County gentleman, 45, brown/blue. Into travel, hiking, biking, dining, movies. Seeking attractive, slender lady for dating/relationship. Any ideas? (6/22) ☎48364

A GOOD CATCH! Attractive white professional, 44, spontaneous, adventurous, romantic, honest, healthy, homeowner, beach, barbecue, jacuzzi, dining, dancing, music, pool, poker, Vegas. Let's have fun. (6/22) ☎48366

SEMI-HEROIC UNDERDOG willing to rescue damsel in seclusion using superpowers of poetry. Heroines must be fully human, adventurous and willing to take in stray pup. (6/29) ☎48405

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 35-50, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. Let me spoil you. (6/22) ☎48356

LOOKING FOR ANOTHER PURE love. Enjoy the arts, cinema, gym, tennis, travel, bikes, KPBS, classic rock, independent, athletic, passionate, petite, spunky, brunette, 38-45, genuine communication. (6/22) ☎48368

ROMANTIC, AFFECTIONATE, spiritual, man in search of sensual, shapely woman with a pretty smile who is interested in relationship full of passion, intimacy and growth. (6/22) ☎48339

1942 MODEL SEEKS COUNTRY gal for lasting relationship. Enjoy dining out, home life, romance. Honey I'm home, is what I want to hear. Race open. (6/22) ☎48342

ASIAN OVER 30 DESIRED. White professional, 46 (looking 39). Toned, smooth skin, shaven face, brown/green. 6', 200lbs. Sweet. Give you wonderful back rubs. (6/29) ☎48385

ADVENTUROUS, HONEST, gentle, sincere, outdoor guy. Seeking mature nonsmoking woman for beach, mountains, desert, Mexico and dancing. Must enjoy camping, fishing, hiking and be real! (6/29) ☎48373

OUTDOORSY FEMININE LADY needed. Me: 45, act 25, 5'8", 165lbs., reliable, casual type. You: ideas, motivating, one-man woman, nonsmoker. Ready for caring, sharing relationship. (6/22) ☎48353

TALL, ATHLETIC, professional, 43, 6'1", brown/blue, healthy lifestyle. Seeking thick, athletic lady, 34-48, for biking, tennis, sailing, hiking, etc. Thick legs a plus! (6/29) ☎48407

RETIRED MARINE in search of an intelligent, attractive woman, 5'6"+. I'm a runner, therefore athleticism a plus but not necessary. (6/29) ☎48388

SOUTH BAY PROFESSIONAL. I am Hispanic, fit, neat and live in Chula Vista. I am a gentleman, like to have fun, live alone with pets. (6/22) ☎48402

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE desired, by attractive white male, 42, 6'3", 240lbs., nice shape, hazel eyes, 6 months of alcohol recovery. You: honest, romantic, car-

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KINDRED SPIRIT, WARM heart, gentle, sensual touch, romantic, 58, mellow, easygoing, down to earth, outdoors type. Desire to meet an emotionally stable and secure female. (6/29) ☎48374

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl looking for a lasting relationship. Please be kind, caring, slender. I am 57, 160lbs., blonde, blue, my daughter is 8. (6/29) ☎48398

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, poker and quiet times. (6/22) ☎48354

Need A Change?

43, active, fun, fit, into movies, jazz, beach activities, travel, the gym. Seeking attractive, balanced, energetic, caring, outdoorsy female for healthy, happy, giving relationship. (6/22) ☎48341

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 61, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (6/22) ☎48340

FIRST LOVE FEELING AGAIN. 55ish, strong, sensitive, cuddling, snuggling, gentle, gentleman, good genes, warm, kind, caring, thoughtful and honest,

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NATURIST, NICE, good-looking older guy looking for someone to comfortably and safely explore the naturist lifestyle with. (6/22) ☎48352

DOCTOR, CHIROPRACTOR, handsome, 55 (looks 45), retired, available for loads of adventures, excitement, sensitivity, loving relationship. Beach walks, biking, dining, hiking, stimulating conversation, laughter. 45-55. (6/29) ☎48378

SEXY, LOVING, MATURE older woman sought by tall, white male, 53. I'm warm, loving, caring and very affectionate. Enjoy fun times, quiet times, closeness, intimacy. (6/29) ☎48372

48, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards and morals, potential stepfather, Fashion Valley. Seeking 40-49, fit motivated lady to enjoy life with, relationship, commitment. (6/22) ☎48350

WOW! SUPER NICE GUY still available-young 55 (looks 40), cute, romantic, honest, creative, humorous, educated, enjoy music. Seeking younger, petite, attractive, quality, unencumbered lady. (6/22) ☎48343

SOUTH BAY MAN, 56, 5'10", 170lbs., nonsmoker. Seeking companion, friend for long-term relationship. I enjoy sports, working out, movies, dining, quiet times together, cuddling. (6/29) ☎48376

AESTHETIC, GOOD-LOOKING man, 50, own business, sophisticated, active, intellectual, culturally inclined, funny. Seeking a woman who is humorous, quickwitted, soulful, romantic, wants some company. (6/22) ☎48369

45-65, LADY OF COLOR desired. Must enjoy dining out, movies, dancing, walks on the beach or zoo. (6/29) ☎48397

SINCERELY SEEKING quality relationship. 47, look 37, 5'9", 160lbs., good looking, love outdoors and indoors, easygo-

ing, financially secure, ready to settle down. (6/29) ☎48395

PROFESSIONAL MALE, 45, seeks professional lady, 30-45, for friendship, possibly long-term relationship. You: voluptuous, classy. Me: like outdoors, sports, dining, cooking, romanticism and conversation. (6/29) ☎48382

FRIENDLY LONER SEEKS mature, tactile sybarite. 6', 150lbs., fit, bald, 56, Pisces, stable, nonmaterialistic, metaphysical, with wild side. Many interests, from coarse to sublime. (6/29) ☎48375

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 47. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 33-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (6/22) ☎48347

BLACK MALE, 52, seeks compassionate red bone who is fun-loving, ambitious, nonsmoker. Sense of humor a plus. Call soon, ok? (6/22) ☎48338

KNOW WHAT? You're reading these ads for the same reason I've written mine. Optimistic, outgoing, humorous, North County guy, 50s, wants to talk. Got fun? (6/22) ☎48345

GOOD LOOKING GENT, retired military, songwriter, needs good looking, petite female who reads and plays music to put music to my songs and poems. John. (6/29) ☎48390

ATTRACTIVE, DIVORCED white male, financially secure, emotionally available, professional homeowner, mid-60s, meet attractive, exciting Caucasian lady, fine dining, elegant evenings, movies, ballet, theater. Friends first. (6/29) ☎48406

LIKE HARLEYS? Good-hearted biker looking for fit woman for fun and possibly serious relationship. Nonsmoker. Call me. (6/29) ☎48379

LATINA WANTED! White male, 46, nice looking, great personality and sense of humor, successful professional. Seeking attractive, fun, female for friendship,

travel, romance and love. (6/29) ☎48401

SENIOR RETIRED, NONSMOKING, secure gentleman. Searching for senior retired lady for friend, companion, lover who loves music, cruising, dinners, theater, concerts, with positive joyful outlook. (6/22) ☎48359

GOOD LOOKING, PHYSICALLY fit, health-oriented professional, 53, confident, sense of humor. Seeking that attractive woman for a caring, respectful relationship. North County. (6/29) ☎48380

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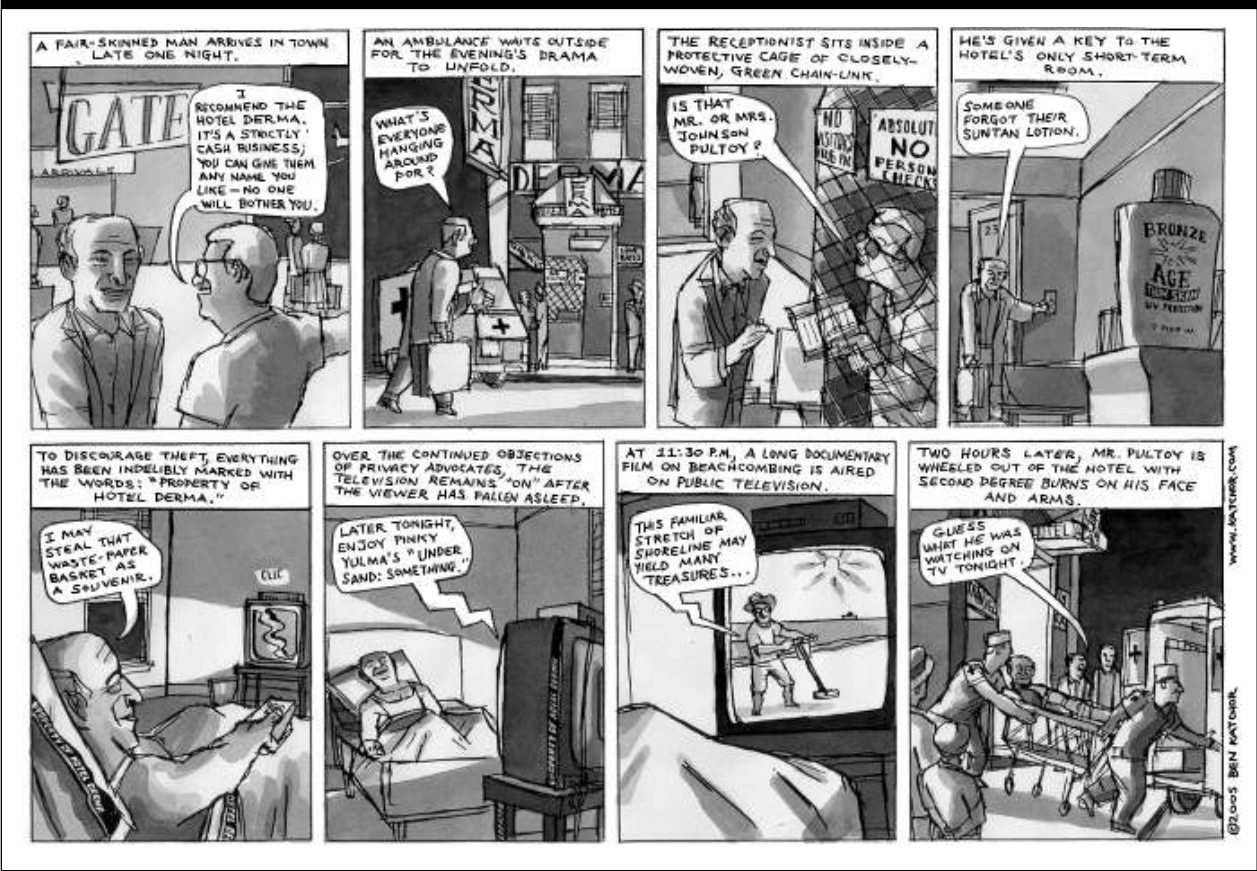
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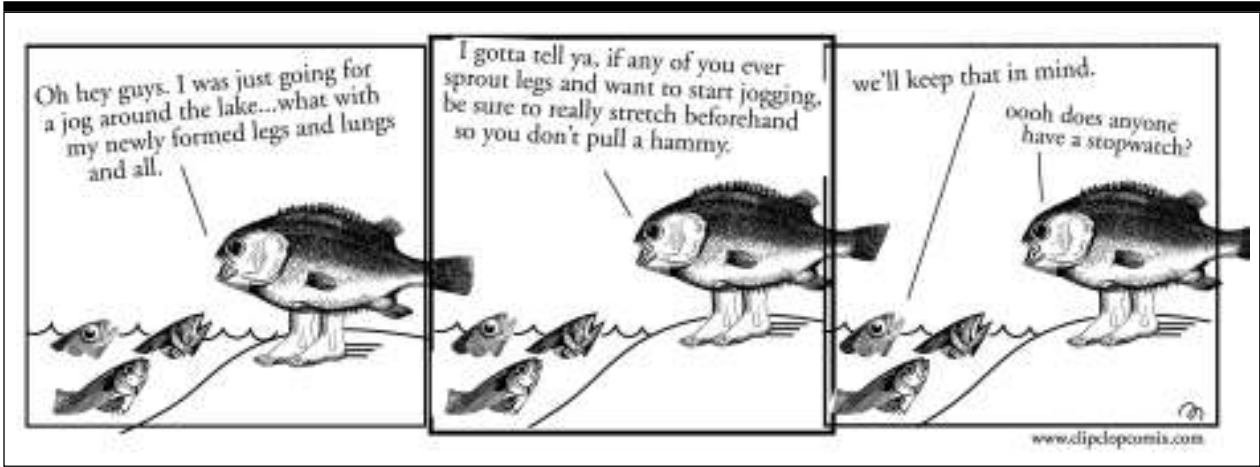
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ENCINITAS. Studio. Full bath/kitchen, vaulted ceiling, new stackable washer/dryer. Newly renovated, private entrance, street parking, cable. No pets/non-smoker. \$930. Joyce, 760-942-6881.

ENCINITAS. \$1600. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo. Carport, patio. Small pet OK. Village Park 3, 1832 Gatepost Road. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

ENCINITAS. Duplex. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Off-street parking. Pet OK. 1375 North Vulcan #A. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

ENCINITAS. \$1625. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath in Village Park. Garage, fireplace, all appliances. Common pool and spa. 247 Countryhaven Road. Leasing Unlimited 760-436-7273.

ENCINITAS. High Country Villas. 55+ community. 2 bedroom 2 bath, den. Laundry. 1 car garage. Pool, golf. \$1450. 760-942-3294.

ENCINITAS/LEUCADIA. Why live inland? Near beach and surf! Duplex, upper unit. Sunny 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1350. Laundry facilities, 2 parking spaces, no pets, nonsmoking. Lease. 760-931-1012.

ENCINITAS/LEUCADIA. Secluded, big 1 bedroom with large deck, skylights, fireplace, hardwood floors, 1 parking space. Small, quiet complex. Nonsmoking. \$1150. 273 Hillcrest Drive. 858-794-7880.

ESCONDIDO. \$900-\$1195. 1/2 off 1st month's rent with approved credit. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath and 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Appliances. Laundry. Pool. 760-738-2303.

ESCONDIDO. Gated, garden-style living! Junior 1 bedrooms, \$795. 1 bedrooms, \$895-\$925. 2 bedrooms, \$1020-\$1050. Washer/dryer included. Central air and heat. Dishwasher. Microwave. Walk-in closet. Large private patio/balcony. Pool. Covered parking. Near bus and shopping! No pets! Teton Pines Apartments, 2100 East Grand Avenue. 760-747-5566. www.sdreader.com/rent/2090.

FASHION HILLS. \$1950. 3 bedroom, 3 bath. 2-car garage, pool, tennis, deck, washer/dryer. Available 7/1. 3 month sub-lease/year lease. Pets OK. 619-252-8816.

FASHION VALLEY. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage plus carport parking. Patio. Balcony. Washer/dryer. Pets negotiable. Close to USD. Available 6/1/05. \$2350. 858-292-1773.

FASHION VALLEY. \$2400. Huge, remodeled 3 bedroom, 3 bath, two-car garage, washer/dryer, pool, Jacuzzi, tennis, view. Great location, close to everything. Steve, 858-922-0790.

FASHION VALLEY \$1575. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Spacious. Extra large deck. View. 2 car garage. Tennis. Fireplace. Pool. 1525 North Rim Court, 858-454-6874.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1125 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Underground parking. Balcony. No pets. At 5550 Mildred Street #27. 619-291-1755.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1200 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. No pets. At 1330 Eureka Street #20. 619-298-5820.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. \$950 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Off-street parking. No pets, at 5550 Mildred Street #4. 619-291-1755.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. \$875 rent. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom. Parking spot. No pets. At 1330 Eureka Street #17. 619-298-5820.

FASHION VALLEY. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment downstairs unit, small intimate building, gated entry, on-site laundry, close to USD. 5530 Riley Street. \$1375. Chris, 619-518-4456.

FASHION VALLEY. The Courtyards. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, underground parking, resort-like: pool/spa/sauna/racquetball/tennis/gym. Lease. No pets/smoking. ETS Realty, 619-296-6200.

FASHION VALLEY. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage plus carport parking. Patio. Balcony. Washer/dryer. Pets negotiable. Close to USD. Available now. \$2350. 858-292-1773.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1195. Spacious 1 bedroom condo in well-maintained "Mission Greens" complex. 1-1/2 bathrooms. Upgraded kitchen. Fireplace. Balcony. Covered parking. 619-683-7638. Xilarent.com.

FASHION VALLEY, WEST "Presidio Place" huge 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath luxury condo. Resort setting, lagoon, spas, tennis. 24-hour gate guards ensure security. \$1195/month. 619-251-0742; 619-741-9807.

FASHION VALLEY. \$875. 1 bedroom, upper unit with vaulted ceilings, gated parking with carport and storage room, 1122 Eureka Avenue. Sorry, no pets. Agent, 619-296-3189.

FASHION VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo, newly remodeled, new steel appliances, washer/dryer in unit, parking, security entry, \$1400/month. Available now. 619-895-1847.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Appliances, coin laundry. Garage. Convenient location. Cat OK with deposit. Available now. 5720 Lauretta, 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.desolpm.com.

FASHION VALLEY, WEST. Presidio Place Condos. Upscale resort living with pools, spas, tennis, racquetball, laundry, elevators, underground parking. 24-hour gate attendants. \$1900/month. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath penthouse with vaulted ceilings, fireplace, wet bar, 2 balconies, upgraded carpet, air conditioned. Available July 1. No pets. R.A. Properties, 858-483-3989.

FASHION VALLEY WEST. Presidio Place upscale condos. Resort living with pools, spas, tennis, racquetball, elevators, underground parking. 24 hour gate attendants. \$1900/month. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath penthouse with vaulted ceilings, fireplace, wet bar, 2 balconies, upgraded carpet, air conditioned. Available now! No pets! R.A. Properties. 858-483-3989.

FASHION VALLEY. \$950. Bright, spacious studio. New carpet, remodeled kitchen/bath. Near trolley, mall, USD. Laundry, gym, pool/spa. Nonsmoking. No pets. Lease. 858-395-3162.

FLETCHER HILLS. \$795. Furnished studio in private home. Private entry and bath. Utilities paid. Pool, access to washer/dryer, parking. View. No smoking/pets. 619-297-1483 x110 or 619-851-7986.

GOLDEN HILL. \$775. Sunny, unfurnished studio with French doors and balcony in charming Victorian. Utilities paid. Nonsmoking. Available 7/1/05. Michele, 619-696-7076.

GOLDEN HILL. 2 bedroom, 1 bath townhome, \$1250. Contemporary setting, wood flooring/carpet, Italian tile/countertops. 1-car garage, private patio, new landscaping, security entry, laundry on site. 619-247-7327.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$775. Pet friendly, balconies, gated community, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove, lush landscaping. Month-to-month. Available now. 619-517-9395.

GOLDEN HILL. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Pet OK, balcony, dishwasher. Month-to-month. 619-517-9395.

GOLDEN HILL. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 2 units. \$775/\$850. New kitchen/bathroom. Hardwood floors. Great neighborhood, laundry on site. Available now. No dogs. 2412 E Street. 619-857-3706.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1350. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer hookups, fenced yard. Pet OK. 1170 22nd Street at B Street. 619-392-7074.

GOLDEN HILL. \$645. Studio. \$700, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet, gated, near Downtown, close to bus. Cats OK. 2528 C Street. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

GOLDEN HILL. \$825. 1 bedroom Victorian flat, secure 4-unit building. Dishwasher. Lots of windows. Wood floors. Off-street parking. Onsite laundry. 3345 C Street. 619-559-5423.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. View of Downtown and Coronado. Third floor. New paint and carpet. Covered garage. Karl, 619-990-9445.

GOLDEN HILL. \$600/month plus deposit. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, convenient location, close to downtown. No pets. 619-299-3506.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1050. Charming 2 bedroom. Fresh paint, new carpet, very clean

and ready to go. Quiet fourplex with lush landscaping, laundry on site. Close to Downtown, golf course and shops. 2856 Broadway. 619-341-4884.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750. Quiet 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex set into canyon. Laundry, off street parking. No pets, no smoke. 1521 31st Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1025 with utilities. Charming upper 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in gated courtyard. Laundry, off street parking, newly painted. No pets, no smoke. 2967 A Street. 619-231-4355, Agent, 619-685-3960.

GOLDEN HILL. \$715. Spacious studio in 1920s building. Hardwood floors, large walk-in closet. Built-in storage, lots of windows. Separate kitchen with built-in table and seating. Free high speed wireless Internet. Clean, quiet building with laundry, roof deck. Close to Downtown. \$200 off first month. www.goldenhillrentals.com. 906 21st Street. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725. Charming Victoria style studio. All utilities paid. Hardwood floors, stove, refrigerator, deck. Gardener included. Pet OK. 454 1/2 21st Street. 619-698-6911.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. Pet-friendly community! \$775. Charming 1 bedroom with large walk-in closet. Pets under 25 pounds. 619-980-6868.

GOLDEN HILL. Pet-friendly community! Charming 1 bedroom plus den, \$975. Large walk-in closets, hardwood floors. 3048 Broadway. 619-980-6868.

GOLDEN HILL. \$945-\$965. Spanish charm. Bright lower/upper 2 bedroom apartments. High-coved ceilings. Hardwood/Berber carpet. Gas appliances. Security guards. Laundry. Shore Management, 619-920-6089.

GOLDEN HILL. \$670. Studio available. 2858 "A" Street. Agent, 619-296-6343.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom \$845. Studios from \$750. Available now. Charming 1920s style building featuring hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, and a fountain in a garden setting. Close to Downtown, Balboa Park. 619-546-5362; 619-217-2502.

GOLDEN HILL. \$675-\$700. Furnished studios. Lovely apartments with city view. Beautiful older building, controlled access entry. Wilshire Apartments. 2004 C Street. 619-232-0903. www.rasnyder.com.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedrooms \$775. Large upper unit, tranquil garden setting. Great location, easy commute to downtown. Gated complex, laundry facilities. Move in special. 619-595-1923.

GOLDEN HILL. \$795. Huge 1 bedroom with hardwood floors. Washer/dryer hookups. Lots of windows. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. Super charming top floor 1 bedroom in a courtyard setting. Hardwood floors and friendly cat welcome. 841 24th Street. \$775/month. 619-990-9994.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit. Remodeled, on-site laundry. Sorry, no pets! 942 24th Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

HILLCREST, EAST. Townhouse, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, patio. 1-car garage. 1-off street. Laundry hookup. \$1295. No pets. 4046 Mississippi Street #4. Fox Properties, 858-292-1773.

HILLCREST, UPTOWN. \$850. 1 bedroom. Top floor unit. Close to all. Gated building. Nice patios. 619-298-2802.

HILLCREST. Spacious 2 bedrooms starting at \$1225. Berber carpet, fireplace, spa, gym, intercom, elevator. Sorry, no pets. 4134 4th Avenue. See photos at www.WexfordLiving.com. 619-299-0047.

HILLCREST. 1 Bedroom. \$675. Super clean building, underground parking, storage. Ages 55+, Section 8 approved, 3796 Alabama. Pet ok. Call 760-443-3260/Liz.Louis@cox.net.

HILLCREST. Ask about Manager's Special. From \$795. Studios, 1 bedrooms in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated! Controlled access. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated management. Don't miss out on Hillcrest living at its best! Near bus, shopping, freeways, Nightingale Apartments. EHO. 619-295-4351. www.sdreader.com/rent/2014.

HILLCREST. Lovely upgraded 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. All amenities. Large patio. Gated parking. Pets OK. \$1495. 619-228-5770.

HILLCREST. \$1575. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath with great character, located in great location. Garage included. Must see! 1621 Myrtle Street. Available 7/1. 619-871-0222.

HILLCREST. \$1775. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with great character, located in great location. Garage included. Must see! 1615 Myrtle Street. Available 7/7. 619-871-0222.

HILLCREST. \$1995. 1 bedroom penthouse. 1/2 off first month! Spectacular park views. Private deck. Vaulted ceiling. Quiet, charming. Laundry room. Gated. New carpet. 536 Maple. www.palomarapts.com; Jennifer/Mark, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. \$995. Charming cottage-like 1 bedroom in small vintage Spanish-style property with laundry facilities. Hardwood floors, 9 foot coved ceilings. Garage available. 3770 Georgia Street. Call 619-298-1961.

HILLCREST. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Completely remodeled. Deck overlooking canyon. Block to Balboa Park. 1 off-street parking. Washer/dryer in-unit. 619-549-4959.

HILLCREST. Elegant apartments! Starting: Studio, \$825/up. 1 bedrooms, \$995/up. 2 bedrooms, \$1500/up. \$100 security deposit. Elevator, clubhouse, gym, pool, sauna, air conditioning, dishwasher. Ceramic tile. Laundry. Microwave. Floor-to-ceiling windows. Covered parking. Locked bicycle storage. No pets. Park East Apartments. 111 West Pennsylvania. ParkEastApts@att.net. www.sdreader.com/rent/1006. 619-298-3225.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom, \$995/up. 2 bedroom, \$1500. Elegant apartments! Elevator, clubhouse, gym, pool, sauna, air conditioning, dishwasher. Ceramic tile. Laundry. Microwave. Floor-to-ceiling windows. Covered parking. Bicycle storage. No pets. Park East Apartments. 111 West Pennsylvania. ParkEastApts@att.net. www.sdreader.com/rent/1006. 619-298-3225.

HILLCREST. Large 1 bedrooms, \$875. 2 bedrooms, \$1145. Gas/water included. Quiet courtyard complex. Laundry. Parking. Cat OK. Open Sunday 1pm-3pm. 4009 Georgia Street. 619-255-5614.

HILLCREST. Studio, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$795 and up. Pool, view, laundry. Heart of Hillcrest, near all. Sleepy Hollow Apartments. 4201 6th Avenue. Harry, 619-298-1059.

HILLCREST. \$895, 1 bedroom, 1 bath in the heart of Hillcrest. Just 1/2 block to Balboa Park. Laundry on site. Available 7/6. 3533 Sixth Avenue #2. 619-2

Apartments, 4202 4th Avenue. 619-291-8060.

HILLCREST. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Move-in special: 1/2 off 1st month's rent! Air conditioning. On-site laundry, off-street parking, indoor elevator, controlled access. Great shopping and dining one block away. 4043 First Avenue. Call 858-571-1970.

HILLCREST. \$1995/month. 2 bedroom. Step back in time with this classic beauty. Don't miss this opportunity to live in one of Hillcrest's most desirable apartments. From the moment you walk through the front door and climb the beautifully restored mahogany staircase, you'll be transferred back in time. With over 1400 square feet of living space you won't be disappointed. The unit features a full-size kitchen with refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave and antique gas range. Formal dining room and living room. 1.5 bathrooms, laundry room, and we even provide the washer and dryer! Bedrooms have ceiling fans and there's lots of closet space. Did I forget to mention the unit has beautifully restored original hardwood floors? You also get a 1-car garage included in the rent! Hurry, this one won't last long! Available now. Indoor cat OK. 3752 Fourth Avenue. Call Jim at 619-723-6709 or Scott at 619-846-6615.

HILLCREST. 62+ senior living at its best! Nice 1 bedroom apartment in the Park View Robinson building. New paint, carpet, vinyl. Walk-in closet, air conditioning, activity room and laundry onsite. Gated with intercom. \$800/month, \$400 security deposit. 1/2 off first month's rent with lease. Section 8 and indoor cat OK. 1220 Robinson Avenue. Manager, 619-291-7284.

HILLCREST. Move-in Special! Charming San Francisco-style apartments at the historic Casa Grandel! 1 bedroom, 1 bath starting at \$850 and studios \$695. Hardwood floors, high ceilings, controlled access and laundry facilities. Cat OK! 1751 University Avenue. Call 619-299-7727.

HILLCREST. Seniors 62+. \$975/up. Beautiful 1 bedroom. Air conditioning. Gated parking. Intercom entry. Elevator. Patio. Near Balboa Park/shopping/medical. Cat OK. Villa Pacifica, 3630 Sixth Avenue. Ask about our manager's special! 619-294-3234.

HILLCREST. \$650. Studio. 3843 Park Boulevard #6 (behind the Crypt). Carpet, separate kitchen, laundry room, street parking. No pets. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$300 off first month! \$875-\$900, 1 bedrooms. \$1300, 2 bedroom with garage. Dishwasher, microwave. Ceiling fan. Intercom entry. Laundry. No pets. 3914 Centre. 619-294-7044.

HILLCREST. Senior complex. 55+. \$785, 1 bedroom. Gated community. Convenient location. Near hospitals, restaurants, shopping. No pets. 4042 Albatross Street. 619-574-0784.

HILLCREST. 3650 Florida Street. Studio and 2 bedroom, \$825-\$1250. All new carpet, paint, appliances, countertops, cabinets and more. Call 858-270-5500 x48. www.msbrrowar.com.

HILLCREST. \$1025-\$1125. Lavish landscaping and courtyard will greet you in these spacious 1 and 2 bedrooms! Huge living room, gated entry and more! Call to schedule your personal viewing today! Downstairs, end apartment with lots of windows. 3953 Centre Street. 858-270-5500 x44. www.msbrrowar.com.

HILLCREST. \$1295. Nice large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Newly redecorated. Patio. Controlled entry. Near hospitals. Pet on

approval. 4046 First Avenue. 619-286-1077 or 619-339-4422.

HILLCREST. \$695. Studio. Great floor plan. Easy freeway access. 4124 Campus Avenue. 619-294-2871. www.rasnyder.com.

HILLCREST. \$795. Studio. \$895, 1 bedroom. Great location. Quiet area. Off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. 4166 4th Avenue. 619-298-7868. www.rasnyder.com.

HILLCREST. \$1375/\$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, upper. Fireplace, parking, laundry. Quiet complex. Close to all. 1402 Pennsylvania Avenue. 619-303-0325. www.rasnyder.com.

HILLCREST. \$725. Studio. Great area. Quiet complex. Walk to shopping. 3685 7th Avenue. 619-297-1483 x108. www.rasnyder.com.

HILLCREST. \$1250. Immaculate 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs near Balboa Park. Parking. Tile throughout. New carpet. Laundry facilities. No pets. 3644 Indiana Street, #1. 619-867-8999.

HILLCREST. \$875. 1 bedroom, downstairs unit. Completely remodeled. Wood floors. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, coin laundry. Cat OK with deposit. Available now. 3730 First Avenue. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. North Park boundary. \$710. Comfortable one bedroom apartment in neat Victorian building surrounded by trees and large green yard. Available now. Pay no rent till July 15! Always maintained in good shape. Easy move-in. No pets. 619-296-7255.

HILLCREST. 1 bedrooms, \$800. 2 bedroom, \$1195. Apartments in Victorian style building in heart of Hillcrest. Close to everything. Please email: Rentals@swiftrrent.com. Fee. Free Search.

HILLCREST. \$100+ move-in special. 1 bedroom, upstairs. Saltillo tile. Laundry facilities. \$935/month. No pets. 3618-1/2 First Avenue. 619-405-5379. www.melroyproperties.com.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 2 bedrooms, \$1100/up. Secluded location beside lush canyon on 'no through street.' Controlled access, elevator, pool, covered off-street gated parking, poolside barbecue, recreation room/television/laundry room. No pets. Park View Apartments, 3700 Tenth Avenue. www.sreader.com/rent/2015. 619-298-6768. ParkViewApts@att.net.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1285. 2 master bedrooms, each with own bath. Newly remodeled kitchen/baths. Balcony. Parking. Laundry. No smoking. Available now. 4510 Maryland. 619-985-5332.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$1995. Spacious, newer townhouse, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Bay view, 2-car garage, storage. High ceiling, fireplace, private patios, washer/dryer. 3652 Columbia Street. 619-692-3255.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1795. Stunning. Huge (approximately 1600 square feet!) vintage Craftsman 2 bedroom. Non smoking duplex. Hardwood floors. Grand staircase entry. Formal dining room. Courtyard. Laundry. Cat OK. 619-299-4769.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$750 rent. \$500 deposit. Upper studio. Off-street parking spot. No pets. At 4030 Front Street #13. Agent, 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$795. Extra large studio, gas included, park like setting, hardwood floors, laundry, nonsmoking. 4554 North Avenue #2. 619-794-0559.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Charming, 1 bedroom apartment in well-maintained 1930s court. Beautiful hardwood floors, laundry. No dogs. Nonsmoking. \$795 (includes most utilities). 619-291-0147.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Tile entry, new appliances. Screened balcony. Elevator, laundry, recreation room, pool table, sauna. Gated parking. Pet OK. \$1795. Message, 619-293-3378.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1395. Upscale 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Quiet complex, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, central air, fireplace, deck, upper unit. New carpet/paint. 619-260-0824.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Studio. \$700. Quiet, gated. Garden courtyard. On-site laundry. Cat OK. 4201 Cleveland Avenue. 619-574-0335. www.rasnyder.com.

HILLCREST/BALBOA PARK. \$1200. 1 bedroom. 900 square feet. Stove, refrigerator. Hardwood floors. Garage. Quiet 4-plex behind 1934. Cat OK with additional \$300 deposit. Available 7/10. 1632 Upas. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Brand new paint, carpet, appliances! Don't miss out on this one! Laundry/parking onsite. 3620 Georgia. Manager, 619-807-0183.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$750 rent. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors. No pets. At 1004 West Palm Street #C (North of India). Agent, 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 1 bedroom, \$1050/up. 2 bedroom, \$1350/up. Security deposit special, \$100. Great move-in specials! Great location. Elevator. Pool. Laundry. Lovely courtyard. Gym. Sauna. Barbecue. Off-street parking. No pets. Hillcrest Towers. 1030 Robinson Avenue. www.sreader.com/rent/2066. Call 619-295-9673.

HILLCREST/NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, charming upper unit. 4423 Campus Avenue. Agent, 858-560-1178.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1 bath townhome. Completely upgraded throughout, including stainless steel appliances. Balcony. Washer/dryer in unit. Side-by-side 2-car garage. \$1495. 631 7th Street. 858-490-2727 x140.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 2 bedroom townhouses available. Steps to beach! Ocean and mountain views, heated pool. \$1325-\$1375. Agent. Bill, 619-575-1674.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Newly remodeled. Spacious 2 bedroom 1 bath condo. Ocean/bay views. Outdoor patio. 2 garage parking spaces. Washer/dryer. Water included. \$1250. 619-300-1050.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1175. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious downstairs duplex with garage. Newly remodeled cabinets, floors, windows and new appliances. Washer/dryer hookups, front/back yard. 228 Elm Avenue. Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1475. 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse, 2 car garage, dishwasher, washer/dryer hookups, 1600 square feet. 989 Calla Avenue. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Beachfront. \$895-\$995, 1 bedroom apartments. Stove, refrigerator. Laundry room. Off-street parking. Barbecue area. Pet OK. Available now. 1046-1080 Seacoast Drive. 619-424-9233.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Steps to the sand-Furnished 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. 676

Seacoast Drive #E. \$1500/month plus deposit. Lease term negotiable. Newly remodeled inside and out. Call Cody, 858-729-3094. Prudential CA Realty.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo with garage. Upstairs unit. Newly converted, newer appliances and fixtures, granite countertops, dishwasher, large balcony. 736 Cherry Avenue. Call Cody, 858-729-3094. Prudential CA Realty.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$525. Studio; \$775, 2 bedroom in well-maintained garden setting. Pool, parking, laundry. No pets. 1445 Grove Avenue. Manager, 619-575-0778.

NORTH PARK. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large lower unit. Walk in closet. New carpet and flooring. Small gated building. Close to the village. 3975 Idaho Street #1. Available 6/20. John A. Reis and Company, Inc. 858-272-1348.

JANUL. 1 bedroom cabin \$650, studio partially furnished \$450. Rents include water, electric. Small pets OK. Deposit and 1st month's rent. 619-468-3985.

KEARNY MESA. 3 bedroom 3 full bath. Brand new, never lived in. Very plush. 2 car garage. All appliances. Pool in front. \$2200. 760-510-2020; 858-722-6163.

KEARNY MESA/SPECTRUM CENTER. Amazing, brand new, fully upgraded townhome, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage, 2 balconies, 17 ceilings, washer/dryer, stainless steel appliances, \$1700. Goli, 619-316-3357.

KEARNY MESA. 1 bedrooms from \$825. 2 bedrooms from \$1025. Centrally located at 805 and 163. Pool, spa, laundry, microwave, parking. Vista Capri North Apartments. 3277 Berger Avenue. 858-560-6067. www.rasnyder.com.

KENSINGTON. \$1200. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, upstairs, bright, corner suite. All amenities. Security building. Parking. Laundry. Garage available. No pets. Best value! 858-456-2098.

KENSINGTON/TALMADGE. \$1075. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Nice, newer building. Washer/dryer included, fireplace, carport. No pets. 4444 Highland Avenue. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

KENSINGTON. \$950/month oac. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 4-unit gated building. Large fenced yard, laundry and parking. 4117 Meade Avenue. 619-889-7568.

KENSINGTON. 1 bedroom, 1 bath \$750. Sunny upper unit, gated complex. Off-street parking, laundry, new carpet/paint. 4417 Idaho 619-917-0592.

KENSINGTON/NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$700 rent. \$600 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Residential area. Near all. 4625 35th Street #12. 619-804-3325.

LA COSTA. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath on golf course. Views front/back. Washer/dryer, refrigerator, Internet ready. Tennis, pool, jacuzzi, sauna. Pets OK. \$1750. 760-632-7999.

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LEMON GROVE, \$1225. Clean 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath duplex, small fenced yard, garage, refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer hookups. Small pet OK. Available 8/5. 619-218-6314.

LEUCADIA/ENCINITAS. Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, garage, small yard. Pets OK. \$1650. 1150 Hermes Road. 760-613-1104 or 760-720-1400.

LINDA VISTA. 2 bedroom, 1 baths, \$950 and \$1050. Great location, hardwood floors, assigned parking, private backyards. Deposit same as rent. No pets. Office: 2451 Ulric Street. 858-278-3610.

LINDA VISTA. \$660, studio, utilities included. Laundry, gated parking. \$400 deposit. No pets. Astro Vista Apartments,

2285 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-277-4213.

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LINDA VISTA, \$1100. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. 6534 Kelly Street. Great deal! Very cute! Cat OK. app@ajprop.com. A&J Property Management, 888-842-7307.

LINDA VISTA, \$1095. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath bottom floor unit. New paint, carpet. Air conditioning, dishwasher! Parking and laundry onsite! 7555 Linda Vista Road. Manager, 619-279-2183.

LITTLE ITALY, \$1450. Brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath penthouse. Live downtown! Great location! All appliances. Underground parking. 619-250-2530.

LITTLE ITALY, \$1950. Brand new 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1000 square feet, washer/dryer, bay view. Underground secure parking in Portico! Walk to bar, shops and restaurants. Jim, 619-435-0145.

LITTLE ITALY, \$2150. Fully furnished 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 parking spaces. Secure. 1601 India Street. 858-597-6100 x322.

MIRA MESA, \$99 deposit on approved credit. Call for move-in specials! Near 15 & 805. Studios from \$1065, 1 bedroom-\$1120, 2 bedrooms-\$1306. Covered parking. Private patio/balcony. Central heating/air conditioning, washer/dryer hookups. 5 pools/spas, fitness center. Pet considered. 866-256-9199 (toll-free). www.sdreader.com/rent/2128.

MIRA MESA. Stop looking, start living! 1 bedroom \$995. 2 bedrooms \$1200. \$199 deposit special! Small pets welcome. Controlled access. 2 Pools/spas, barbecue areas, 7 laundries, 3 fitness rooms, elevator, air conditioned, patios/balconies. Near shopping, freeway, restaurants. Mira Woods Villas, 10360 Maya Linda Road. 888-208-0245. www.sdreader.com/rent/2124.

MIRA MESA, \$1495. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Quiet area, dishwasher, air conditioning, laundry, pool and more! No pets. 11181 Kelowna Road #26. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

MIRA MESA. 10155 Caminito Volar. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1500. Spacious, remodeled. Very nice area! app@ajprop.com. A&J Property Management, 888-256-3013.

MIRA MESA, \$850 rent. \$700 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, air conditioning, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Close to all. Near freeway. 8767 Mira Mesa Blvd. 619-804-3325.

MIRA MESA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Second floor condo. \$1050. Air conditioner. Washer and dryer. Pool and spa. 858-598-1111 x190, www.utopiamanagement.com.

MISSION BAY, EAST, \$785 rent. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. \$500 deposit. Laundry. Assigned parking. Cat OK. Close to I-5, 1450 Morena Boulevard. Call 619-890-4340.

MISSION BEACH, \$1695. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Den. Tile. New paint. One parking. Laundry. No smoking. Cat OK. Most utilities. 3314 Mission Boulevard. 619-224-0985.

MISSION BEACH, \$1550. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Hardwood floors. Tiled kitchen/bath. Nonsmoking only. Cat ok. 3314 Mission Blvd., #4. 619-224-0985.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$875. Large studio. Tile floors, spacious, Murphy bed, lots of windows, new paint. Steps to beach/bay. Outside decking. Available end July. Agent, 858-488-4800; 619-307-0071.

MISSION BEACH, \$1900. Deluxe duplex apartment. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-parking spaces. Patio, dishwasher, laundry. Year lease. No pets. 724 Asbury Court. 619-589-1177.

MISSION BEACH, \$1295. Fabulous, renovated 1 bedroom with garage. New kitchen and bath cabinets with travertine and granite. Large patio. 722 Salem Court. 858-488-6463.

MISSION BEACH, \$1250. 1 bedroom. Clean, clean, adorable. New paint. Garage, year-round, steps to the beach.

No pets. 719 San Jose. Call: 619-234-4621 or 858-459-8894.

MISSION BEACH, \$975. Luxury studio. Bay view. Parking, laundry. Must see! 3550 Bayside Walk. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION HILLS, \$1950. 3 bedroom, 3 bath separate townhouse-style apartment with underground gated parking/2 spaces. No pets. Nonsmoking. On-site laundry. 619-296-9393.

MISSION HILLS, \$1950. Large 3 bedroom apartment with double car garage, new carpet. Pool. Available now. 619-295-1643.

MISSION HILLS, \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath from \$1150/up. Spacious, clean, quiet. Near all. Good location. 3330 Reynard Way. 619-295-7570.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH, \$1100, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper. Off street parking. No pets/smoking. Lease required. Columbia and Palm. 619-224-5970.

MISSION HILLS, \$750. Studio. Upper unit, pool, laundry, close to all. 4039 Brant Street #O. Roberta, 619-298-7274.

MISSION HILLS, \$780. Furnished studio apartment, private patio, screened porch. Utilities paid. Coin laundry, off street parking. Pets allowed. 1770 West Washington. 858-279-0329.

MISSION HILLS/OLD TOWN, \$950. 1 bedroom, upstairs with garage, clean, stove, refrigerator. Nonsmoking. No pets. Near Thomas Jefferson School of Law. 619-296-9393.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST, \$1250. Move in special! Large, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet. Dishwasher, parking, laundry, security building. New carpet/paint. 4063 Albatross Street. 619-316-6702.

MISSION HILLS, \$1095. Spacious upstairs studio flat with garage parking. Newly remodeled with hardwood floors. Open rooms. 3983 Falcon Street. Xilarent.com, 619-683-7638.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH, \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Hardwood floors, view, garage. Cat OK. 858-273-6429..

MISSION HILLS. Absolutely gorgeous, large 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors, spacious private patio, laundry. Fantastic location! Walk to shops, restaurants. Must see! No pets. \$1295. 619-992-1304.

MISSION HILLS. On The Rim. Furnished 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Utilities included. \$950. Panoramic views: Bay, Point Loma, ocean! Gated parking. No pets. 619-294-2206.

MISSION HILLS, \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1400, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry, parking. Nice area. 2980 First Avenue #3C. Contact Ed, 858-597-6100 x322.

MISSION HILLS, \$995-\$1095, (2) 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Views. Laundry in units. Dual pane windows, tiled floors. 3832 Kettner. 619-507-4172.

MISSION HILLS, NORTH, \$1250. Beautiful 1 bedroom: Panoramic views, private huge deck and garage. Craftsman, rustic details, hardwood floors, fireplace, laundry. 858-847-0168.

MISSION HILLS, \$1200/up. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry. Parking. Pets OK. La Paloma Apartments. Open daily, 1-5pm. 3911 Dove. 619-297-1134.

MISSION HILLS, \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, garage. View, laundry, completely redone. 723 Torrance. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. Near UCSD Medical, fabulous 2 bedroom, 2 bath secure condo, washer/dryer, underground parking, fireplace, walk-in closets, large rooms, \$1650. No pets/smoking. 4082 Albatross. Del Phillips, Prudential California Realty, 619-298-6666. www.delphillips.com.

MISSION HILLS, \$1175. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in attractive controlled access building near UCSD Medical Center. No pets. 4066 Albatross. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-692-1837.

MISSION HILLS. Quaint and charming studio, very light and bright, clawfoot tub, gated entry, fresh paint, tons of storage. www.apartmentfinders.inc.com. 619-296-2787.

MISSION VALLEY. La Mirage-experience the lifestyle! 1, 2, 3 bedrooms, townhomes from \$1245! Deposits from \$299! Views! Washer/dryers. Central heat/air. 5

pools. 7 spas. 5 tennis courts. Tennis pro. Basketball. Sand volleyball. Jogging trail. Fitness center, cardio. Cat friendly. 6554 Ambrosia Drive. 1-866-282-8737. www.sdreader.com/rent/2058.

MISSION VALLEY/USD. Now available from \$695. Uniquely private studios. Near trolley. 3 month minimum lease. Gated. High ceilings. No smoking. No pets. www.info101.net. 619-297-3000.

MISSION VALLEY, 1 bedroom with den, \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1450. Fitness center, gated, pool, parking. Cats OK. Agent, 619-688-2101.

MISSION VALLEY, EAST. 1/2 off first month OAC! \$875, 1 bedroom. \$1025-\$1050, 2 bedrooms. Spacious! Air conditioning. Pool. Near trolley/SDSU. No pets! Lease. 619-265-1645.

MISSION VALLEY. Junior, \$810/up. 1 bedroom, \$935/up. 2 bedroom, \$1085/up. Walking distance to Cowles Mountain/ Mission Trails Park. Large kitchen. Pools. Spa. Gym/recreation room. Patio or balcony. Air conditioning. Extra storage available. Villa De Flores Apartments. 7707 Mission Gorge Road. www.sdreader.com/rent/1008. 619-583-0821. Email: VillaDeFlores@att.net.

MISSION VALLEY, \$1,250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Water, trash and cable included. 2 pools, 3 laundry rooms. Small pet OK. \$1000 deposit. Call 619-778-4436.

MISSION VALLEY, 3 bedroom, 2 baths from \$1585! 2 bedroom, 2 baths from \$1190. Call for move-in specials! Tropical. Dishwasher. Microwave. Intercom. Pool. Spa. Sauna. Fitness center. Central air conditioning and heat. Balcony, patio. Gated, parking. Laundry. Cat OK. Mission Pacific, 4454 44th Street. 1-866-813-5684. www.pacificliving.com. www.sdreader.com/rent/1010.

MISSION VALLEY. Call for manager's special! \$199 deposit special! New gated luxury 1 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms, 3 bedrooms from \$1475. Lofts from \$1685. Pets welcome. Pool. Spa. Patio/balcony. Garage available. Computer niche. Washer/dryer. Dishwasher. Internet. Fitness, business centers. Near all! Portofino, 2500 Northside Drive. 1-866-802-2218. www.sdreader.com/rent/2086.

MISSION VALLEY/EAST. Large 1 bedroom. Just renovated. New refrigerator, vanity, bath. Fresh paint. Washer/dryer. Covered parking. \$950. 6725 Mission Gorge Road. 619-287-7165.

MISSION VALLEY, \$950. Large 1 bedroom, ground level. Patio, oak wood kitchen cabinets. White appliances, refrigerator. Pool, tennis courts. RE/MAX Associates, Jolla, 619-813-6479.

MISSION VALLEY, \$900. \$500 deposit. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Gated off-street parking. Near Qualcomm Stadium and trolley. No pets. 619-284-0171.

MISSION VALLEY, 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome, 1100'. Perfect condition, balcony, upgrades, washer/dryer, garage, community pools. 9633 West Canyon Terrace #2. \$1800. 760-918-9942.

MISSION VALLEY, WEST, \$1245. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Covered parking. New carpet. Hilltop location, laundry. Clean and attractive. No pets. 858-459-6640.

MISSION VALLEY. Rancho Mission Villas. \$900. 1 bedroom 1 bath. Upstairs, overlooking rear pool. All amenities. Available now. 619-287-9610.

MISSION VALLEY, WEST, \$1450. Large condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, washer/dryer, air conditioning, balcony, pool, spa, fitness center. Gated community, underground parking. Near shopping. 858-349-2492.

MISSION VALLEY, \$1250. Light & airy upper 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Carpet plus 1 space. Air conditioned. Balcony. View of clubhouse, gym, tennis & pool. Elevator. Entry hall into combination dining/living room. Fireplace. Appliances. Laundry facility. No pets. Available 7/7. 619-423-0123.

MISSION VALLEY, \$1350. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. No pets. Parking. Remodeled kitchen. New appliances. Balcony. Gym. Pool. 1615 Hotel Circle South #D113. Juno, 619-275-3455.

MISSION VALLEY, \$895. Small, downstairs, 1 bedroom, end unit. Remodeled! Must see! Tile floor. Rancho Mission Villas. 5900 Rancho Mission Road, #45. Cat OK. 619-583-7346.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$800. Studio. On-site laundry, pool, jacuzzi. Agent, 619-692-4121.

MISSION VALLEY. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath \$1750/month. Friars Mission condominiums. 1 car garage, washer/dryer, range, refrigerator. No pets. Agent, 619-624-2031.

MISSION VALLEY. Mission Plaza. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Beautiful view, cable, storage, carport, jacuzzis, pools, saunas, gym, security. No pets. \$1200/month. Bill, 858-270-2894.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1075/month, \$1075 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Balcony, view. Outside storage. New stove, paint, carpet. Walk to trolley, Qualcomm. Available 7/1. 619-459-0165.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1000, \$900 deposit. 1 bedroom 1 bath condo. Large Living and Dining rooms. Tennis courts, pool. Underground parking. 6406 Friars Road, #338. 619-726-8442.

MISSION VALLEY/USD. \$1690. North Rim townhouse, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, pool, jacuzzi, sauna, tennis, upgraded, quiet, clean. Year lease. No pets. Nonsmoking. 619-222-0402.

MISSION VALLEY. Condominium. 7665 Mission Gorge Road. \$1395. \$200 move-in special! New 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1098 square feet, washer/dryer, new appliances, granite counters, pool, spa. Must see! 858-597-6100 x321.

MISSION VALLEY. Friar's Point. \$1300/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, corner unit, new carpet, 2 covered parking, pool/spa/rec room. No smoking. Small pet? 619-227-2287.

MISSION VALLEY. \$2390. 4 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. 1600 square feet. Newer carpet/tile/paint/appliances. Private patio/yard. Washer/dryer. Pools/jacuzzi, tennis. Includes water/trash. Near trolley, gym, shopping, college. No dogs/smoking. Available 7/1. 858-405-3312.

MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedroom (masters), 2 bath. Remodeled 2-story condo. Washer/dryer, air conditioning, new appliances/flooring. Pool, gym. Pets OK! \$1500/month. Available August. 619-640-7043.

MISSION VALLEY. \$950, \$800 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Water, trash, cable included. 2 pools, 3 laundry rooms. Sorry, no pets. Call 619-778-4436.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. River Colony. Patio, fireplace, air conditioning, dishwasher, microwave, washer/dryer in unit, 2-car parking. 619-675-2314; 858-794-9050.

MISSION VALLEY/TALMADGE. \$850, deposit \$450, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$975, deposit \$550, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious. Near SDSU. Assigned off-street parking. 4489-4491 44th Street. 619-286-2611.

MISSION VALLEY. 1 bedroom plus den, can be used as a second bedroom. Air conditioning, remodeled kitchen and extras. Heart of Mission Valley. \$1350. Lease option. Available 6/20. 619-220-0296.

MISSION VALLEY/COLLEGE. 1 bedrooms from \$905. Open house: Saturday/Sunday, 11am-3pm. Call about free rent! Minutes to shopping, dining, transit. All amenities. Collwood Pines Apartments, 4949 Collwood Boulevard. 619-287-3020. www.rasnyder.com.

MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 2 bath River Scene condo. Dual master suites. Large patio, garage parking, washer/dryer, fireplace, air, alarm, pool, spa, fitness center. \$1550. 858-395-5597.

MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedroom condo. Walk to trolley, stadium and 24-Hour Fitness. No pets. \$1150/month. Call me at 619-531-2335.

MISSION VALLEY, EAST. \$1150. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Pool, laundry, parking onsite, great location, must see! 4550 Vandever. Manager, 619-282-8000.

MISSION VALLEY. \$950. Large 1 bedroom condo. Spacious kitchen and dining area. 15'x13' bedroom. Patio, pool, spa, tennis. 6070 Rancho Mission Road, #441. 619-997-8614.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1995. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Very upgraded. Wood floors. All newer appliances. Garage, extra parking. Community pool & club. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

MISSION VALLEY/SAN CARLOS. \$1395. Brand new! 1/2 off the 1st month's rent! Beautiful, large 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs condo with fireplace, washer/dryer, balcony, new appliances, 2-parking spaces in garage, air conditioning and more! Community has brand new sparkling pool, gated parking, club house! This condo is a must see! Call to schedule your viewing appointment today! 7677 Mission Gorge Road. 858-270-5500 x29. www.msbrowar.com.

MISSION VALLEY. Studio. \$850 includes water/gas/cable. Everything new! New carpet, paint, appliances. Pool/jacuzzi. Covered parking, laundry room onsite. Close to all. Ideal location. Available immediately! 619-302-2156/760-930-0108.

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NATIONAL CITY. New luxury 1 bedroom. Carpet. Gated, clubhouse, pool, designated parking, patio, all appliances. Move in special! At J and E. 4th Street. 858-277-3410.

NATIONAL CITY. \$795. 2313 32nd Street. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet, paint, kitchen floor. Parking, stove, refrigerator, microwave. View. 858-597-6100 x322.

NATIONAL CITY. \$750. 1 bedrooms with garage and on-site laundry. Section 8 OK. Upper units available. 1740 East 4th Street. 619-281-4698.

NATIONAL CITY. \$675 rent. \$600 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, gas stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, walk to shopping. 1033 'E' Avenue. 619-804-3325.

NATIONAL CITY. \$695/month. 1 bedroom fully furnished. Low \$150 deposit. No SDGE deposit or hookup required. 624

East 24th Street. Office open daily. 619-474-3787.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$760. 1 bedroom, 1 bath; June 15, freshly renovated home in fourplex, front door to shared patio, new eat in kitchen, hardwood and ceramic floors, laundry; 1 car OK; walk to central Normal Heights. 4544 to 4550 35th Street. 619-239-4846.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Classy, immaculate 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Security gated. Newly remodeled. Appliances included, 1 parking space, laundry. Available now. 4262 Wilson. \$875/\$875. 619-987-5025.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. \$750 and \$950. Very nice, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Available now. No pets. 4263 42nd Street. 760-672-0425.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1600. Large, newer 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2 garages, central air, fireplace, vaulted ceilings. Designer kitchen, all appliances, granite. Must see! 619-563-7095.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$850. 1 bedroom. \$1075, 2 bedroom. Remodeled units. Tile, ceiling fans. Off street parking. Laundry on site. Near busline. Cat ok. 619-284-2092. www.floit.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Nice 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit. Street parking. Available now. 1602 Meade Avenue. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs. Clean and quiet. Gated, laundry. Available 7/6. 4382 Utah Street. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs unit. Parking. Close to Adams. Available 7/05. 4575 Idaho Street #2. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825. 1 bedroom. \$995, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Spacious. Pool, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Close to major freeways. Sorry, no pets! 4841 West Mountain View Drive. 619-282-6440. Sunriseliving.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. Spacious upstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with off-street parking and on-site laundry. Address: 4652 33rd Street #6. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$650. Studio. Very spacious studio with Berber carpet. Large bathroom and closet. Available now. 4527 39th Street #10. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. Upstairs corner 1 bedroom apartment. Air conditioning, ceiling fan, parking, on site laundry. 4527 39th Street #2. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom apartment in intercom access building. Dishwasher, ceiling fan, reserved parking. No pets. 4465 Cherokee. 619-229-9060.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/KENSINGTON. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. New carpet/paint. Quiet, 8-unit gated building. Reserved parking. On site laundry. 4319 Copeland. 619-265-8680.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$890. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. Quiet, gated intercom access, dishwasher, ceiling fan, reserved parking. No pets. 4465 Cherokee. 619-265-8689.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment for \$695. off-street parking and on-site laundry. Address: 4333 36th Street #2. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Spacious 1 bedroom duplex. Fenced in yard/patio. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Fireplace. Dishwasher. Vaulted ceilings. 2 parking spots. 4834-1/2 35th Street. 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright upstairs corner unit. On-site laundry. Parking. 4761 Mansfield. 858-490-1600, kandproperties.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. Quiet upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in gated courtyard. All new paint, carpet. Amenities include pool, laundry. No pets, no smoking. 4616 Ohio Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Large upper freshly painted, 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in gated courtyard setting. Garage parking, laundry, no pets, no smoke. 3030 Monroe Avenue. Agent, 619-685-3960.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825-\$995. 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom. Gated. Laundry on site. No pets. 4429 Idaho. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. Spacious upstairs 1 bedroom apartment. Small complex. Laundry on site. Parking. Close to freeways and shopping. No pets. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775. Move in special! 1 bedroom. Laundry. Gated. Available approximately 7/15. 4371 Swift Avenue #4. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$625. Studio near Adams. Parking. Laundry. Water, hot water, gas and trash included. No pets. 3351-3359 Madison Avenue. www.seetheunit.com. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$625. Upgraded studio. Laundry/parking on site, gated community. Available now. 4545 35th Street, south of Adams. 858-259-1217.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$925. Updated, large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry/parking on site. Gated community. 4524 40th Street, north of El Cajon. 858-259-1217.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$825. Fireplace, dishwasher, washer/dryer hook-ups, vaulted ceilings, gated complex. 4648 Ohio Street. www.jesselproperties.com, 619-948-5866.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. First month rent free! 1 bedroom, \$795, 2 bedroom, \$995. Totally remodeled with all new amenities including stainless steel appliances. On

McClintock above El Cajon Blvd. 619-280-0061.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 and 2 bedroom, \$725-\$875. Large units, courtyard setting. North of Adams. Laundry facilities, convenient location. No pets. Agent, 619-282-0717.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. Totally remodeled studio, quiet duplex north of Adams. New windows, cabinets and carpeting. Cat OK with deposit. Agent, 619-296-3189.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$100+ move-in special! 1 bedroom, \$750/month. Gated, laundry, assigned parking. 4670 34th Street. 619-405-5379. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$675. Sunny 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit. Remodeled bathroom, new paint, clean. No pets. Mr. A's Property Management, 619-697-1888.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1349. Large multi level 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in gated community, washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace. Two car garage. 4733 W. Mountain View Dr. 619-291-5555 x193. www.utiapmanagement.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath with 2-tone paint, new carpet and blinds, large country kitchen with newer appliances and pine cabinets. Small, quiet gated building with laundry. Indoor cat on approval. 4747 Hamilton Street. 619-209-4190 x114. www.sandiegoapartments.com.

NORTH PARK. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice unit, parking, laundry. Available 7/1/05. 4333 Mississippi Street #5. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORTH PARK. University Heights border. Half off first month's rent! Call for details. Spacious 2 bedrooms. Kitchen. Refrigerator. Disposal. Stove. Dishwasher. Picnic area. Barbecue. Underground parking. Controlled access. Easy free access. Close to Naval base, Downtown and Mission Valley. Las Palms/Laurel Towers Apartments. 3810 Wabash Avenue. 619-285-9910.

NORTH PARK. \$700. 1 bedroom apartments. Ground floor unit in 22 unit building. Laundry. Iowa Street, near University. Call Ms. Bailey, 619-838-3358.

NORTH PARK. \$735-\$895. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. 4031 Hamilton Street. Stove. Refrigerator. Available now. Cat OK. No dogs. www.homes4rent.com. Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, recently remodeled. Tiled living room, kitchen, bathroom. Elevator, on-site laundry, security building. 3949 33rd Street. 619-962-1887.

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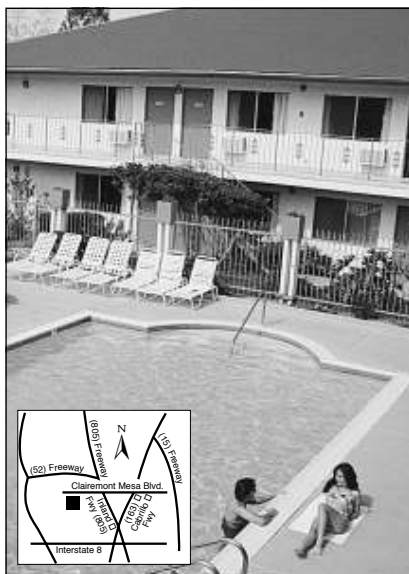


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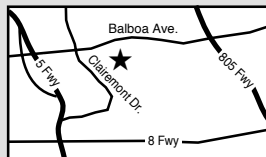


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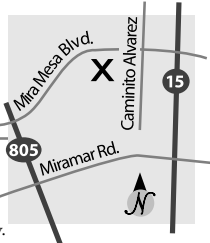
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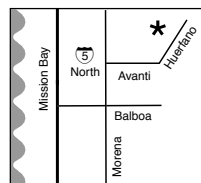
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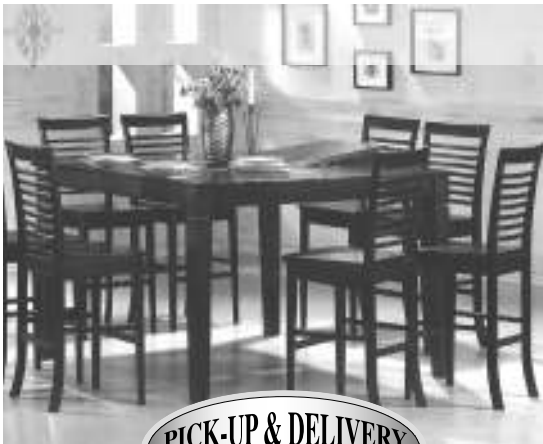
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Can’t Possibly Be True

— Aberdeen, Wash., fourth-grader Tyler Stoken was suspended for a week in May for balking at composing a short essay on what would happen if, one day at school, you “see your principal flying by a window.” Tyler, reportedly a good student, said he thought any passage he wrote would make fun of the principal, which he refused to do. The principal viewed the refusal as insubordination and suspended Tyler, but the superintendent later apologized.

— Official guidelines issued in May by Britain’s Joint Council on Qualifications, directed to agencies that administer high-school and junior-high standardized tests, call for students to receive extra points on the test if they have experienced pre-exam stress due to selected circumstances: death of a parent or close relative (up to 5 percent extra), death of other relative (up to 4 percent), death of pet (2 percent if on exam day, 1 percent if the day before), witnessing a distressing event on exam day (up to 3 percent), just-broken arm or leg (up to 3 percent), headache (1 percent).

— Among the most striking federal government “pork” grants funded in November was \$1.5 million for a new bus stop (several times more than the typical cost) in front of the Anchorage (Alaska) Museum of History and Art. To replace the current kiosk, the city’s transportation director said he imagines a generous upgrade, including perhaps a heated sidewalk to deal with the snow: “We have a senator [Ted Stevens] who gave us that money,

and I certainly won’t want to appear ungrateful.”

Inexplicable

— An undercover sheriff’s deputy (whose name was not disclosed in a May news report) filed a lawsuit recently against the Florida Hospital in Orlando because, he said, when he went for a shot of pain medication in his hip in October 2000, he was injected instead with what appeared to be cosmetic makeup glitter. The deputy said a four-inch mass was removed and appeared to contain specks of green and red sparkle, and that pain at the site continues.

— Police in Springfield, Ore., charged Pamela Ann Hemphill, 51, with theft in April after she allegedly snatched neighbor Walter Merritt’s Charles Schulz–signed original Peanuts cartoon strip, locked herself in a bathroom, removed her clothes, got under the shower, wet the cardboard thoroughly, and finally flushed the pieces down the toilet. Hemphill declined to explain; Merritt said he had no clue as to motive; and the *Springfield News* reporter has not yet followed up on the story.

Suspicious Confirmed

— (1) The Florida supreme court in March disbarred attorney David A. Barrett for violating the state’s professional conduct code, including paying for an assistant to attend a chaplain’s course at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in order to offer prayers in the rooms of accident victims and solicit business for Barrett. (2) In County Cork, Ireland, in December, Dane Ring, 13, was suspended from school for two days after he ignored what schoolboys know is the cardinal rule of bodily functions, which is to never admit that you’re the person who just passed gas in a crowded room.

Unclear on the Concept

— (1) A man identified as David Connor (by Boston police) or Timothy Connor (by Providence, R.I., police) was arrested after allegedly robbing the Beacon Hill Wine and Spirits in Boston in April of about \$1000. According to the surveillance

video, he appeared to ask for a head start of “60 seconds” before police were called and then asked to shake the clerk’s hand as if cementing the agreement. (2) In May, Jim Stelling, the Republican Party chairman in Seminole County, Fla., won a lawsuit for defamation against an intra-party official who had accused him of being married six times, which Stelling said he found particularly insulting, since he “believe[s] in family values.” Stelling said he has been married only five times. The judge ruled that Stelling was not defamed enough for money damages.

— Among official job-title changes implemented by the Scottsdale, Ariz., school district this year, according to a February *Arizona Republic* report, were those for receptionist (“director of first impressions”) and school bus driver (“transporter of learners”). Said superintendent John Baracy, “This is to make a statement about what we value in the district. We value learning.” Said the new first-impressions director, “I think it’s classy. Everyone wants to be important.”

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— (1) In April, police in Buffalo, N.Y., said Thomas L. Hunter, 55, ran off with a case of brandy from the Eastside Liquor store, but during the getaway, he dropped the case and bottles shattered. He was arrested when he returned to the scene of the spill and started sucking up brandy with a straw. (2) At a train station in Ogori, Japan, in May, a seeing-eye dog apparently misunderstood a spoken command and led a blind couple off of a platform and tumbling onto the tracks. The couple and the dog had been headed for a workshop for assistance dogs.

Creme de la Weird

— Four former patients of clinical psychologist Letitia Libman sued Delnor Community Hospital in Geneva, Ill., in March and April for malpractice, including claims that Libman’s hospital treatments for neurological disorders included tarot cards, love potions, DNA-based hexes, and

patient nudity and self-mutilation. Libman also allegedly bragged of her travels among space aliens. In May, the lawsuits were amended to include Libman as a defendant, a move that the plaintiffs initially resisted because they feared Libman’s witchy retribution.

Recurring Themes

— Former caddie Gary Robinson recently filed a lawsuit against pro golfer Ms. Jackie Gallagher-Smith, claiming he was made an “unwitting sperm donor” in their brief romance since he believes it was he who fathered her child born in March. His lawsuit is for intentional infliction of emotional distress. Gallagher-Smith maintained that her husband is the father, and DNA tests cannot be forced on a married woman in Gallagher-Smith’s home state of Florida.

— Most of the seemingly inexhaustible telephone harassers reported in “News of the Weird” through the years have been Japanese men and woman, scorned in love or business, but American Timothy John Campbell, 45, was arrested in Atlantic, Iowa, in May and charged with stalking a woman by, among other tactics, telephoning her as many as 3000 times a month. The victim was a waitress at a bar patronized by Campbell.

Least Competent Criminals

— Police in Hackettstown, N.J., charged Juan Vargas, 29, with public intoxication at a Dunkin’ Donuts shop after spotting him speaking into his wallet as if it were a cell phone (February). ... In Danbury, N.H., in March, Steven Metallic, 39, was arrested after a two-hour standoff in which he filled his mother’s home with propane gas and threatened to blow it up. Metallic fell for a police ruse when they pretended to leave; officers who remained behind captured Metallic tiptoeing out of the house.

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







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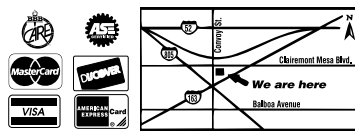
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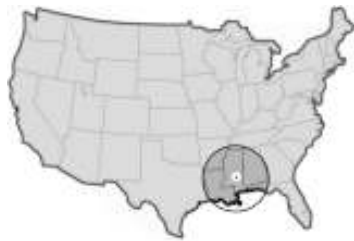
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As I slide my *Hejira* CD into the player, I think, "Joni Mitchell makes me want to cry." Maybe it's the third glass of Riesling talking, but it's a reunion with one of my favorite CDs. I know enough of Joni to expect that would dismiss my heartfelt sentimentality, she would "pfft" under her breath and take another drag off her cigarette. But that's the way it works with hero worship, with loving songs and songstresses, with catching your breath when you hear the fretless bass snaking its way between her guitar lines.

I'm a late bloomer when it comes to Joni. I learned her through covers, "Big Yellow Taxi" when Amy Grant covered it, and Sarah McLachlan's version of "Blue." (My lack of popular music knowledge is such a travesty that I've made unspoken vows to my unborn children, to play good music for them in utero, to raise them on Michael Hedges, Beethoven Piano Concertos and the Beatles, not to mention Tori Amos.)

Fast forward to years later, where I'm housesitting for my voice teacher, my last year of college. My best friend and I are being boring and housesitting for spring break. I'm healing from a broken, guilty heart. She's busy planning her wedding and student teaching, not to mention learning music for her senior recital. I spend most of my time catching up on my sleep, reading in the claw-footed bathtub, and consulting my personal saint Madeleine L'Engle's works as I write an old-fashioned letter pleading for a recently dumped boyfriend's forgiveness and understanding. Oh, and recovering my appetite, which disappears with bouts of sadness, especially post-breakups.

One night, we rummaged through our teacher's CDs, unearthing a copy of Joni Mitchell's *Hits*. The cover, with Joni

spread out in the middle of the street, looks cheekily gruesome. I confess that I've "never really listened to Joni Mitchell." We plunk down and press play, all new music blurring by me, but the notes resonating in my raw heart. The rest of the week, we took the CD everywhere. I memorized "Chelsea Morning." Joni's plaintive wail against the hum of her Rhodes in "Woodstock" chilled me. I loved the jaunty rhythm of "Carey," the swoop of the melody and the image of "clean white linen and fancy French cologne." I copied down the lyrics of "Come in from the Cold" in my journal. It's a long song.

Is this vulgar electricity
Is this the edifying fire
...are you just checking out
your mojo
am I just fighting off growing
old
(just a party girl)
and all I ever wanted
was just to come in from the
cold

I felt these words intensely. Wrestling with the sparks between a former (or constant?) love and I, Joni articulated all my tumbling thoughts — am I just lonely and horny? Faint from

hunger? Or is this true love? Now I'm engaged to him, which answers some of those questions.

Last year, only possessing a copy of *Blue* to my name, I stumbled across *Hejira* in an independent CD store. I'd recently watched *The Last Waltz*, entranced by Joni's performance of "Coyote," which was also on *Hejira*. I listened to it at work, catching snip-



pets of phrases that wedged in my mouth and under my breath. It looped continuously, interspersed with my Tori Amos live MP3s. I fell head over heels with "Amelia." One day I finally sat down and listened to the CD full volume, with lyrics out and heart open. I realized that it's a long road trip of an album, of Joni courting love with a mysterious, tricky man, and running away from her broken heart, of rough

embraces in juke joints, of letters composed to girl-friends, all in the company of "white lines on the freeway."

Sometimes it's just the sound of her words that make me catch my breath. It's the way the consonants click against your teeth. Her lyrics are wordy yet so smart and articulate, there's very little veiling her story. Another thing I love about Joni is her minute attention to details, the little things that catch the eye. She sees a white lace dress in a shop window and it becomes a reason for chasing love — all for a chance to wear that dress. It may be sacrilegious to compare her to a blogger, but she is like one, focusing on the small

things, the bad driver that screwed up your afternoon, the way the light falls on your front porch, the hungry rumble you have for something beyond a "normal" life. All the small moments that you cup in your hand, the pivotal turns that happen so quickly you're going down a different road before you know it. And wanting to remember it all.

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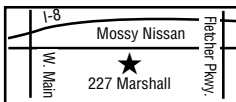
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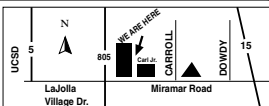
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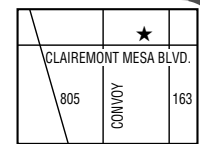


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Location: 660 K Street, Gaslamp Quarter
Time/Date: 1:45 a.m. on 6/5/05

Investigation: Officer Ramirez #6056 and I responded to a radio call to take custody of Ryan A. A. had been placed under citizen's arrest at the Altitude Sky Bar and Garden Lounge for not being able to pay a \$301 bar tab. The bar is owned and operated by the Marriott Hotel. The bar manager, Adam K., made a citizen's arrest at 1:45 a.m. We arrived at the Marriott and took custody of A. at 6:30 a.m.

Statement of Adam K.: Ryan A. ordered drinks. His orders included two bottles of Dom Perignon. A. paid for the champagne by charging the bill to Room #1119. I checked with the occupant of #1119. That person had not authorized any purchase, and was a stranger to Mr. A. A. was starting to leave the bar. I stopped him and confronted him about the room charges he made. He had no money or other means to pay the bar bill.

I searched A.'s pants pockets. I found 11 expired room keys from our hotel in his pockets. None of those keys was assigned to Room #1119. A. told me that the expired room keys had been given to him by room service employees at our hotel named "Miguel" and "Alberto."

Statement of Ryan A.: I was drinking with friends...and a guy named "Baul." The "Baul" guy said to charge the champagne to his room, #1119. That's why I charged it to that room. I have been falsely imprisoned here by these Marriott people since then. I didn't sign that receipt. I don't know anything about that. They [Marriott security] found one hotel keycard in my pocket. Just one, not 11. That keycard was given to me by "Humberto." He gave it to me this morning, when I arrived in the lobby. I'm not saying anything else about that.

BATTERY

Location: 640 University Avenue, Hillcrest
Time/Date: 1:10 p.m. on 6/6/05



Officer's Investigation: I was driving westbound on Washington Street near its intersection with Lincoln Avenue when Stephen P. flagged me down. P. directed me toward James R. R. was walking eastbound in front of P. I stopped R. to investigate the possibility a crime had just been committed or was being committed.

I learned R. and P. had been involved in an altercation. I checked with dispatch to see if they had received a call for service regarding this incident. I was advised they had. R. was believed to be the suspect so I handcuffed him for safety while he was seated. Officer Howell #4543 and Officer Belz #4983 arrived to assist.

During the investigation, I learned R. had struck P.'s arm with a PVC pipe.

Statement of Stephen P.: I am the owner of the Community Prescription Center. I came into my business today and found the suspect in the store. He had been in before asking for syringes. I told him he had to go. He said there was going to be a problem if I told him to go. He was holding a large soda and threw it in the air. The soda splattered on the ceiling, register, etc.

Today, when I came in I saw the

suspect already there and he tried to get me to help him. The suspect was screaming and turned to walk out of the business. He grabbed a sunglasses display rack and knocked it over. I followed him outside and the suspect pulled a pipe out of the ground. The suspect started swinging the pipe at me. I raised my arms to defend myself and he hit my right forearm with the pipe, causing pain.

CARJACKING

Location: Corner of Carlsbad Boulevard and Batiquitos Lagoon, Carlsbad
Time/Date: 10:46 a.m. on 5/28/05



Report: Officer Eric Hoppe attempted to stop a black Nissan Maxima...for an equipment violation. The Nissan failed to yield and accelerated to approximately 90 miles an hour. Shortly thereafter, the car ran off the roadway and down the center-divide embankment of Carlsbad Boulevard north of La Costa Avenue. The vehicle landed upside-down and the three occupants ran from the vehicle.

A female in a Toyota minivan, who was driving north, stopped to observe the incident and the suspects forced her out of her van. The three suspects jumped into the minivan and fled. The minivan was equipped with LoJack and the van was tracked to the 300 block of Santa Fe Road, Encinitas.

As the Encinitas-based deputies

arrived on scene, they found the car unoccupied. At about the same time, deputies received a report of a female wearing a red shirt that committed a burglary in a nearby medical office. The female, Simona M., was determined to be one of the occupants of the Maxima and she was arrested.

The female victim of the carjacking was not injured and the Nissan Maxima was determined to have been stolen from La Mesa.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY/CARJACKING

Location: 466 West Washington Avenue, El Cajon
Time/Date: 9:00 a.m. on 6/3/05



Incident: The victim was in the parking lot taking his two-year-old daughter to daycare. When he exited his vehicle, a silver 2005 Ford Explorer, three males approached him. One of the males demanded the victim's car keys and wallet and indicated he had a gun. The victim gave the suspects his wallet and car keys, but told them he wanted to get his two-year-old baby girl out of the car before they took it. The suspects looked into the vehicle, then gave him back the car keys. Then they went through his wallet but when they saw he had no money, they also returned that to him. They fled on foot down South Johnson.

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Travis's Ticket Magnet

Travis Frink bought his S-10 at the end of 1997. "Got it pretty cheap," he tells me. It was a demo, so it had, like, 1700 miles on it. Now it's ready to turn over. And I've kind of outgrown it. That's why I've got the other two cars. The S-10 has turned into a kind of project now. I don't drive it every day like I used to. I've got the other car for that. The one I drive every day is a 2003 Nissan 350Z. And the other project is a 1963 Cadillac Seville, which is also on air suspension, like the S-10.

"The S-10 was my high school and college car, and I'm out of college now. So I'm willing to let it go, although it has a lot of sentimental value to me, since I've put all the money and time into it."

"How much money is in it?" I ask. "Besides the original cost, probably eight to ten grand. I've done a lot

of body modification, like molding the bumper and shaving the tailgate. The tailgate opens from the inside now. You have to lift the cover and reach inside. That gives it added security.

"The front bumper is custom. Upgraded wheels, 18-inch. It comes with 15-inch wheels. In truck wheels, bigger is better. Some guys have 22-inch wheels, but that's hard because you have to cut the body a lot. I don't have any cuts in mine, so it's still a safe vehicle to drive every day."

I say, "The hubcaps look like spinners."

"No," he tells me, "they're not spinners. Spinners are like a fad that has faded out.

"I've done a lot of audio upgrades. It's got a bunch of Alpine components, mid-range speakers and two ten-inch subs. They're in a box in the extended cab. So you can only fit one person back there on the little seat. The rest is speakers.

"The interior is all custom. My buddy and I did all the work. He has a custom vehicle store now. S.C.D. Fabrications.

"Our club, Team Synergy, has a website at teamsynergysd.com, with pictures of our cars and links to car and truck shows. Our club is small, only about 13 of us. We were friends in high school and kind of stayed together. We go to shows, get a couple hotel rooms and party. The shows we go to are usually around L.A. or Orange County.

"Besides the club, I enjoy that people admire my cars. They come around and ask questions. Like, this weekend, I had the Cadillac down here at the beach, and I got swarmed by people. Another benefit is, I'm most relaxed when I drive. I like the feeling. My cars are like an addiction I keep pouring money into.

"What's not so good, besides the expense, I keep getting these fix-it



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tickets. I've gotten over 20 fix-it tickets in the S-10. The taillights are illegal. They're clear white instead of red. When I get a ticket, I put the originals back on, go to court and get them signed off, then put the white ones back on. I used to get mad when I got a ticket, but once I had over 15 of them, I'm, like, 'Hey, it's my fault.'"

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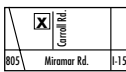
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Back in the aisles, I scan the bottom shelf for the stout bottle of laundry detergent in the blue-and-yellow bottle that looks like superhero tights. I take the detergent and place it on the floor with the jug of wine.

My collection grows. On the floor is a circle of products, all bottles with handles. I take my seat in the center of the ring. Rain seeps under the fire door and wets my jeans. With the sangria jug in my lap I hold each bottle by its handle and test each for weight. I make mental notes of how each feels in my hand and how I feel about the color. Party-sized peanut container, tan and yellow, heavy but not thick. Fancy cat food, pink and white, light with a thin handle. Freeze-dried coffee, brown and red, short, fat, and light. The sangria never leaves my lap. I sit with my bottles because I have to. I can't think of anything else.

"You! Get out of here!" It's the owner, and he's pointing at me. "I tell you don't come back! But still you come back!" Each syllable is pronounced separately, individually wrapped by English classes and practice in a busy store. The sangria bottle rolls onto the tile as I jump up and bolt for the door behind me, one hand on the chrome push bar, one hand on the "nO use" sign, and the shop owner's calling after me, "You stay away now!"

I'm outside. In the rain that's not dramatic, it's just wet.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

HEALTH MATTERS

UCSD-TV, 9:00 P.M.

The book *Eating to Cure* by Dr. Robert Turturro has inspired me to cure my own struggle with what the conventional doctors call a "syndrome." Dr. Turturro writes, "The medical industry is in the business to sell pharmaceuticals." *Eating to Cure* explains that proper diet and exercise, tailored to each individual malady, can dispel the demons of a "mental illness" without the use of poisonous medication.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

MISSION: ORGANIZATION

HGTV, 2:00 P.M.

My roommates, Kip and Renee, have twins who live above our laundry room. Last Monday I

heard conversation coming from the cabinet above our washer. When I opened the cupboard, of course, there was no one there, but I could hear the talking from the other side of the wall behind the dryer sheets and floor cleaners.

VANISHED TWINS

DISCOVERY HEALTH, 2:00 A.M.

When I asked Kip if there were a room behind our cabinet he said there was not. Which means he knows there's a room but doesn't want to let on that I figured it out. BUT! This was not Kip. This "Kip" had eyes that were slightly farther up on his forehead than the original Kip. Everything else about "Kip" is identical.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

DOUBLE IDENTICAL TWINS

DISCOVERY HEALTH, 12:00 P.M.

This explains that there is a twin Kip who knows about the room behind our laundry cabinet but wants to keep it a secret from me. Now, Kip is married to Renee. You'd think she would notice if there were two Kips. But the other day I saw Renee's cheekbones and jawline were a little wider than the day before, and her hair was a lighter shade of red.

SEMI-HOMEMADE COOKING WITH

SANDRA LEE

FOOD CHANNEL, 11:00 A.M.

That means there are two identical Kips and Renees. Last Wednesday the real Kip and Renee — or maybe the twins, I'm not sure — were cooking. From the front room, I could hear them talking over the sound of a skillet frying, and I could smell an onion and copper odor coming from the kitchen. I'm not sure why they were not at work, as this was the middle of the day, but I'm sure they were there.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

FOSTER'S HOME FOR IMAGINARY FRIENDS

CARTOON NETWORK, 10:00 A.M.

When I went to the kitchen to prepare a sweet potato — as part of my new miracle diet "to cure" — no one was in there, and there were no frying onions, and the door to the adjacent laundry room slammed shut. When I opened the door I could hear a faint knocking and hushed whispers from the cabinet. There must be a ladder from behind the water heater to the room behind the cabinet, but I haven't found it yet.

MONDAY, JUNE 20

THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART

COMEDY CENTRAL, 8:00 P.M.

The Daily Show is still great. If you haven't tuned in for a while you'll be surprised at how fresh the comedy is. *The Daily Show* looks as if it won't fall victim to the *Saturday Night Live* rut of taking the path of least resistance to parody the nation's political climate.



The Price Is Right

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

VIDA-TV

KBNTCA, 11:00 A.M.

Preceding the appearance of my new twin roommates by a day has been this noise coming from beside the TV. It's a light ticking, almost a tapping from the woodwork. If I remove the television set from the entertainment center, the tapping follows, always about six inches from the right side of the console, so it's not in the shelving unit itself.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

KFMB, 10:00 A.M.

The tapping started during this show. For a week it only occurred during this hour, and only if the TV was on, so I reasoned it had something to do with *The Price Is Right*. Soon the noise could be heard during other shows, but it started with this one. So, I think that's a clue as to what it is.

DUST BE MY DESTINY (1939)

TCM, 3:30 P.M.

Another clue as to the ticking — or tapping, or knocking, or whatever — is that it is in a definite mathematical pattern. The pattern doesn't necessarily mean that it's manmade, but it is intelligently designed, not just random frequency glitches from the set itself. I'm writing all this down because if my roommates or this tapping thing are a menace to me, there'll be a written record.

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"You cannot hypnotize truly stupid people."

By John Brizzolara

I'd never seen a performing hypnotist. It was a gap in my cultural — or at least live entertainment — experience. On the first Friday of this month I had an opportunity to correct that, if I so desired. Two free tickets to the comedy/hypnosis show headlined by mesmerist Scott Lewis convinced me that I so desired.

My previous experience with hypnosis was as a subject. An old high school friend who had just gotten his Ph.D. in psychology visited me in Coronado after having joined the Navy as a lieutenant j.g. and counselor. "I'm going to Okinawa," he told me. "I guess I'm supposed to calm Marines down. They're trained in, like, 88 silent ways to kill, and they have nobody to kill on that island except each other. I'm sure it's very stressful." The Amazing Cosmo, my psychologist friend, regressed me through childhood. I remember actually feeling the bite of Illinois January cold on the back of my neck after emerging from a barbershop at the age of seven. I was impressed.

As for showbiz hypnosis, I had always assumed it was primarily an act: a shuck involving skills, ringers, and a crowd of predisposed, dimwitted marks. My cynicism, prior to investigation, surprisingly took a powder at some point as I realized that I actually wanted to believe Scott Lewis had something Cosmo-like going there.

A local comedian, Sean Kelly (Friday nights in July at the Greek Palace, 163 and Clairemont Mesa Boulevard), opened for Lewis and introduced Tyrell (possibly Terrell) Wright and Chris Pleasant, fellow comedians. Kelly was a riot, Pleasant was good, and Wright grossed me out — not easy — but did not make me laugh. It was time for Lewis; I was about to get my money's worth.

Lewis is probably in his 30s, mid-length dark hair, a little thin on top. He has the look of a guy with a day job in an office. He began by instructing the audience to clasp their palms together, separate, then point their index fingers ceilingward and bring the two digits together on his command. My date (whom some may remember as the Specialist) obeyed. "It worked! You should have done it!"

After Lewis had moved on in his spiel, I did try it, and the separated fingers closed of their own accord. I declared it a natural muscle contraction and was a little pleased with myself. Until this point, there was no real indication of the satanic work to come.

Lewis called for volunteers, and there was a near crush of bodies jockeying for the stage. More than 25 people took to the folding chairs behind Lewis, who assured them all, "You cannot hypnotize truly stupid people." The audience and participants laughed heartily and we all felt a little smarter, I'm sure. "Hey!" Lewis mugged, "Did I just lose some volunteers over here?" More laughs.

He then reassured the volunteers that they would not be stuck in a hypnotic trance for the rest of their lives. "Maybe some of you know people like this already. If you are not sincere, I cannot force you to go under hypnosis. If you do get hypnotized, I promise you, you will have more fun than the rest of us."

It was then that I noticed my friend and neighbor Dennis Harris on stage. Harris did not strike me as anyone's fool. When (under the spotlights) he seemed to sleep and raised his arm, he and the others followed instructions to go deeper into trance and "straighten your arm, like a bar of strong metal," I began to wonder. Lewis told the volunteers to drop their arms and go, again, deeper into sleep. Dennis, along with the others, collapsed like a domino in a chain and folded himself over the woman on his left who, in turn, folded herself over whoever was on her left. This was repeated across the stage.

While Lewis was dropping them even deeper into what was clearly a bottomless pit of trance, the Specialist turned to me and said, "Don't listen. People in the audience get hypnotized by accident all the time." I started dropping my eyelids and fluttering them as if fighting off a powerful wave of sleep. "Stop it! Cover your ears!" She had a look of horror on her face. I cracked up, breaking the effect.

"You are all expert musicians!" Lewis declared to those sleeping on stage. "You all have with you your musical instruments. Some of you have a trombone, some of you have a guitar, and some of you are seated at a piano. Pick up that instrument, put it in position to play." The volunteers positioned "air" instruments before them. Dennis mimed holding a soprano sax or maybe clarinet. "You are going to play with skill, you are going to play with passion. Ladies and gentlemen, our orchestra!"

With eyes closed, the volunteers attacked unreal woodwinds, keyboards, and several guitars. The manic strains of the overture to the William Tell overture filled 4th & B. Lewis patted some volunteers on the shoulder, dismissing them as un hypnotized. One man, late 20s maybe, leaped around the stage, head jerking vertically on his neck like whatshisname



Scott Lewis

from AC/DC. He's the skill, I figured.

But what was the deal with Harris? His fingers were flying over those valves like Charlie Parker. It was impossible, knowing Dennis, to believe that he would do this in front of a few hundred strangers in his normal, laid-back, and introverted frame of mind. Perhaps he was under the spell of the Evil One?

When the Astounding Mind Master gave the following instruction, the Prince of Darkness seemed to leave the body of Dennis Harris as if quietly exorcised. "Guys only! You will get up on your chairs and pose for all your fans. You are lovely Victoria's Secret models." Dennis Harris walked off the stage slowly, shoulders back and dignity intact.

The next day I asked him what had happened to him up there. "The experience was not as much as I thought it would be. I'm not sure if it was a hypnotic state. At the beginning I tried to really get into it; I felt that I might have been hypnotized. When he snapped his fingers and pulled my wrist, pulled me over to go to sleep, I felt I had a taste of hypnosis, but I didn't go to sleep. I felt relaxed and calm. As the show went on, I wasn't sure. I wondered if the others were hypnotized. It didn't really happen for me. I went along with it until the point when he asked all the male volunteers to model lingerie. At that point I didn't think I could get into that. I just didn't feel it. I couldn't participate anymore. I elected to leave the stage."

"But...?"

"No, I didn't believe I was really playing the saxophone."

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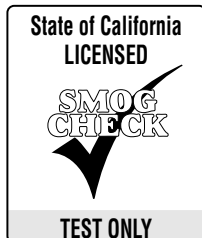
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