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Shorter Ghosts

I was one of the mustaches mentioned in Dierdre's article ("Mustache," June 16), and I feel I need to correct a mistake in it. While I was chosen to play Captain Smith in James Cameron's documentary *Ghosts of the Abyss* about the *Titanic*, I wasn't selected to be in *Far Side of the World*, which I originally auditioned for. The same day there were auditions for the shorter *Ghosts*, which I did get.

Thanks just the same.

John Donovan
via e-mail

Eastern Importance

I have some news for the priest Edward Gallagher ("Sheep and Goats," June 16). What is today called the Roman Catholic Church began with Leo the First, the Bishop of Rome, in the 5th Century. Onto Gregory the First in the early 7th Century the papal monarchy began to develop and it climaxed with Innocent the Third in the early 13th Century. From the time of Our Lord to the 5th Century, the Eastern churches were extremely important. The Roman Bishop began to presume predominance by the 11th Century.

Let's get our history straight, Gallagher.

Name Withheld

Hard Rock

Ollie: Lay off the *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* ("Remote Control King," June 16). The 1978 version rocked, but it's rocking your world too hard.

Verilium
via e-mail

Moron Approval

I couldn't believe my eyes reading the last week's *Reader* (June 9), a cartoon called "Mom's Cancer" written by Brian Fies.

Who was the moron who approved this? If this is

some sort of joke it is not funny. This cartoon was in the worst taste I could possibly imagine. Believe me, this was not educational nor comedy. This was just the worst. I cannot believe anybody approved this! What were they thinking?

Based on this kind of stuff, I would never patronize any of your advertisers.

Jeffery Lauber
Newport Beach

Negative Skin

This letter is in regard to your May 26 edition cover story, "Got Some Skin Left?" I have to tell you how appalled I was to read Ollie's story.

First, there are plenty of people in San Diego who are more tattooed, with better tattoos than the author. There are people who know more about tattooing and the local shops than the author as well. The author claims Tiger Jimmy's is "the most famous tattoo joint in San Diego." According to who? To him? A few people know of Tiger Jimmy's, but I can think, offhand, of at least three other shops that are in fact more well known than Tiger Jimmy's. Avalon, Lucky's, and Chronic Tattoo are not only more known, but they are cleaner, more innovative, and have better artists. The author's bias makes it seem that there is only one qualified shop to get tattooed at in San Diego County, and it is the one he got his cliché and trite sleeves done at. This is far from the case.

The article turns itself into a multiple-page billboard: Dan and his tattoo parlor. I hope he paid adequately for his advertisement. Furthermore, it is technically impossible to describe the feeling of a tattoo on the whole. You can say how it feels to *you*, but it doesn't feel that way to everybody. Basically, what I'm trying to say is I find this article biased, partially ill-informed, and overall, a negative mark on the tattoo community. If you want to talk about tattoos, start a column and have a different person featured every week. That way you can publicize all the local artists that deserve the kind of recognition you chose to only bestow upon one.

Leigh
via e-mail

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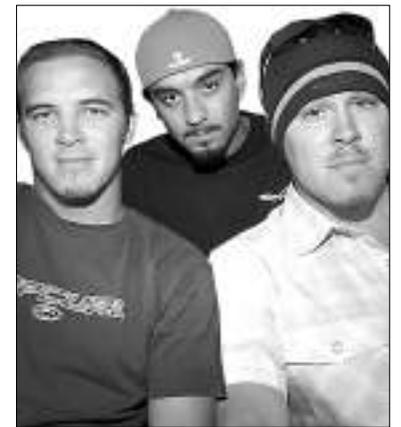
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Kingdom-sized junkets



Randy Cunningham

Who is **Ziyad Abduljawad** and why is he giving all those travel freebies to GOP congressman **Randy "Duke" Cunningham**, the embattled old Navy fighter ace from the Vietnam War? According to congressional gift records, Cunningham has traveled twice to the kingdom of Saudi Arabia over the past 14 months on Abduljawad's tab. The first time

was April 3 of last year, when the congressman spent a week meeting with "government and business leaders to promote discourse and better relations between the two nations." That was worth \$10,537. Then Cunningham was off again last December 9 for a week of doing the same thing. On that trip, Cunningham was joined by fellow Republican congressman **Ken Calvert**, who represents the 44th District just north of San Diego County, including the cities of San Clemente, Corona, and Riverside. "Due to security risks, I stayed in a private home where meals were provided. Below is my best estimate about expenses," says Calvert's disclosure. He valued his free travel, food, and lodging at \$10,790, the same as Cunningham's. It turns out that Ziyad, a naturalized U.S. citizen who lives in Newport Beach, is a member of the kingdom's wealthy Abduljawad family, which has its fingers into everything from home development in Orange County to high-tech electronics ventures. Reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission show that Ziyad controls the shares of an outfit called Elumina, LLC, which in turn has been in another venture with BridgeWest, LLC, run by **Massih Tayebi**, a big donor to the cause of San Diego Republicans such as Mayor **Dick Murphy**.

Family affairs

A bit more than a month before the special election, big money is rolling into some San Diego mayoral campaigns. Ex-chief of police **Jerry Sanders** raised \$105,022 in cash and \$1028 in kind services. Councilwoman **Donna Frye**



Jerry Sanders

lags behind with about \$74,000. Sanders can claim a prize for the most eclectic bunch of donors. They include lawyer **Roy Bell**, husband of *U-T* columnist **Diane Bell**; ex-**Jimmy Carter** staffer **Midge Costanza**; ex-GOP school-board candidate **Julie Dubick**; architect **Kotaro Nakamura**, husband of school-board member **Katherine Nakamura**; beer distributor and Charger stadium booster **Ron Fowler**; business-district maven and ex-bailbondsmen **Marco LiMandri**; **Frank Stiriti**, manager of a gay bathhouse, Vulcan Steam and Sauna; dentist and ex-Padres PR man **Charles Steinberg**, now an exec with the Boston Red Sox; airport authority PR strategist **Peter MacCracken**; Corky McMillin's **Richard Jarrett II**; Sempra "group president" **Edwin Guiles**; developer **Neil Senturia**; and ex-city manager **Jack McGrory**... First prize for nondaily columnist of 2004 awarded

last week by the local chapter of the professional journalists society: **Lisa Ross**, of the *Carmel Valley News/Del Mar Village Voice*, for "The Ross Retort." Judges' comments: "Miss Ross combines a gift for clear, engaging writing with an instinct for what is intriguing or outrageous." Ross's other recent distinction: agreeing to pay a \$7500 fine to the state's Fair Political Practices Commission after admitting in December she laundered developer contributions to city-council campaigns in San Marcos and Perris for her friend, North County political consultant **Colin Flaherty**.

Nickels and dimes

San Diegans who were thinking about not voting in next month's mayoral election might be reconsidering after taking a look at the latest price boosts in their cable TV bill. Cox Communications — whose general manager **Bill Geppert** is a well-known



Bill Geppert

regular around city hall and makes big contributions to councilmembers who vote Cox's way — is hiking the monthly rate on its "standard" service from \$39.95 to \$41.95. Digital "premium" channels like HBO are going up a buck, from \$10 to \$11. And "franchise fees" — charged to the company by the City of San Diego and passed on by Cox to its subscribers — are rising from 5.55 percent to 5.90 percent. By contrast, county franchise fees remain at 5.25 percent, and fees in places like Chula Vista and El Cajon are staying at 5.55 percent.

He never sleeps

Crusading San Diego City Attorney **Mike Aguirre** is on the prowl again. This time his target



Mike Aguirre

is the city's Ethics Commission. He's trying to get access to commission files for use in his ongoing investigation of pension fund and other sorts of financial flimflam at the city. But Aguirre's meeting fierce flak from a lawyer representing some of those previously investigated by the commission. "Because the City Attorney's office has the authority to criminally prosecute violations of city law, we would never be able to advise our clients to voluntarily provide documents or testimony to the Commission or to otherwise cooperate with the Commission's investigation, and instead would advise them to only respond to formal subpoenas in the most limited way justified by law," says a letter from San Francisco's **Jim Sutton**, the hard-charging lawyer who has represented some of the city's most prominent campaigns and candidates. His latest client: mayoral candidate **Jerry Sanders**.

— Matt Potter

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Sempra Board Flees Bad News

By Don Bauder

This January, Stephen L. Baum will retire as Sempra Energy's chief executive in fine shape (rich as Croesus) and at a fine time

(as the company faces a jury in a potentially backbreaking lawsuit).

Maybe that's why Sempra, which controls San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Gas, held its April annual meeting in what Wall Street

and self-serving arrangements.

Last year, Baum gobbled up \$13.5 million in total compensation. "Sempra shareholders are being taken to the cleaners," says Michael Shames, executive director of Utility Consumers' Action Network.



Stephen Baum

calls a "foxhole" — a location far from shareholders: London. John Chevedden, shareholder activist from Redondo Beach, thinks Sempra chose that locale because of Baum's embarrassment of riches, a \$24 billion price-fixing civil suit that will be on trial later this year, and shareholder complaints about the board's insularity



Graef Crystal

"Baum is moving from the energy industry into the cleaning industry."

According to *Forbes* magazine, Baum last year brought home \$1.1 million in salary, \$2.2 million in bonuses (double the industry median), and \$9.7 million in the value of exercised stock options. With the granting of a miscellaneous

\$541,000, his \$13.5 million was almost four times the industry median of \$3.4 million. Baum's pay was 98th on the Forbes list, although Sempra is the 235th largest company in the *Fortune* annual ranking of U.S. corporations by size.

After two decades with the company and five years as chief executive, Baum has amassed \$34.6 million in unexercised stock options and \$19.5 million worth of Sempra stock. "That is especially high for a public utility, but Baum keeps claiming the company is not a utility" because of its diversification, says Chevedden. Sempra boasts that more than half of its profits last year came from nonutility businesses such as energy trading, power generation, and natural-gas pipelines.

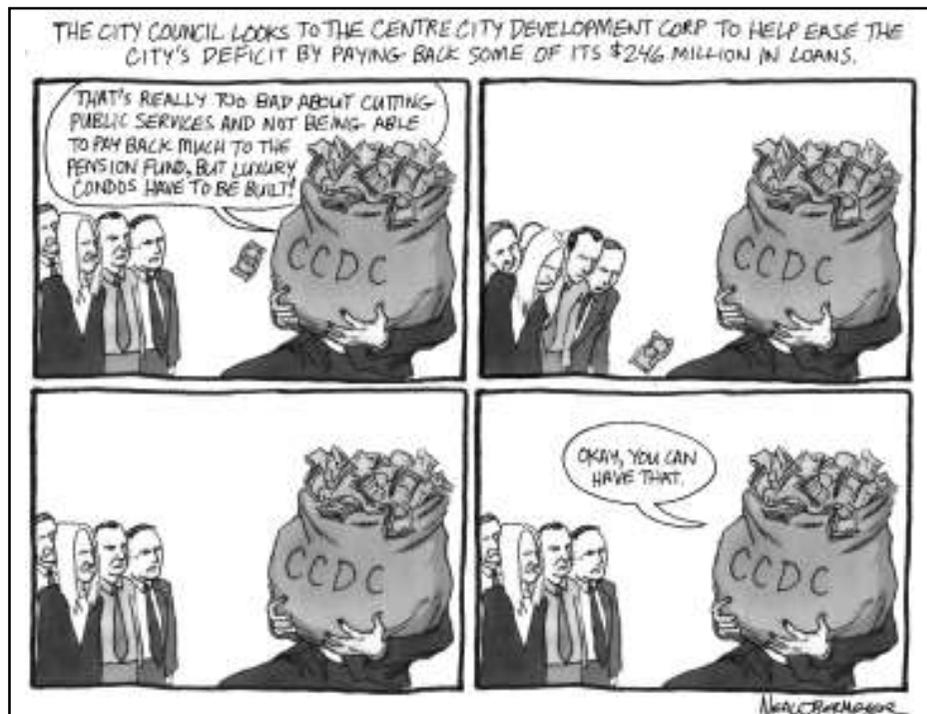
Organized labor is not pleased by Sempra's shoveling of money to its gilded lords. "Sempra's five highest-paid executives received more than 30 percent of all the stock options granted in 2004," says the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations on its website. "Baum received the lion's share — nearly 12 percent of all options granted." Sempra was one of five large companies singled out for criticism by the AFL-CIO this year.

Sempra's concentrating of

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Neal Obermeyer



Sandy Literacy

By Bill Manson

Katherine Jackson takes the toothbrush out of her mouth. "In an old house in Paris all covered in vines lived 12 little girls in two straight lines..."

This is Jackson's way of telling me what books she's reading these days.

"*Madeline* [by Ludwig Bemelmans]," she says. "That's what I get to read, aloud. Every night. *Madeline!* I know it by heart."

Jackson is a lifeguard, one of about 300 the city will employ this summer.

"Oh, and *Where the Wild Things Are* [by Maurice Sendak]. Those two books. They're what I read. When you have kids 2½ years and 8 months old and a job like this, that's all you have time for."

Jackson works at the San Diego lifeguard tower in Pacific Beach. So what do lifeguards do all summer long? Apart from save lives, that is. (San Diego city lifeguards save between 6000 and 7000 people every year from rip tides, rocks, sunstroke, and sinking pleasure-boats.) But between heroics, do they read?

Right now, this busy Saturday afternoon, you get insight standing in Nick Lerma's sec-

ond-floor office. He's the lieutenant in charge. "For starters, we don't read on the job, period," he says firmly. "Even if nothing's happening." Lerma has been a lifeguard for 26 years. "The best way to stay awake is to work out, take a swim. The less you work out, the more tired you get. Keep busy. Do preventive counseling near rip currents. Patrol. Plus, drink coffee."

When he's off duty, it's another story. Lerma reads extensively.

"I'm always looking for books on leadership," he says. "Like Ken Blanchard's *Heart of a Leader*. Books like that really help me. And Blanchard wrote my favorite, *Gung Ho: Turn on the People in Any Organization*."

He reads real estate how-to's as well. "Robert Kiyosaki, *Rich Dad, Poor Dad*. I want to learn about retirement, investment. I look for motivation to pursue risk. I've read the sequel, too: *The Cash Flow Quadrant*."

Lerma says he doesn't read fiction. He thinks many of his



Mission Beach

colleagues don't either. Lifeguard types tend to be reality junkies, Lerma says; alpha types. But he likes real-life leaders' stories. "Somebody gave me *John Adams* [by David McCullough]. I'm going to read that, for sure."

If he had to take one book to a desert island? The practical guy takes over again. "I'd find one called *How to Get Off a Desert Island*."

Hilary Brooks has that practical thing too. "I like to learn while I read," she says. "I like reality, and I like adventure." She's just read *Into Thin Air*, Jon Krakauer's devastating



Rod Messinger



Warren Moak

Everest journal. She's 27, into her fourth summer lifeguarding, and heading off for a few days in Costa Rica next week. "So I'm reading about Costa Rica, of course." But she's also reading *The Woman With a Worm in Her Head: And Other True Stories of Infectious Disease*, by Pamela Nagami, M.D.

Upstairs in the tower, Katherine Jackson is about to take over from Troy Keach. So she hasn't time to talk books — apart from *Madeline*. Except one she must mention.

"Ayn Rand, *The Fountainhead*. Rand gets it. Strength of character. Belief in self. Self-reliance. Expecting more of yourself. This is typical lifeguard thinking."

Sergeant Troy Keach is about to vacate the seat.

"There's a bunch of kids, sponge-boarders at San Fernando, Dan is in [tower] 18, cops have two four-wheel units out, there's a rip north of the flag, two novice surfers, been out an hour, could be tiring, so, concern but not edge of seat..."

At the end of his report,

Jackson replies, "Ten-four," takes the binoculars, and slips into the seat. Arrayed below her are hundreds of sunbathers, like seals at the Children's Pool. Jackson is their unseen protector for the next hour and a half.

Now Keach can relax. He says he's a newspaper man. That is, he reads them, daily. Sports, especially. "I look at the water polo, swimming reports, see if there's anyone who might make a good lifeguard recruit."

But mostly, he reads the trade journals: *River Rescue*; *Personal Watercraft*; *Boating*. "Or the Spanish dictionary, because we're needing that all the time."

And what book would he take if he were stuck on a desert island? "No contest. I'd take *The Action Hero's Handbook: How to Catch a Great White Shark, Perform the Vulcan Nerve Pinch, Track a Fugitive, and Dozens of Other TV and Movie Skills*" (by David and Joe Borgenicht).

Daniel Grant, 32, is in his 13th summer with the life-

guards. He started here when he was at UCSD, studying structural engineering. He graduated and became full-time after almost dying of boredom working for architects. Despite the



Bob Albers

fact he now has a 13-month-old baby, he manages to read lots of novels, new and old. He has just finished *Invisible Man*, the 1952 groundbreaker by Ralph Ellison that exposed postwar American racism, along with Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*. His all-time favorite book is probably Dostoyevsky's *Crime and Punish-*

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Katherine Jackson



Nick Lerma



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options grants in the ivory tower "is disproportionately lopsided in favor of top management," says Chevedden.

"I would think that a utility would tend to be more egalitarian than elitist," says Graef Crystal, former San Diegan who writes about executive compensation for *Bloomberg News*. "Utilities used to be considered a halfway house between civil service and business."

In prior days, topside pay at regulated utilities was well below the level of other industries because ratepayers could complain that their pockets were getting picked. Once utilities started diversifying, managements claimed they should be under no such restrictions. Today, salaries at Sempra, a holding company, are not included in the rate base; in theory, ratepayers are not subsidizing Baum's lifestyle. "We have seen a trend in which the concept of 'public' has been taken out of 'public utility,'" says Shames. "The business is now seen by executives as an opportunity to feed at the trough. Any semblance of public service is pretty much gone."

Crystal partly blames himself for that. "I was a compensation consultant to Pacific Gas & Electric for the decade ending in 1987. At the time, utility executives got modest salaries, and at the end of their careers they got a gold watch and a handsome pension. But the industry could only hire the dockside rejects and said it couldn't compete with unregulated companies, couldn't continue to pay peanut wages," he says. So the companies joined the greed parade. Now both pay and pensions are fat: Baum, for example, will make at least \$154,000 a month in his retirement.

"I hope he will be able to maintain his current style of living on that diminished monthly amount," chuckles Alan McCutcheon, a retired vice president who is among a group of former executives suing over cost-of-living adjustments they have never received. "I wrote the head of human resources noting that over 17 or 18 years, the dollar amount I was receiving hadn't budged a bit. I never got an answer, a hiccup, a boo."

Crystal says that when averaged out over three years, Baum's

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pay is about equal to that of other top bosses in companies of the same size (not just utilities). However, Crystal believes — with concurrence of such magazines as *Business Week* and *Fortune* — that top-side compensation has long been out of control. In 1973, chief executives made 45 times what average employees made. That has zoomed to 400 times, by his numbers. He explains that market forces don't determine chief-executive pay. Through corporate consolidations, the number of positions has shrunk, but there are more candidates than ever. "With an increase in supply and shrinkage of demand, pay should have dropped, but it is going up," Crystal says. Chief executives are told they deserve a raise because some other chief executive did better. "We don't have a market."

Sempra spokesman Doug Kline replies that earnings have risen 20 percent a year during Baum's reign. The stock has doubled while other stocks have gone down. Baum is getting paid for achieving internal financial goals, such as earnings, says Kline. But again, the problem with that reasoning is Baum's bloated pay is being compared to other chief executives' bloated pay. Aren't \$54 million in stock and possibly \$2 million in annual income enough of a retirement nest egg?

That question looms larger as critics raise questions about Sempra's accounting and governance. Are those earnings legitimate? *Forbes* uses an accounting-governance rating provided by a company named Audit Integrity, which analyzes 8000 corporations. There are four rankings: conservative, average, aggressive, or very aggressive. Sempra is labeled aggressive. That is not good.

For one thing, Sempra doesn't count the cost of stock options as an expense. A labor union that owns stock requested a shareholder vote on that topic. It passed at the London meeting, and Sempra says it will comply. "Their overall corporate governance profile is not good," says Greg Kinczewski, general counsel for Chicago's Marco Consulting Group, which advises employee benefit plans. Among many things, Sempra executives get golden parachutes in the event of a takeover; the company has insulated itself from outside investors wanting a voice, and board members

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have varying terms so control can't change quickly.

The board is "very unresponsive to shareholder concerns," says Kinczewski. "They consider most shareholder proposals 'precatory' — that's a word that is the opposite of 'mandatory.' 'Precatory' sounds sexual." Yeah, it sounds as if shareholders are getting screwed, although Kinczewski sees signs that things might improve.

Kline asserts, "Our accounting has been very transparent. In many cases we are ahead of our industry in making disclosures to investors."

Not all are impressed. Paul Justice, analyst for the research firm Morningstar, says that losing the \$24 billion lawsuit over alleged price-fixing in 2000 and 2001 could force Sempra into bankruptcy. That's unlikely, but even a much lower payment could hurt, he says. He, too, is worried about governance: "The board of directors has hijacked control of the company by routinely ignoring majority shareholder votes," he comments in a written report. The board's "running away from the issues" and not addressing the dangerous lawsuit "lead us to question the board's prudence." He also points out that one of the diversified businesses, energy trading, is risky. In fact, much of Sempra's trading profits come from a company it bought from Enron. Justice would avoid the stock until the "lawsuit is put to rest." ■

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ment. "Or else, for a desert island, I'd take David Sedaris's *Naked*," he says. "His writings about his family truly have me laughing out loud."

Up in Quivira Basin, Rod Messenger sits in the Boating Safety Unit control room surrounded by five monitors, a maze of radio equipment, and shelves loaded with ring-binders labeled "Fire Maps," "Mariner's Code," "Pollution," "BSU Ops," "Night Ops." This is the hub of the lifeguards' operation, day and night. Messenger talks into a foot-switch-operated microphone.

So what does Messenger read?

"*Budget Living* magazine. Truly, it tells you how to stretch everything." He also reads trade mags like *Rescue Technology*.

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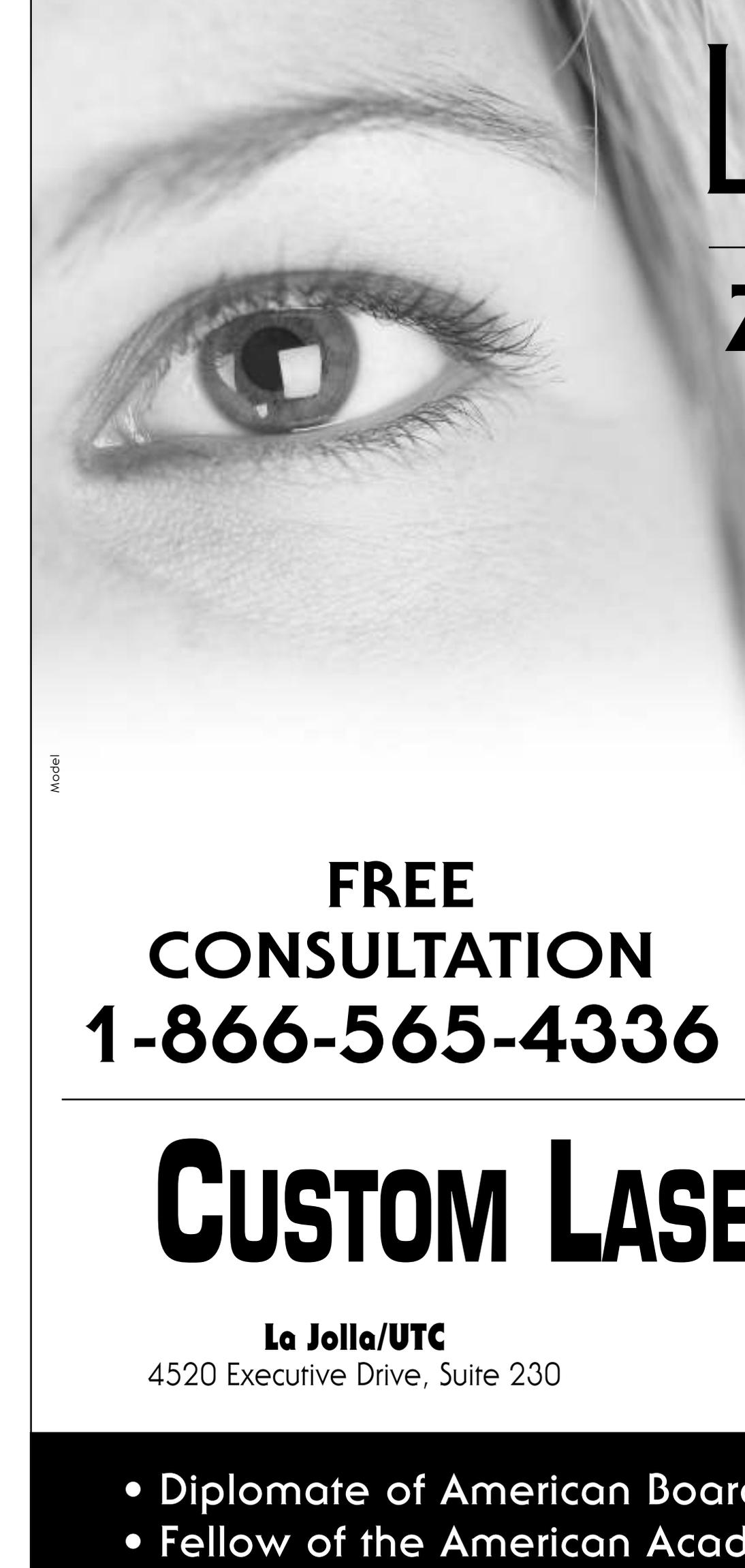
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And books?

"I don't read fiction, but my fiancée Sara loves it. The last one we read together was *The Nanny Diaries* [the Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus 2002 bestseller]. It kind of hit home, the way those nannies were treated. Reminded me of how the public treats us sometimes."

Messinger loves true sea stories. He owns and constantly rereads Richard Henry Dana's 1840 classic *Two Years Before the Mast*.

"That book," he says. "You can learn so much about San Diego, the bay, Coronado, before just about anything changed."

The second treasured book is *Sailing Alone Around the World*, by Joshua Slocum, a Nova Scotian, who was the first to do so, between 1895 and 1898.

"My fiancée's a librarian," Messinger says. "She doesn't believe in holding on to books unless they're really important."

But Messinger is not above

snapping up windfalls. When one of Coronado's oldest residents died, a pile of her books were left behind. "I took a huge 1928 dictionary and an 1888 edition of the *Complete Works of Shakespeare*."

It's one thing to own Shakespeare, another to actually read him. This is what sets the BSU's sergeant Bob Albers apart from the rest.

"I'm a big Shakespeare fan," Albers says. "I'm a regular at the Old Globe. I'll be going to their Summer Shakespeare Festival. It's great. They're doing *The Comedy of Errors*, *Macbeth* — my favorite — and *A Winter's Tale* this year. And before I go, I always bust out my Shakespeare, plus Isaac Asimov's *Guide to Shakespeare*."

Albers, who has a B.A. in public administration from San Diego State, also likes occasional "bubblegum for the brain," like Stephen King's *The Stand*. He'll devour Colleen McCullough. Novels like *Caesar*. But not quickly enough. "I can't keep up with her. She writes so much, she outpaces me."

So does his dad, Harry Albers. "He sends me manuscripts of

detective novels he writes. I've just proofread *Murder at Lake Tomahawk*. He publishes them online as e-books. He's also turned me on to Thomas B. Costain. Canadian, 1940s. The Michael Crichton of the time. Those historical novels. *The Black Rose*, *Below the Salt*. It's Runnymede. Magna Carta. Great stuff."

"Uh, did I mention Bob's our resident intellectual?" asks Messinger.

At Ocean Beach, Eric Winter, who sailed around the world before he joined the San Diego lifeguards, says he reads biographies, adventures. "I like to read about sunken ships, traveling. But right now, I'm reading a biography of Johnny Cash, because he stood for the downtrodden." On his circumnavigation, Winter took with him Captain James Cook's 18th-century book *Voyages of Discovery* and the 1930s classic *Mutiny on the Bounty*, a trilogy by Charles Bernard Nordhoff, as well as books about pirates.

P.J. Liebig, one of his colleagues at O.B., is reading Jon Krakauer's latest, *Under the Banner of Heaven*, about Mormon fundamentalists. But the

most fun read Liebig has had recently is Hunter S. Thompson's only novel, *The Rum Diaries*, written in 1959, published in 1998.

Imperial Beach's operation is smaller than San Diego's: maybe 40 lifeguards at the height of summer. Captain Robert Stabenow, 40, has been in the service since 1982. Off duty, like Lerma, he reads a lot of investment, leadership, management-advice books. He recently read *Wall Street Money Machine: New and Incredible Strategies for Cash Flow and Wealth Enhancement*, by Wade B. Cook, and real-life adventure: Sebastian Junger's *The Perfect Storm* and Kem Nunn's border-surfing/worm-farming novel, *Tijuana Straits*.

"I've always been into reading, mainly because of Mrs. Yandall, my elementary-school teacher at Harbor View," says Coronado's lifeguard captain Sean Carey. His perfect mile-and-a-quarter stretch of beach where Marilyn Monroe swam and Bill Clinton jogged has fewer rips and a more family-oriented crowd than, say, P.B.

In fact, Carey wants to write a book about Coron-

ado beach — its history. "There have been guys lifeguarding here since the 1920s," he says. "The Hotel Del hired the first ones."

Carey is into American history. He's just finished *Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West*, by Stephen Ambrose. But he also likes fantasy, like Ray Bradbury's *Martian Chronicles*, Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, and C. S. Lewis's *Screwtape Letters*, or "any Michener."

And Carey has one more project. He wants to start a lifeguard library in the new headquarters planned at Center Beach. He's collecting relevant titles like *In Search of Captain Zero* (Allan Weisbecker), a sort of surfer road book, *The Book of Waves* (Drew Campion, Art Brewer), and *The Lifeguards*, a book of recollections on San Diego lifeguarding in the '50s and '60s by Robert C. Baxley, a retired superior court judge and a former lifeguard.

Forty miles north, under the giant pier at Oceanside, lifeguards are hosing down their yellow trucks. It's a Sunday evening. Weekend crowds are finally thinning out.

"Desert island?" asks Warren Moak, 21, one of the summer hires who swells Oceanside's lifeguard ranks to 50. "I'd take the Bible. I'm a Christian." The books he's reading are school-related. (He's at Palomar.) Books for American Indian studies, oceanography; Steinbeck and Hemingway for American lit.

Kevin Bennett, 20, would also take the Bible. He belongs to a student Christian group at Palomar. "But the most interesting thing I'm reading is the screenplay for *Almost Famous*," he says. "It's for our film class. It's interesting to see the difference between the script and the movie. Besides, it's about Cameron Crowe, and he was a San Diego guy."

He's also following *The Lords of Darktown*, which was shot in I.B. "I liked it. The environment felt related to Oceanside," he says.

He and a group of students have already produced their own movie short, *Cheese, Crackers, and a Machine Gun*. He's in film class because "I think people are more movie-oriented these days. They'd rather see the story than read it." ■

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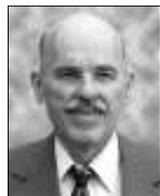
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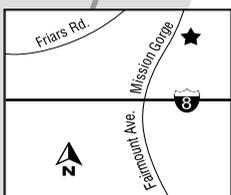
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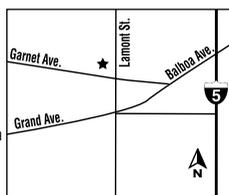
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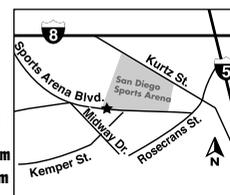
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BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Hey Matt:

What's the deal with quicksand? As a child I saw movies where people died in the stuff. Cartoon characters sank in it. Yet in all my years of reading the newspaper and hearing of the many weird ways people die, I've never heard of anyone sinking in quicksand. Is there even such a thing as quicksand?

— Sandy Quik, Sandy Iego, CA

Quicksand lives. It's just not this great deadly sucking hole into which hapless wanderers fall for the enjoyment of moviegoers. Quicksand is almost more a condition than a thing. It's when water from some ground source wells up through silty, sandy clay, breaking the friction bonds between the dirt grains and decreasing their ability to support weight. If the water source is constant, then the quicksand condition remains as a damp, boggy pool. Quicksand can be created during earthquakes, when the ground shaking can make certain kinds of soil act like a liquid. You can even create your own miniquicksand pit at the shoreline, where waves might suspend sand grains in an area enough to make your feet sink into it. So, say you step in quicksand, what happens? Depends on how deep the quicksand goes, the ratio of dirt grains to water, and whether you remain calm. Quicksand is likely to be a pretty dense slurry, so even if the area is deeper than you are tall, odds are you will float pretty well. Spread out your arms and legs to distribute your weight around. And move sloooooowly. Panic and thrash and you'll just work yourself down deeper. That's only cool in old movies.

Hey Matt:

Every U-Haul truck I've ever sat behind in traffic, regardless of where I was in the United States, has had an Arizona license plate. How can U-Haul register all of its nationally used trucks in Arizona exclusively? I'll be frustrated in traffic until I find out!

— Janine, the net

You'll be frustrated in traffic even after you find out, of course. This one is so simple, I'm answering it only because you do seem to be losing your grip. Uhaul is based in Phoenix. Buy 'em there, license 'em there, ship 'em out. Why would they have to relicense a truck in CA just to rent it in CA? The CA truck would end up in Pittsburgh, re-rented and driven to Sioux City, re-rented and driven to Houston. Do they have to relicense the thing every time it's rented? The feds say no. That's good enough for Uhaul. You need a vacation, Janine. No driving allowed.

Gloria Pitzer's Babysitter's Friend Sets the Record Straight About the Glorious Mrs. Pitzer; the Nefarious Todd Wilbur; Lovely Marysville, MI (not to be confused with Lovely St. Clair, MI); WSGW; Phil Donahue; and Some Midwest Newspaper Scandal Involving a Guy Named Mitch Albom!

A few years ago we sent you all to the library to check out a copy of Gloria Pitzer's book "Secret Restaurant Recipes Cookbook," which carefully explains how to duplicate fast-food favorites right in your own home. Now we learn that my hype of Gloria's book was an ugly gumbo of half truths and inaccuracies. Apparently, if I'm not careful, my name will be mud just like Mitch Albom's. While I try to figure out who he is and what bad thing he did, here's the real Gloria story from somebody who knows somebody who actually knows her.

Dear Matt: In regards to your column, which I found online, "How can I enjoy a Big Mac without actually leaving the house?" [August 2002 in the archives] I have known about Gloria Pitzer since she was first a local columnist in our little village newspaper. I was born in St. Clair [MI] and my friend used to babysit for Gloria.

There are a few factual problems with [your] column. First, Gloria Pitzer has not lived in St. Clair for a LOT of years. Her address for the cookbooks and recipes is a PO Box in Marysville, MI. They are fairly close, but not the same.

Next, and most important: In my understanding, Todd Wilbur [author of a newer book similar to Gloria's] ripped off Gloria's recipes. He apparently reworded them and/or snatched up some of them when Gloria allowed their cookbook copyright to expire. Gloria worked hard to get those recipes, and she deserves the credit. She named them creatively and appeared several times on Phil Donahue's show. She still does radio shows as a featured guest to answer questions about recipes, WSGW in Saginaw and a station in Chicago. I primarily use her recipes to adapt my favorite restaurant and supermarket specialties to be more healthy. I get almost the same flavors and hopefully will avoid some of the problems.

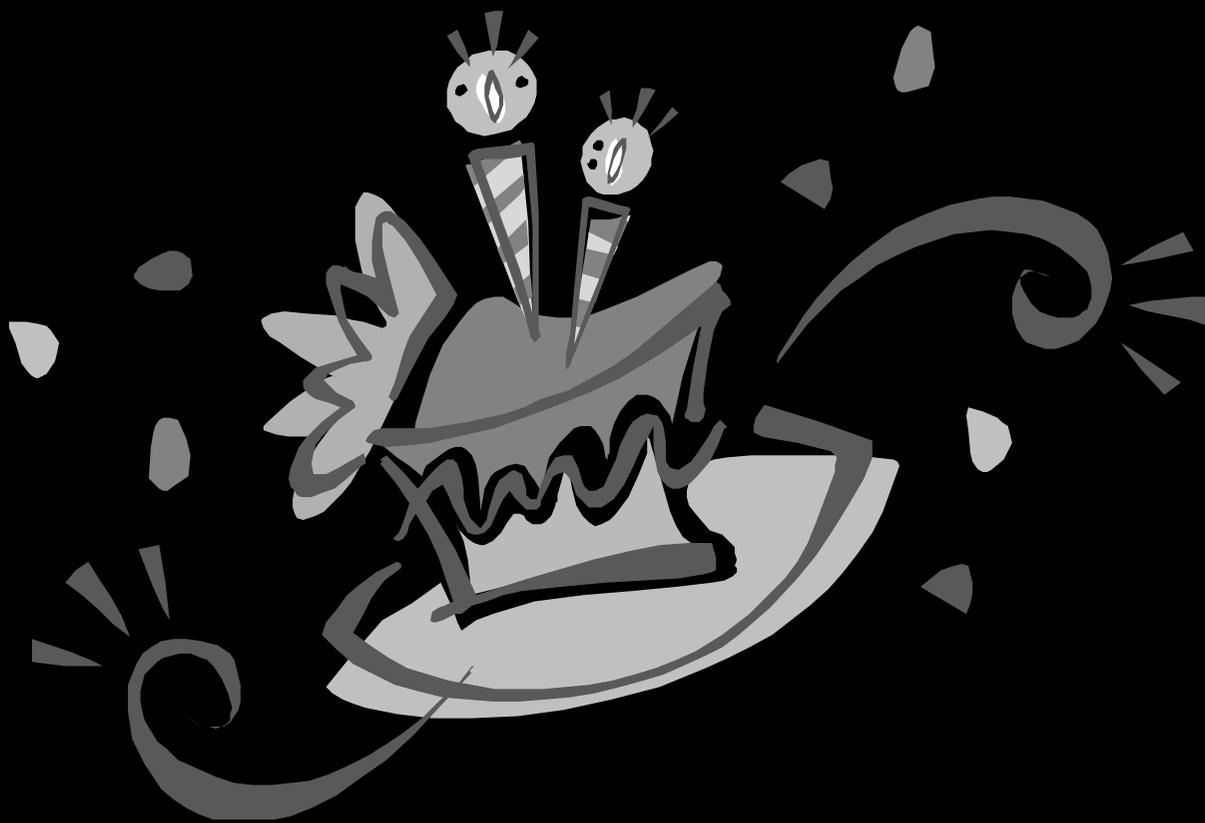
I realize that I am probably not one of the first to point these things out. [Note to K: You are the very first!] However, this does reflect on your verification of facts. And, the big deal over Mitch Albom submitting a column before the actual event here in the Detroit area makes your errors seem more serious. I hope you will be more careful in your own interest.

Sincerely, K. Eglinton

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Hobo Sports

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I lean back and laugh. Figure \$300 with tax and shipping. Perfect.

"See you in a month or so." I lean down to kiss Rhea. She's sitting behind the wheel of my rusted Ford pickup truck. We left our rented farmhouse at 5:00 a.m., got here 45 minutes later. Here, by the way, is the Burlington Northern yard in Pasco, Washington. I'm looking to catch a train for Sacramento or the Bay Area.

We've been living in Pasco since August, going to trade school. I'm taking carpentry; she's doing engine repair. Neither of us would amount to much in the trades, but we didn't know that then...then being early December 1972. My carpentry teacher required a hernia operation so he dismissed class early. Rhea had planned Christmas with her family in New Hampshire, so I decided to go traveling.

There are all sorts of ways to jump a train. Some places in the country — Texas — it's a big criminal deal. Other places, criminality depends on what the crew thinks when you happen to show up. Burlington Northern had a stellar reputation for being easy on hobos, and their route ran through Pasco, across the Columbia River, down to Bend, on to Klamath Falls, continuing into California. I finish Rhea goodbyes, pick up my backpack, walk to the dispatch office, ask the man behind the desk, "Which one goes to California?" The man smiles and, sounding as if he were a ticket agent and I a customer, points to a long line of boxcars, says, "Over there." Simple as that.

I walk along a long line of boxcars, spot an open door, throw my backpack in, and hop up. Now, the wait. I unroll my sleeping bag and assume morning-nap position. Two minutes pass. BOOM! I'm thrown forward like a pebble skipping over a still lake. Feels like the boxcar

has run into a wall. Actually, it's the crew hooking other boxcars onto this train. The crashing and booming and shuffling goes on for another hour.

Finally, there is forward movement with no boom, and the train slowly makes its way out of the yard toward the main line. Just at the far end of the yard, two duffel bags land on the floor, followed by two men. This is an unwelcome development. There is no law west of the Pecos; in this instance, no law in a boxcar. You're on your own.

The two men are in their early 40s, which means this is probably it for them. Whatever opportunities they might have had — family, wives, careers — didn't work out, and this is what's left. The tall, thin guy wears a ski cap, army field jacket, jeans, and boots. His partner is six inches shorter and 60 pounds lighter with jaundice-colored skin and rotting yellow-and-black teeth. We say howdy.

The tall man says they're coming down from Spokane, gone up there last summer to pick apples. They were headed to Arizona for some farm work and to winter in the sun with a stop-off in Sacramento to forage a new book of food stamps.

It's near impossible to stand up while the train is moving. The train jerks and sways and jerks and sways. The normal riding position is to lay in the center of the boxcar so you won't bust your bones against the wall if there's an emergency stop.

The little bad-teeth guy has been slowly moving to my right, which causes me to move toward the wall so he can't get behind me. Fifteen minutes pass. He's moved another six feet to my right. And that's enough. Don't like the two-to-one odds. I study the angle between me, him, and the open door. The next time the train comes into a right turn I'll rush forward and push him out.

The bad-teeth guy begins to burrow into his duffel bag. I move into a squat position, primed to charge at the first glimpse of a weapon. Bad teeth pulls out a miniature chess set, the one where all the pieces have little pins on their bottoms made to fit into holes on the chess board. He asks, "Do you play?"

I lean back and laugh. "How much?"
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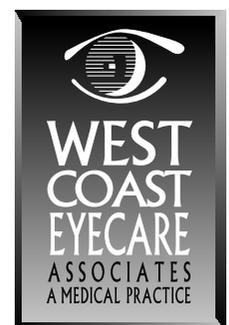
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Senior pastors: Duane Smets and Justin Bragg
Congregation size: 15
Staff size: 4
Sunday school enrollment: 0
Annual budget: unknown
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Singles program: no
Dress: casual
Diversity: white
Sunday worship: 6 p.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1½ hours
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"Beer is one of our core values. We enjoy it and like to drink it. Drinking is part of our culture and a great way to spend time with others," said Pastor Justin Bragg of The Resolved church. "The American church has perpetuated this separatist movement that we shouldn't mix with non-believers. We want to go where people are. We don't expect people to come to us. In [Pacific Beach], people are at the bars, parties, and drinking beer, so this is where we go." The Resolved church plans to have a Theology on Tap night for people to meet over a few pitchers of beer to talk about God. "We definitely hold to scripture, so we don't get drunk when we go, but we believe we need to be in the world, not of the world," said Bragg. "It's messy and I know we will make errors along the way, but our confidence is in Christ, and we rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us."

Pastor Duane Smets added, "We see it as being missional that we are just hanging out with other people. Loving people with no agenda in the time we spend with others. We really want to care for others and help them out. Most non-believers just need a hug. We want to take down the barriers that a lot of churches have put up. Some churches think that the gospel means that you don't drink, smoke, and that you vote for Bush. Jesus didn't seem to have any qualifications with the people He hung out with, and He wasn't involved in politics or military things."

Last Sunday night, seven people gathered in an 850-square-foot apartment in Pacific Beach to read and study the Bible. Pastor Smets opened the service with lyrics from the band Bright Eyes and a prayer from Ansem of Canterbury. "The Bright Eyes song conveys words of longing by a non-Christian and the prayer of Ansem is a prayer of satisfied longing [in God]," said Smets. Pastor Justin Bragg preached a sermon on Romans 1:18. Pastors Smets and Bragg rotate the preaching each week. After the sermon, people pray and take communion, using as the elements a loaf of bread and a bottle of wine. A song from Sigur Rós played in the background during the communion time. "During communion, we will play Johnny Cash, Radiohead, or even an old hymn on the stereo," said Pastor Smets. "It is a time of reflection where people deal with their soul and God."

After service, people gathered outside of the apartment for barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs. "Each week we BBQ, drink beer, and hang out together," said Pastor Smets. Nearly all of the people at The Resolved live in Pacific Beach and work there. At Sunday's service, six of the seven people who attended worked within one block of each other, on Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach. "I work in a record store, two people work in coffee shops, and two at a clothing store. We all ride bikes to work. I haven't bought gas in a month-and-a-half," said Smets.

"Since we all ride bikes, we started a bike gang called the DreadKnocks," said Joe Foster, a congregant of the church. The name, DreadKnocks, came from the Cobra gang in G.I. Joe that hangs out in the swamp. Foster and the gang wear denim vests with their gang's moniker on the back. Foster said that a local rival gang has felt threatened by them. "We're thinking of challenging them to a jump duel to end the rivalry once and for all." Foster moved to Pacific Beach from

Nashville after he met Smets and Bragg at a conference about starting new churches. Foster said this church has been a departure from past church experiences. "If you are looking for someone to give you all the answers and pump you up to make you feel good, you won't like this church. If you want honest people that talk about how we can deal with the human condition from a Biblical perspective, you will like it. This is a nonthreatening environment for people to learn about the Bible."

Amy Smets, Pastor Smets's wife, said, "This is a place for people to be real. When people ask how you are, you don't need to answer 'fine' and put on a façade. If you have a bad day, you don't need to pretend or act a certain way. This is a place where people can be honest about life."

Duane and Amy Smets moved to PB from a church in Orange County. When they first

decided to relocate to PB, people warned them not to move. "Friends from another church told us not to befriend sinners down in PB. They told us that as Christians we should 'draw people to the light instead of take the light to them.' I really don't like this whole us-versus-them mentality," said Pastor Smets. "I like Jesus, and when I look at Him and His life, He seems to hang out with whores, drunks, and thieves and call them friends. I want to help people find true happiness. Everyone is searching for true happiness, and I believe it can be found." Smets said he believes happiness is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

I asked Pastor Smets the question I ask each week: What happens when a person dies? "When the physical body dies, the nonphysical part goes on," replied Smets. "At this point, we'll be judged by whether we've glorified God. I believe in heaven and hell, but I don't really classify heaven with streets of gold or hell as a place where the devil is constantly stabbing you with a pitchfork."

—Drew E. Goodmanson



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Dear Saffron,

I know a smart and lovely woman I'll call Fran who has yet to meet the right guy. She bumped into an old friend of mine, who I'll call Cal, and later told me she found him attractive (which he is) and fascinating and funny (which he is also). She hinted that she'd like for me to set them up if Cal is willing. I think Cal would be into it. The problem: although I like both of these people a lot and think they have much in common, I wonder whether I should tell Fran what I know of Cal's past. He has had problems with drugs, problems that are not fully resolved. He's had to go into the hospital for rehab and/or for psychological problems, which may or may not have been caused by the drugs. I would feel like a rat talking behind his back. On the other hand, if she falls for him and later finds out I held out and he breaks her heart or does something crazy because of his substance-abuse (which he's working on, but like I said, hasn't worked through yet), I'm afraid she'll say, "Why on earth didn't you warn me?"

STUMPED ABOUT WHETHER TO BLAB

Dear Stumped,

This is a tough one! I polled a handful of associates about your dilemma. Some of them are longstanding members of the 12-step program community. The majority opinion was: Tell her the truth. Let her know that you think Cal is wonderful and that you feel his good points outweigh his drawbacks, or you wouldn't agree to introduce them at all. Then tell her that in the interest of freedom of information, you feel she should have her eyes wide open. That way Fran can't reproach you later for having misled her. One of my advisors suggested that you simply encourage Cal to tell Fran himself about his drug issues, but that solution was the minority opinion.

Dear Saffron,

The person from North Park who wrote to you a couple of weeks ago in response to a letter saying that one *should* open your door in the middle of the night to help a stranger who is banging on it and yelling — merely because his great-aunt did this once and had success — offered very bad advice. A woman I know in San Diego (her story was featured on *60 Minutes*) tells of how her mom opened the door to a man who asked if he could do yard work for money. She hired him and he did the yard work. He came back later to ask if he could use the phone. She opened the door and was strangled to death. You should never open your door in these situations. Some crooks do things like have a female companion approach

the door while crying — because people are more apt to open the door — while the guy hides in the bushes. The door opens and you've just been "home invaded." It's not hard to call the police, and leave the door shut, and tell the person, "Don't worry, help is on the way." If the person is really injured and needs help, what can you possibly do after you let them in? Call an ambulance, and try to comfort them. Little else. Another trick criminals pull is the broken-down car, with the hood open. You pull over to help and are promptly carjacked. Listen: there are call boxes on freeways. Or you have a cell phone. There's no need to pick up a hitchhiker or open a door to a stranger.

J.B. IN SAN DIEGO

P.S. I have two friends who are cops and they agree with this advice.

Hi Saffron,

How about an update on your aunt and her health?

S.K. IN CHULA VISTA

Dear S.K.,

Thanks for asking! My Aunt Trudy, former writer of this column, is always touched when someone inquires about her ongoing recovery from the stroke which caused her abrupt retirement from these pages. She is amazing, truly one of my personal heroes. She is doing very well, having graduated from a short stint using a wheelchair to walking now aided by a cane. She continues to improve, has more energy than I do much of the time, and is as feisty and witty as ever. She wishes me to send her love to her faithful *Reader* readers.

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Her visit to our sun-drenched city would also see her 24th birthday; I decided to brighten her spirit with a little shoe shopping.

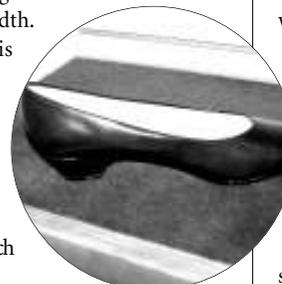
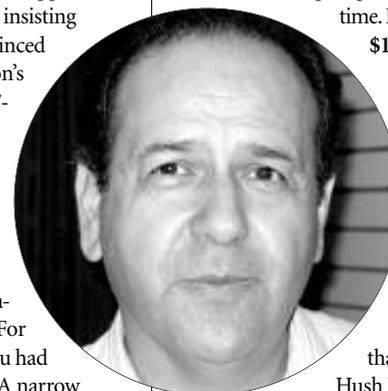
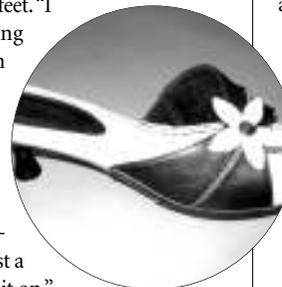
I knew I couldn’t go to just any shoe shop. I didn’t want to watch Bridget struggling to squeeze into this or that style that happened to look a little wider than the rest, insisting that it was perfect even as she winced in pain. So I headed down to Jon’s Wide Shoes in Chula Vista (619-427-1464). There, I spoke with Marc Flesch, a 23-year veteran of the shoe biz. He sympathized with Bridget’s frustration with sizing. “Nowadays, most companies designate width as slim, narrow, medium, wide, or extra-wide. Extra-wide is the same as doublewide. For ladies’ shoes, it used to be that you had shoes that ranged from AAAAAA narrow to EEEE wide. But, slowly but surely, they’ve been doing away with AA and AAAA and so forth. The factories want to save money, so they’re doing away with a lot of widths.”

But if particular sizes are becoming uncommon, wide feet are not. “Wide feet on women are very common. We get slim ladies and heavy ladies, all with wide feet. It’s genetic, I think.” It’s also a function of time. “Over the years, our arches start falling down, little by little, and the feet start spreading, not only lengthwise, but also widthwise. However, a lot of ladies don’t want to admit that they have wide feet. So what they do is, they buy a longer shoe to help with the width.

But then the shoe is going to buckle unevenly,” folding and creasing in places where it isn’t supposed to fold and crease. “It will get worn out pretty rapidly,” Flesch told me.

A wide or doublewide shoe is distinguishable by its wider base, said Flesch. “The base will be wider than a medium, and the sole may be broadened. But with some brands, they’ll use the same base as they would for a medium and just increase the upper area.”

Though Flesch employs the classic Brannock measuring device you are likely to see in any shoe store, “the width measurement is not very accurate any more.” Not because the Brannock is faulty, but because “shoe companies use so many different factories overseas to produce shoes. It’s not consistent any more. We have a Hush



“A lot of ladies don’t want to admit that they have wide feet.”

Puppie basic pump [\$38] that is supposed to be standard in every single size. But they use different factories, so we get a shoe in one color that fits differently than the same-size shoe in another color. Depending on the shoe, a person who is a size nine might wear a shoe anywhere from eight and a half to ten. So you need to try them on to make sure of a proper fit.” Bridget was right.

This is how Flesch fits a shoe: “The toe should not hit the front of the shoe; my estimate is that it should be about a quarter-inch from the tip of the foot to the end of the shoe. The shoe should not be tight where you see the little toe pushing out of the shoe.”

At Jon’s, he said, “we carry only wide or extra-wide for a lot of our dressier shoes, and in some cases, only the extra-wide — the front of the shoe is so tapered that even a wide won’t be wide enough for most women.” Styles change seasonally, but there are also perennials — classic pumps don’t change much over time. Flesch thinks SAS (\$90-

\$118 a pair at Jon’s) is the best maker of wide shoes for women, but the company does not offer as many style choices as its competitors. Still, I was drawn to the black, three-buckle, faux alligator sandal (\$90). Other little numbers that turned my head: the Hush Puppie Chateau (\$57),

a slim-heeled, strapless black dress shoe adorned with a white leather daisy; the Gloria shoe from Spring Step (\$59), a brown, lattice-leather sandal with a chunky heel; and the Cosy Goose sandal (\$72) — black, double-strap, medium-heeled, and topped with black leather pansies.

I stopped in at Gino’s Wide Shoes & Shoe Repair in Grossmont Center (619-433-4466), where I met a happy customer stuffing her feet into a plethora of stylish shoes. “I didn’t know this place was here,” she marveled. “I was just walking by. I’m at the point where I’ll take whatever fits and doesn’t hurt. I’ve been reduced to wearing these to work,” she concluded, pointing at a pair of worn sport sandals. “All those years of wearing high heels to look pretty have ruined my feet and back.”

Wade, the sales clerk, told me that Spring Step (\$69-\$125) is the store’s most popular line. “They’re stylish and comfortable — you can get a shoe with a heel on it and walk in it all day.” Gino’s, he said, carries sizes 5 to 16 and widths from wide to EEEEE. “We get all kinds of customers. Sometimes, we stretch shoes by hand, with a shoe stretcher. We spray them with a material that opens up the pores of the leather — that way, it doesn’t tear or pull away from the stitching. It usually takes several days. We do have a shoe with a heel that’s very flexible — I got a four-and-a-half-inch width out of one before.”

1. Mark Flesch

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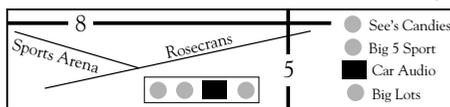
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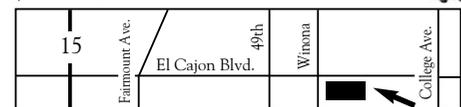
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

THIS EERIE MALE still playing long shots, nevertheless would like an eerie female around the house. Special inducement, summer trip to Lake Erie. Truman.

—CLASSIFIEDS: June 26, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Cuchama stands somewhat rugged and forbidding on the boulder-strewn line of the international boundary. However, Indians (Diegueños, Luiseños, and Cochomis) used it in secret initiation rites long before the white man arrived.... In the early years of this century, Dr. Walter Evans-Wentz, pioneer editor/translator of *The Tibetan Book of the Dead*, discovered the spiritual power of this mountain while horseback riding. It impressed him enough that over the years he bought approximately 3000 acres here.

For the last 25 years of his life, Evans-Wentz divided his time between the Keystone Hotel on Tenth Avenue in downtown San Diego and Cuchama. He stayed in a small wooden house on the lower slopes during his meditation retreats and practiced the Dharma, the Buddhist "way of truth."

—**"THE MAN WHO BOUGHT CUCHAMA,"**

Ken Winkler, June 26, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Mitrovitch says he has his attorney examining the book [*Captain Money and the Golden Girl*]. "There is no question this does damage to me," he asserts. "It's wounding to me. For twelve years I've devoted a great deal of time and energy to this city. I don't know what Don Bauder has done for the city."

Mitrovitch, whom Bauder seems to disdain even more than he does Dominelli, naturally disputes his portrayal in the book. "He stuck it to me in every way he possibly could," complains the founder of the City Club, a renowned speakers forum.

—**"PRESS RUN,"** Neal Matthews, June 27, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

Dirty Dan's Pure Platinum, located in Oceanside, Kearny Mesa, and on Pacific Highway, takes credit for bringing table dancing to San Diego. It is touted as the latest in erotic entertainment, a new twist that will make the customers happy and the dancers rich. "Table dancing is the key to making money at our clubs," states the entertainers' manual at Dirty Dan's. "The concept is that if [the customer] wants to enjoy your company, he needs to ask you to table dance at least every couple of songs or he knows you won't stick around."

—**"GET YOUR FEET ON THE TABLE,"**

Brae Canlen, June 28, 1990



Dr. Walter Evans-Wentz

Ten Years Ago

Bryan, by virtue of his own years, is the patriarch of the San Diego gothic scene. His club, Therapy, is the center of the 21-and-older Gothic crowd. Same sort of scene. Black and throbbing. Except there are more moving lights. Colored strobes, a siren. Smoke billows over the dance floor, and all you catch are brief glimpses of slither. Every now and then a full body emerges. One of the girls catches my eye and I stare. I stare like staring will win me the lottery. She's wearing these knee-high patent leather stiletto heels and a tutu dress, curls bouncing, shoulders swinging, hips swinging, no singing, whatever, it's something else.

—**MUSIC SCENE: "MY HOME IS THE CATACOMBS,"**

J. Cody Petterson, June 22, 1995

Five Years Ago

Dahlia was an old friend of my family's. She'd encouraged my parents to send me to school overseas, and when they balked, she underwrote my education. She pushed me out into the world. She also sent me spending money. Addressed in a flowery old-fashioned cursive, the envelopes contained \$50. "Go buy yourself some underwear and socks," her notes said. Or, "Go get yourself a haircut. You probably look like a wild animal."

She also gave me my first taste of Château d'Yquem, there in her living room with its big fireplace, big couches, and big black standard poodle named Cocoa. Dahlia liked me, I think, because I listened to her stories about the war, how her family had escaped Lithuania. "The only good thing about the Russians," she told me, "was when they marched in, they were real bastards. They were drunk and they were violent. You knew what they were up to. The Nazis, well, at first they were polite."

—**TIP OF MY TONGUE: "WINE,"** Max Nash,

June 22, 2000

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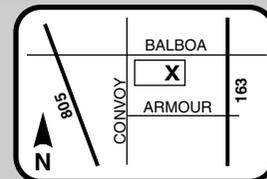
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Crasher

ZEIGER'S FOLLIES

by Josh Board

When my brother and I were in high school, he was in some boring Shakespeare play that I got dragged to see. It was fun hearing him talk about the cast party, though.

Larry Zeiger, a Point Loma High School English teacher, runs the school's Gotta Sing Gotta Dance productions. Zeiger told me I'd have fun at one of their shows. He and I had talked about movies at a previous party, so I figured I would trust his taste.

The night I attended, police cars and a fire engine blocked off a street near Point Loma High. There had been a bomb threat. At the school, I overheard a few students talking about somebody who got hurt on a golf cart that rolled over. I hoped nothing would go wrong during the night's show.

In the theater, two mothers nearby were joking around. One was telling the other that her son looked cute in a skirt. Her son, James Albrecht, was playing Hercules. "I didn't have a daughter, but I got to make my son a skirt. I'm so thrilled."

As I looked at the program for the evening's performance, *The Princess of Princeton — A Fairly True Fairy Tale*, Zeiger walked by. He told me that this is the only student company in



the United States doing productions like this. The students don't just act, sing, and design and build the props, they also write the shows. They form writing groups, research current events — politics, pop culture — and, in this case, fairy tales, and combine these elements into scripts. Along with the usual fairy-tale characters, we got CNN commentators, *SpongeBob*, and Howard Stern to liven things up.

Jack and Jill were supposed to kill Snow White but they didn't.

I met some Point Loma High alumni at the show that night. Shawn Loescher, who played saxophone in *The Princess of Princeton*, takes three weeks off each year to help stage these productions. I



asked him if he was going to the cast party afterwards. "I can't. I'm writing a requiem for a friend who died. I have a deadline on that. Wait, that was the wrong choice of words."

Steve Silva, who was in Zeiger's first show here in 1977, told me, "The only difference is the production has gotten much better over the years since I was in it. Mr. Zeiger brings so much happi-

ness to so many people. I still remember the play, and it was 28 years ago. I'm sure all these kids will remember this for the rest of their lives. There aren't many people who have such a positive influence on their communities and the lives of so many young people. We've been lucky to have him."

My contribution was buying a few cupcakes and cookies out front. I scarfed 'em down right before the play started and noticed I had crumbs all over my shirt as I sat down. Luckily, during the play, confetti and fake snow were thrown on the audience, so the

crumbs blended in.

Early in the play, an African-American kid was adopted, and a woman said, "I'm a red-state mother." I realized then that there might be some controversial stuff in the show. Later, another kid said, "All I have to do is get all C's, and I could be the next President of the United States." The songs in the show were a great mix of originals, oldies, and a few from other musicals, like "A Stud and a Babe." It was a duet sung by Casey Gardner and Stasia Conger. The song had great lyrics that were a bit risqué. When I met Conger's parents after the show (and saw in the program that she would be attending Christian Heritage College, studying theology), I asked them if they were bothered by any of the lines in the song (one line has her lamenting that her breasts aren't round enough). Her dad said, "It's theater, and we know that. We know where her heart is." Her mom said, "She did say 'Dad, you aren't going to like some of the words in this.'" Her dad handed me a ten-song CD that she recorded. The vocals sounded like a lot of the contemporary female singers you hear, but I liked the fact that it

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was guitar pop, not hip-hop.

The program indicated that three other cast members had also produced their own CDs.

There was lively singing and dancing to the songs "Steppin' Out With My Baby," "Silhouettes," "Dream Lover," and "Ladies Night," which the crowd really got into.

There was one scene where the seven dwarves rap, and the students wrote their own lyrics. Cinderella raps: "Give this party a chance/It got me excited when Prince shot me a glance/But when I lost my slipper/He was after my

pants!"

A Jewish dwarf (Eli Elbogen, who also played SpongeBob), complete in yarmulke and beard, sang: "My *shvants* was shnipped/I read the Torah/I hold the Shamus/And light the Menorah."

The crowd roared with laughter as the song continued with a "metrosexual dwarf" rapping: "Hey sweeties, what's up?/I'm the metro one/I go down to Hillcrest when I want some fun."

One dwarf rapped about wearing glasses, "but if you ask for my lunch money/I'll kick your asses."

Kory Davis played the wicked dean of Princeton, who believes in segregation of students based on types. She used facial expressions and cracked a whip for emphasis. Davis had a great singing voice, belting out "Whatever Lola Wants," from *Damn Yankees*.

There was a scene where Jack and Jill were supposed to kill Snow White but they didn't. The girls ended up singing "Hit the Road, Jack" to him.

I was surprised how often I laughed, seeing Martha Stewart and Howard Stern in jail, and Pinocchio trying to kiss a girl while

she complained about him poking her eye out or getting splinters in her face.

The play ended with the big-band classic "Sing, Sing, Sing," which was accompanied by a dance routine. One girl fell down, and another girl almost fell when a guy was twirling her around, but it was an entertaining close to the show.

After the show, a few students got up and talked about Larry Zeiger and how they'll never forget him. They sang a version of "Dust in the Wind" (similar to the way it was done in *Old School* during the funeral scene). The crowd was laughing and many held up cell phones that were turned on, the way people hold up lighters at a rock concert.

The cast party was at Old Venice Restaurant in Point Loma. It was a mix of students, parents, and alumni. Zeiger said, "Usually it's just alumni and parents here. The kids go and have their own party

somewhere else." One of the kids did confide in me that they were going to leave this party early for a bonfire on the beach.

Most of the kids were sitting at their own tables. I enjoyed listening to the parents talk about what colleges their kids were going to attend. One explained that she took her daughter to several universities and said, "I found out you should never take them to look at a campus if they are hungry. Then all they want to do is leave and get something to eat. If you eat first and they aren't tired, then they don't mind looking around the campus."

There were a few football players in the show. One of them, Hal Roca, was very polite. He thanked me for coming. I told Zeiger that I thought it was nice of Roca to say. Zeiger said, "Football season ends in December, and I usually get a few football players who want to learn to sing and dance and act. Who would

have known?"

I would've told Roca that I liked his rapping dwarf, but I forgot which one he played. I only remembered him in a dress, speaking with an Asian accent that had the crowd in stitches.

There was a wrestler named Tyler Vess who played one of the pirates as well as one of the five guys named Moe. He looked like a young Brad Pitt, and he told me he wanted a career in acting.

I left the party wishing I had been in a play in high school. Then I thought that between basketball practice and writing for the school newspaper, I probably didn't have the time.

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I am likable. I could prove this to you scientifically, but at the moment, with no lab or medical staff at my disposal, you'll have to take my word for it. Sales-aptitude tests were

designed to find people like me — I was even accused of cheating on such a test when my score revealed to a prospective employer that I fit into a very small percentage of extreme sales-type people. Questions such as, "Do you have personalized license plates?" and "Are you likely to strike up a conversation in an elevator?" were all answered honestly in the affirmative.

But some test's determination that I could sell a hamburger to a Hindu is not what makes me likable. The thing that endears me to others is what psychologists have dubbed the "chameleon effect." Professionals agree that people who subtly mimic

the body language, tone of voice, and overall disposition of those they are speaking with are perceived as more likable than people who do not mirror such behavior.

My natural ability to mimic others has its drawbacks. Reflecting people's behavior is not something I do consciously; the tendency is deep-seated and nearly impossible to control. I am so easily influenced by whomever I'm speaking with or whatever I'm reading, watching, or listening to that at any given time, I am merely a pastiche of my surroundings. I wasn't aware of this until David, whose place by my side grants him front-row seating for the show of my instability, pointed it out to me.

"You are not allowed to watch any more Dave Chappelle." This took me by surprise. I had only seen two DVDs' worth of episodes, and

I was looking forward to adding more of the comedian's work to our Netflix queue.

"Why not? What's your deal?"

"Did you not hear yourself just now?"

Hmm?" David's brows were raised in expectation.

"I would have said that anyway; that's the way I talk. I say that all the time."

"No, you don't," he said.

Moments earlier, we had arrived home just as Garrison Keillor began reading the credits for his show, *A Prairie Home Companion*, on NPR. The host said, "This show is brought to you by..." and I turned down the radio and shouted, "YOUR MOMMA, BIATCH!"

David looked dejected and mentioned my more-than-usual use of Ebonics lately. I've always had a knack for dialects, a talent that falls within the "can fit in with any social crowd" category of my likability. It didn't strike me as odd that I, a white woman, had been saying to my white friends, "Nigga, please!" at every opportunity. And it's only natural to get a song stuck in your head, even if the lyrics are "I wanna piss on you, yes I do, I'll piss on you, I'll pee on you..." as was the case in the song Dave Chappelle sang to mock R&B star R. Kelly.

"There's nothing wrong with adapting to your surroundings," I said. Cutting David off mid-scoff, I added, "Listen, cracka, get outta my ass. You weren't all complainy and shit when I was talkin' like an English gentleman." I was referring, of course, to the time David introduced me to *Jeeves and Wooster*, the British

comedy based on books by P.G. Wodehouse.

"I wouldn't mind if you spoke like that again," David said. "Actually, I'd prefer it if you used the extensive vocabulary of Jeeves rather than the potty mouth of Chappelle."

It was my turn to scoff but I refrained, as his comment sparked in me a series of memories, each one a phase in my life inspired by outside influences.

There was the "historical romance novel" period, which lasted from seventh grade through my junior year in high school. During this time, I devoured almost a hundred novels. Between 500-page English sagas by Johanna Lindsey and the Montgomery series of the Scottish Highlands by Jude Deveraux, I learned thousands of euphemisms for lovemaking and every anatomical bit involved.

I was the only 15-year-old I knew who used words like "alabaster" to describe a classmate's pale, smooth skin; the only one who blushed upon hearing the word "mound" announced at my sister's softball game. It became natural for me, when considering whom to invite to a Halloween party, to hear my inner voice say, "Methinks it would be titillating if that young rake who sits beside me in biology class, whose glistening green eyes and raven black hair doth make my bosom heave, should present himself at my costume ball."

Shortly after I heard my first Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg album, I requested a light for my cigarette by announcing, "Does anyone have a lizzo for this bizzo?" Only years later I heard the

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answer I'd been longing for: "Fo' sheezy, my neezy."

When I visit my family in New York City for more than two weeks, I return home with an accent befitting whichever borough I've been in. Over the years I've had friends from Great Britain, France, and Australia, and though I could intentionally imitate each of their accents with great aplomb, the imitative lilt my voice took on during normal conversation — subtle but noticeable — was beyond my control.

"I'll make you a deal," I said to David as we walked in the door. "For every episode of *Chappelle's Show*, I'll watch an episode of *Black Adder*. That ought to even it out."

David didn't look convinced. I'd tried the same thing with the *Kids in the Hall*, but Canada wasn't close enough to England for my BBC-loving boyfriend. *Black Adder*, a show starring Rowan Atkinson, is British enough that when I repeat his words, it doesn't bother David. But he still wanted more of a compromise, something that would deter me from repeating potentially offensive phrases, regardless of whether or not he finds them amusing.

"How about for every hour you watch any kind of episode on DVD, you spend

an hour listening to the original BBC radio show of *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* with me? I've got the whole thing on my iPod," David said.

"I've already read the book. And we just saw the movie!"

"The radio show is better than the movie. It has all the brilliant bits the movie had to gloss over in order to fit the 12-hour program into 2 hours." David sounded exasperated.

"Babel fish this, biatch, I've got too much shiznit on my plizate to justify a dozen hours of redcoat gibberish. I'll put in a *Star Trek*, and we can geek out together."

I could see in his face that he'd rather I say, "Plot the coordinates and lay in a course to the freezer," where his orders are to refill my vodka tonic, than call him "biatch" one more time.

"It's a deal," David said, already flipping through the second season of *Trek* discs we borrowed from Renee.

"What episode are we on?"

"The one after the 'Doomsday Machine,' Lieutenant; fascinating episode." I sat back on the futon and put my feet up on the black leather ottoman.

"Second star to the right and straight on till morning!" ■

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Tijuana Gardens

I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE WHERE I WAS.

"Things have changed a lot," said Jorge Rodríguez, leading me out of the rain, into his two-story cinder-block house.

"I came to Los Arenales looking for new horizons," he said.

He offered me a seat on one of two couches tucked into his living room's corner. A bay window at my back filled the room with gray light. Directly across from me, in the dining room, Rodríguez's wife ate a bowl of soup resting on a yellow plastic place mat. Beyond her, in what appeared to be the family room, a computer sat on a large wooden desk. Beyond the family room, through an open door, I glimpsed a patio and garden where rain pattered across blue tiles and dripped from ferns. From the garden, several kinds of birdsong and twittering drifted to where I sat.

At the bay window, Rodríguez had watched me stare at his house. I was standing in the middle of the street, not on the raised sidewalk. Rain washing down the pavement lapped at the toes of my shoes. I must have seemed a demented middle-aged gringo who somehow wandered into this neighborhood behind the central bus station in southeast Tijuana.



"I came to Los Arenales when I was 41 years old," Rodríguez said. "I was an attorney in Mazatlán, Sinaloa. It wasn't easy starting a new life at 41 years old. I came here looking for new opportunities. For my children."

Rodríguez became pensive. He lifted a guitar from the coffee table between us. He strummed it while he talked.

"I came here with my family in 1991," he said. "There was nothing here but a big dump and a lagoon. My mother-in-law was living here. It was what every bus coming to and leaving from Tijuana saw. A big mess. I figured that they'd have to do something with the land eventually."

Why hadn't he gone to look for new horizons in Mexico City?



“Personally, I never liked it because of all the problems there. Juvenile delinquency. Traffic. That all causes stress. Large cities are dehumanizing. When I got here to Tijuana, it was a little more provincial. But there were a lot of sources of work here and a lot of cultural and economic opportunities for my children.

“When we got here, there were probably about 250 houses. Little rooms, really, made out of cardboard. Many didn’t even have a roof. There was no electricity. No water. The people lacked the basic necessities.”

While Rodríguez spoke, I remembered the first visit a friend and I made to Los Arenales on Christmas morning 15 years ago. On Christmas Eve, one inch of rain fell. Hundreds of cardboard

shacks sank in stinky mud. The rain caused out-houses, pits dug behind each shack, to overflow. Men scrambled to dig trenches to divert the sulphurous water from these shacks. Two men scrambled to dig a trench to divert the black water from a large crèche they built. In the crèche, swaddled in white plastic, baby Jesus, a gringo doll, lay nestled in wood shavings. One of the men said of the crèche, “We made it for the Baby. For our God. We love God.”

Everywhere we walked that morning, we sank in ankle-deep mud. Roosters, prissy about their feet, perched on old tires and upturned buckets. Pigs rooted in filth. Women trudged through mud, down to the odorous lagoon, where they dipped their buckets and hauled water back to their card-

board shacks.

Missionaries of Charity Fathers, a male branch of Mother Teresa’s Order of the Missionaries of Charity, had settled in Los Arenales. One of the brothers whom we met that morning, a young man who came to Los Arenales from India, told us, “These people would be almost middle-class in Calcutta. They have walls, you see. A place to live.”

Fifteen years later, Jorge Rodríguez’s home looked, by Mexican standards, middle-class. Los Arenales looked, by Mexican standards, middle-class. Cars lined paved streets. At the corners of these paved streets stood pay phones. Satellite dishes perched on rooftops of two- and three-story homes. Through the windows of these homes, I saw computers, televisions, stereos.

Almost every house had a garden in front. When Rodríguez saw me staring at his home, I was admiring a rampant thatch of bougainvillea blooming over his driveway. Some vines were as thick as my wrist. They supported heavy clusters of pink blossoms. Pots of philodendron and red geraniums lined the front of the home. Pine trees and a banana tree grew beside the driveway. Two doors down, a lemon tree was so heavy with fruit that the lemons obscured the leaves. Along the streets of Los Arenales, eucalyptus, California pepper, and jacaranda trees swayed in the wind and rain. All around Los Arenales, acacias sent up dense clusters of acid yellow flowers, incandescent against the dark sky.

"Things began to change in 1993, 1994," Rodríguez told me as we sat in his living room. "When we paved the streets, the government paid for two-thirds [of the materials]; we paid for the rest."

"The changes came very rapidly. Electricity. Water. Sewage. There are older neighborhoods in Tijuana that don't have what we have."

Did the Missionaries of Charity brothers play



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a role in the development of Los Arenales?

"The most important thing they did, the most important thing they taught us, was to accept the will of God."

A while later Rodríguez amended that.

"They also encouraged many of the men here to stop drinking. You know, that's the way of Mexican men. To drink beer and tequila. But when the men were able to start saving a little money."

Rodríguez offered to

show me the garden in back of his home. Surrounded by high walls in the Moorish, or Spanish, fashion, the garden was invisible from the street.

Rain glistened on asparagus ferns, *chiles de árbol*, and avocado and peach trees. In a cement tank, a tilapia swam in circles. In a large cage to one side of the garden, a dozen parakeets and finches sang and twittered. In a larger cage to the right, a blue-and-green parrot hopped from side to side and squawked.

"Dance, Malvo,

dance," Rodríguez commanded the parrot.

The parrot complied.

Rodríguez told me that of his five children, four were married and worked as attorneys. The remaining child was in his last year of high school. I asked Rodríguez what his garden meant to him.

"Tranquility," he said.

Before I said goodbye to Rodríguez, he told me that one person in particular, Lolita, or Señora Dolores, had organized Los Arenales

to petition the government for electricity, water, sewage, and paved streets.

"She lives on the other side of the seminary, of the church where the brothers are. She lives in what we call Los Arenales Two."

At the end of Rodríguez's street, adolescent boys had put their stereo's speakers out on the second-floor patio of their family's brick home. While they roughhoused in drizzly rain, a remix of a Nirvana song blared so loudly that I could hear

it for several blocks as I walked away.

*Come as you are,
as you were,
As I want you to be...
Come dowsed in mud,
soaked in bleach
As I want you to be...*

The Arenales I encountered on Christmas morning 15 years ago still existed at the neighborhood's southern edge, down near where the women fetched water from the murky lagoon. Around a smoldering trash heap, two mud-spattered pigs rooted in mud. Skinny speckled chickens ran about in an aimless way.

Not far from the skinny chickens and mud-spattered pigs sat a wooden house hidden behind white buckets filled with ferns. Some thought had been given to the arrangement. The many fern-filled white buckets sat atop two tiers of long shelves built with cinder blocks and wood planks. It looked almost like a primordial nursery.

I couldn't identify the ferns. I don't like ferns. They all looked like the same variety. I guessed they might have been maidenhair ferns, a kind kept on many Californian patios. But the

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sheer number of fern-filled buckets distracted me from the elderly man who sat on a low metal stool beside them. He wore a white shirt, blue jeans, and white straw hat. He seemed surprised to see a gringo in his neighborhood.

"Are these your plants?" I asked.

"What did you say?" he yelled.

"These plants," I yelled. "Are they yours?"

"What did you say?" He squinted at me.

"What are these plants called in Spanish?" I asked.

"I like to sit here," he yelled. "The plants are very beautiful."

A red-and-white shop sits on Baile de México, Dance of Mexico, the main street connecting Los Arenales

One and Los Arenales Two. On its window the shop announces that it rents tuxedos. Plastic roses, teddy bears, ceramic figurines — the hopeful stuff of *quinceañeras*, engagement parties, weddings — fill the window. When I entered the shop, Dolores Dimas stood behind its glass counter.

"It was the floods of 1987 that brought us to Los Arenales," she said. "We were living down in Zona Rio, near the river. There were about 400 families. We had no place else to go."

Dimas, a petite woman with shoulder-length black hair, is direct and self-confident but doesn't toot her own horn. We talked for quite a while before she men-

tioned in an offhand way, "I spent six months in jail for my activities on behalf of Los Arenales."

"When we got here there was absolutely nothing. Everything that you now see, all the public services, all the public transport, I'm the one who started lobbying for it. About 350 families came here to Los Arenales. We started to organize as groups. For a while we were associated with a political party, the Socialist Workers Party, but it doesn't exist anymore.

"We were so successful because as a group we were very organized. Everyone participated."

I asked if Dimas came from a political family.

"No. No one was political except me. Why? Because I *liked*

politics."

Did many people in Los Arenales come from a certain state? Did a common regional identity help them band together?

"No. It was necessity. Necessity and wanting a better way of life."

At the time Dimas and her neighbors began to organize, she said, Mexican president Carlos Salinas de Gortari came several times to Tijuana. Dimas said she had the good fortune to speak with President Salinas about her neighborhood's problems and give him petitions.

"Three months after I met with the president, Los Arenales got electricity. That was in January 1989. The rest came after that. Water. Sewers. And in 1993, 1994, we began paving the streets. We did it all as an organized group, with help from

government programs."

I asked Dimas about the trees I saw along the streets and in family gardens of Los Arenales One and Two. Where had the trees come from?

"The federal government gave them to us. We divided them up, three or four to each family. That must have been in 1990. I don't remember all the kinds of trees they gave us, but the idea was that we needed trees so that we could have a little bit of shade."

I said I wanted to see the trees from the Mexican government that Dimas had in her garden. She told me that I had to go outside the store, around the corner to the house in back. I hadn't realized that the store and the purple house with white trim behind the store were connected.

Dimas's garden consisted of a four-foot-wide plot of land on the east and south sides of her home. A few red geraniums and some maidenhair ferns grew in Dimas's garden, and ten mature trees. California peppers. A pine. What I guessed were two California fan palms, *Washingtonia filifera*, a native variety, had

reached almost 20 feet tall.

Dimas told me that her five children were all married and gone. As she considered her garden, she said, "There was nothing when we got here."

"We built the elementary school and the kindergarten ourselves."

"Some people have forgotten what it was like."

On a Saturday after I spoke with Dimas, the heavy rains stopped for a few hours and I went to Teniente Guerrero Park, six blocks west of Revolución between Third and Fourth Streets. The park, which measures 88 meters by 88 meters, or 1.9 acres, is the only open space, the only public garden, in crowded downtown Tijuana. On weekends, parents bring their children to play on the swings and seesaws and to feed bread crumbs to the pigeons who like to hang out near the gazebo. Sometimes a school or youth-group band plays in the gazebo. Young couples lounge on wrought-iron benches and giggle and smooch. Furrow-browed men hunch over games of chess at the park's cement chess tables.

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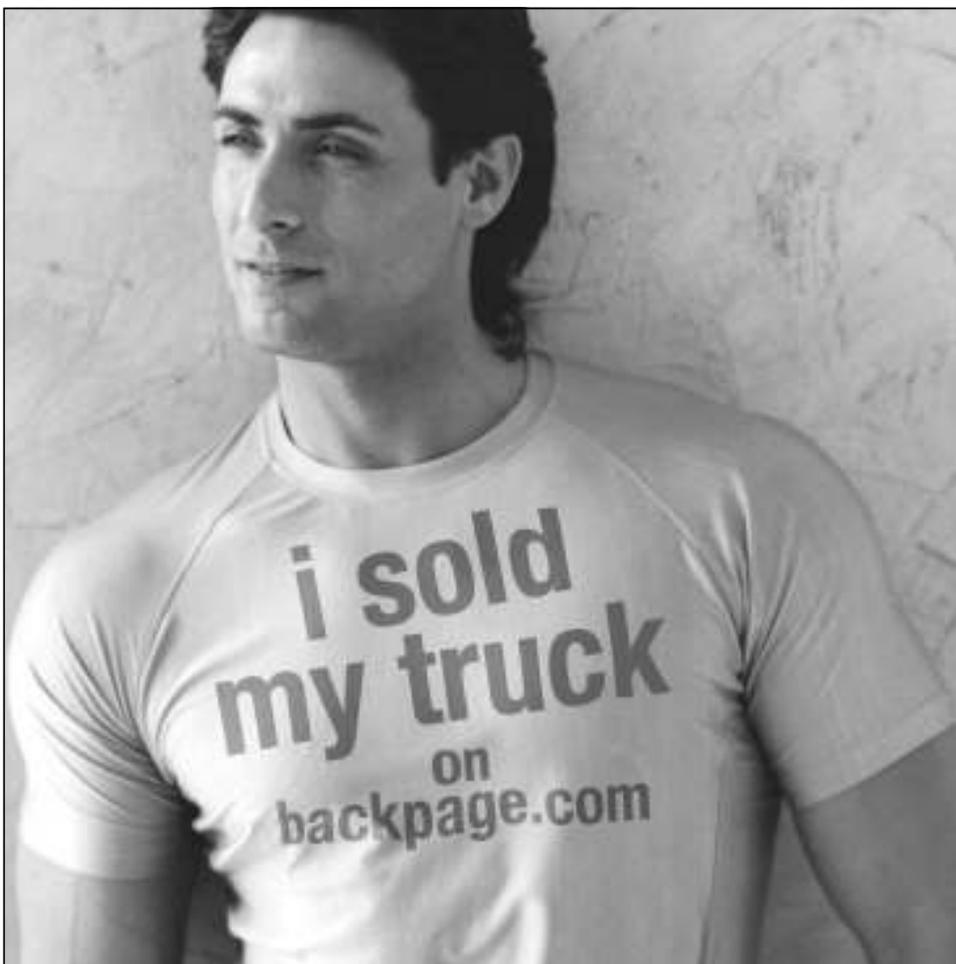
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visited, the park was more festive than usual. Representatives from the office of Tijuana's then newly elected mayor, Jorge Hank Rhon, were sitting at card tables, taking complaints from downtown residents about infrastructure, utilities, housing, and other problems. A twentysomething blonde in trim black slacks, Myriam Escobedo, who works as a public relations manager in the mayor's office, was on hand to discuss the mayor's plans for the park. Escobedo, who speaks English like a native Californian ("I went to school for four years at Our Lady of Peace in San Diego"), told me that the park's renovation was part of the mayor's projected community plan for the downtown district.

"Since the mayor came into office two months ago, we've been trying to have events

every weekend in the park. On Sundays we have 'Family Day.' There are lots of clowns, and we bring in artists who paint. Everyone has a good time. Two Sundays ago we had a petting zoo. The mayor has a kind of minizoo, and he let us borrow the animals. We had goats, sheep, and a few other animals. We plan to bring a tiger, but we'll have to bring a special cage and make sure that everything's going to be safe.

"This park was abandoned for a long time. You can tell by that fountain over there that the park's been abandoned for a long time. We're planning a fundraising event to fix the fountain and make other needed repairs in the park. We don't have a deadline for when this will be finished. But we plan on working on this throughout the mayor's entire administration,



which will last for the next three years. We're very angry that the park was abandoned for so long. Why? The first thing that the mayor's representative to the downtown district did was to make it his top priority to renovate the park.

"We don't really have a budget for the work. We don't have the

money for it. We're trying to get the community involved through donations. Some of the people who live near the park have, for example, donated some trees, and we're going to plant them. That's how we're trying to work things out, with donations and community involvement."

Escobedo told me that Teniente Guerrero Park is the only public park for the 77 neighborhoods that make up the *delegación centro*, or

downtown district.

"It's one of the most important districts in Tijuana because it has such a great diversity of people. We have a lot of people with a lot of needs, and we have a lot of wealthy people. The park is so important to this district that we're going to make the changes slowly and see how it goes. We're going to be replacing some of the trees, because they're not in good shape. We're going to trim others. We're not going to completely renovate the gazebo, because it's old and we like its style. We'll make a few repairs. We're going to add a special area for people to picnic. We're going to fix up the chess area and start tournaments on Saturdays. We just want to make it nice again."

In a small beige building on the park's east side, Ramón Romero showed me a poster outlining the city government's 16-grade pay scale for municipal gardeners. Romero, born and raised in Nueva Italia, Michoacán, has worked at Teniente Guerrero Park for 15 years. Like the park's six other gardeners, Romero works five days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The poster used the word *peón* to describe workers at the bottom end of the pay scale.

"Someone just starting to work here would make around \$120 every two weeks," Romero said. "After 20 years, at the very top of the scale, he'd make \$1000 per month."

Romero told me that he came to Tijuana in 1978 and worked several jobs before finding a position at the park.

"I like this work a lot. I like everything that has to do with ecology, trees, birds. I love nature. Working here reminds me of back home. For example, back home, we didn't paint our house. The outside of our house is covered with a plant. In Acapulco they call the plant *moneda*; in other parts of Mexico they call it *hiedra*. My family back home loves plants."

Romero said that when he started to work at Teniente Guerrero Park, it had few plants and no benches. For a while, things improved.

"But what happened was that the people whom the city government put in charge of parks were often more interested in politics than in managing parks. For example, the city

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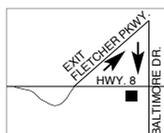
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government would give the position to a mining engineer. What does a mining engineer know about parks? And, unfortunately, because of that sort of thing, the park began to deteriorate.”

I wondered if homeless people slept in Guerrero Park.

“Not so many now, but in the past we’d have 10 or 15 people sleeping here at night. Especially in the summer, there’d be lots. People come here from the interior to cross the border to find work. They get to Tijuana and don’t have any place to stay, and so they sleep in the parks.”

I asked Romero to take me to the place in the park he enjoyed most. We walked down one of the park’s meandering footpaths, past the gazebo, to the park’s north side, facing the Templo San Francisco de Asís.

“I love this part of

the park because here you have all the Mexican customs,” Romero said. “You have the church. You have all the children playing on the playground equipment. You have the vendors selling food and balloons. It’s one of the few places like this in Tijuana.”

Romero had something else he wanted to show me: the broken fountain Myriam Escobedo mentioned. Fifteen years ago, Romero started to use the fountain as a large planter. A loquat tree, an angel’s trumpet, hibiscus, and calla lilies now grew where water once splashed.

“The fountain was completely neglected. I had to do something. So I began to plant things in it. The statue in the middle is Don Quixote.”

Four or five feet tall, painted black, the statue had been carved, it seemed, from a tree trunk.

“I paid an artist friend of mine, Juan, a guy I knew from Michoacán, to carve it for me. I think he went to the U.S. I’m not sure. Fifteen years ago I paid him 20 pesos to carve the statue. It took him about five hours. Why Don Quixote? I’ve always liked a phrase attributed to him that I learned in school, ‘If the dogs are barking it means we’re advancing.’ That phrase always seemed very nice to me.”

A few blocks from Romero’s Don Quixote, 24-year-old Emilio Santos manages his family’s small nursery, Las Palmares, on Sixth Street. White and purple azaleas, white hydrangeas, crocus, ficus, fish-tail palms, aloes, spider plants, junipers, orange, avocado, peach and plum trees vie for space in the nursery’s partially shaded courtyard. Santos told me that Las Palmares was one of only



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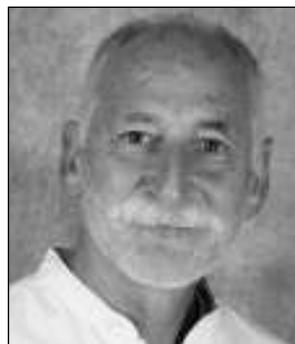
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two nurseries in all of central Tijuana. When his father opened Las Palmarecas, he said, there were very few nurseries in the city, "Now there are more than you can count."

(When I asked Santos about the nursery's name, Las Palmarecas, he said, "It's because in the past we sold only palm trees." But *palmareca* seemed strange to me. When I asked Mexican friends and neighbors in San Diego about the name, they shrugged their shoulders and said, "What a funny word!" I had to dig around. *Palma areca*, it turned out, was a Spanish common name for *Areca catechu*, the betel palm, which produces the famous betel nut chewed in Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Africa.)

"The store's been in the neighborhood for 30 years," Santos told me. "We moved to this location 8 years ago. Before that we were in a place just behind where we are now."

"My father started the nursery. Before he came to Tijuana he sold fruit in Puebla. A friend invited him up to open the business. The friend disappeared one day and left my father with the nursery. It was lucky that the friend disappeared. Now we have two nurseries. The other one's in Colonia Jardín. I learned the business just growing up around it."

Santos led me out to the courtyard to show me the plants he took particular pride in.

"I like orange and avocado trees, personally, because I like those fruits, but this," he said, holding up what at first appeared to be a leafy basket, "is very nice."

What he held was a pot of two-foot-tall ficus saplings that, as they grew, had somehow been woven together into a kind of basket shape.

"These come from Colima," Santos explained. "They're \$25. Almost all the plants and trees we have come from Colima, Acapulco, or Mexico City."

When I said that \$25 for the ficus basket

seemed inexpensive, Santos laughed and pointed to a three-gallon white hydrangea.

"How much do you think that costs?"

"Fifteen dollars?" I guessed.

"It's only \$5," he

said.

(That afternoon at the border, when I asked a United States Department of Agriculture agent about bringing potted plants across the border, she chuckled.

"You wouldn't want to

pay how much it'd cost you to get a permit to bring those plants across. Forget about it.")

I asked Santos which parts of Tijuana were known for having good soil.

"There aren't many,"

he said. "Downtown is good. This area around here is good. It has some of the best soil in the city."

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enth Streets, I saw a profusion of bright spring green. In front of a small wooden house, pink rambler roses spilled across a rusty wire fence. On the home's right, a mature angel's trumpet dangled long, creamy white flowers. A mature fig tree and a flowering plum towered over the back of the house. Beside the front door, horsetail grew in an odd round clump. Marigolds grew beside the fence. Pots of red geraniums sat here and there in the yard. Two elderly, dusty-eared spaniels trotted out the front door. They not so much barked as screamed at me while I stood looking at the plants. A middle-aged woman dressed in navy blue pants and blouse came outside to investigate the ruckus. She eyed me with suspicion.

"My name's Estela," she said when I complimented her garden. "But I didn't plant any of this.



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I just rent. Carlotta, the old woman who lived here before me, planted the garden. She died seven years ago. She loved plants."

Estela said she didn't

know if anyone remembered who Carlotta was. I said that to me it seemed sad that Carlotta's garden had continued to flourish after Carlotta was gone. Estela

neither agreed nor disagreed.

"I think there's an older garden down there," she said, pointing east down the alley.

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#435, María Teresa Martínez, wrapped in a black bathrobe, her legs bundled in a black-and-crimson blanket, sat on an old beige couch. Her skin was almost as white as the long wavy hair framing her face. Her nose was aquiline. Her cheekbones, high and sharp. Milky cataract occluded her left eye.

"I came to this house in 1925," she told me, "with my mother and father. I was five years old. We came from Mexicali, but my parents were from southern Baja California. When we got here, the alley was closed at both ends. No cars could pass. You could only walk in. My father was a municipal policeman, and he lobbied the city government to open the alley. That was probably in 1930. I don't remember exactly. I was a young girl and didn't pay much attention to things."

A few feet from

where Martínez sat, the ceiling had started to collapse. A ceiling panel, as large as a door, bent toward the floor. Duct tape and a sheet of plastic held it in place. Above my head a large hole exposed the roof's wood slats and, between them, slivers of blue sky.

Martínez told me that her husband, Alejandro, was for many years a journalist. From 1980 to 1990 he wrote for a newspaper called *El Cuarto Poder*.

"Pero ya se fué al cielo," she said. "But he's already gone to heaven."

Tijuana today didn't please her.

"It looks," she said, "like a gypsy camp. All these people come and build their homes out of cardboard."

From her place on the couch, Martínez can study her garden. ("I can't walk in it anymore. I can't walk very well nowadays.") She can see gardenia, white and red

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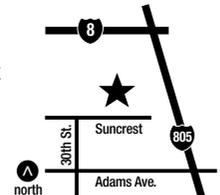
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geraniums, pine, and juniper. She said her favorite flowers were the *lirios de Puebla*, Puebla lilies, a name I hadn't heard before.

(In Mexico, common names for plants can differ not only from state to state but from region to region within a state. After I left Martínez, I searched for references to *lirios de Puebla* but found nothing. Given Martínez's age, *lirios de Puebla* is perhaps an archaic name few people today know or remember.)

From Martínez's place on the couch, she couldn't see her favorite flowers. They sat to the far right of her front door. When I went outside to investigate, I expected to find Easter lilies. I instead saw a pot of blood-red Asiatic lilies that the wet winter and sudden springlike weather had caused to bloom.

But the oddest fea-

ture of Martínez's garden was a column of pitaya that had grown 12 feet tall. Pitaya is normally a clinging cactus, but this specimen had risen upward, clinging to nothing at all. At its top, the cactus had assumed an unusual curled shape. It looked like something that unfortunate earthlings might encounter in a science fiction movie.

I knew that pitaya was often slow to grow. Where I live in Normal Heights, a friend's pitaya has grown less than a foot since she planted it two years ago.

"My mother liked to work in the garden," Martínez told me when I asked about the pitaya.

"It's called a moon flower," said a young woman who appeared at a door I hadn't noticed on the right of Martínez's living room.

The young woman's long black hair was wet and made wet spots on the collar and shoulders

of the orange T-shirt she wore.

"That pitaya blooms only at night," the young woman said. "It makes a fruit that has a red skin and white flesh with small black seeds. It's very tasty."

"My neighbors eat it," said Martínez. "But I don't."

Martínez told me that she liked to read. As proof she pulled from a plastic bag beside her two Spanish-language editions of the Jehovah's Witness magazine the *Watchtower*. Thumbing through one she found an article on flowers that grow in Latin America's arid highlands.

"These flowers are so pretty," she said. "The people who gave me these magazines asked me to go to church with them. But I can't. My leg hurts too much."

I asked Martínez what she thought of when she looked at her garden.

"I think about my mother," she said. "I think about those who've gone on before me. I think about dedicating myself to God. Nothing else."

Real del Mar is a luxury-home development and golf resort in Tijuana about seven and a half miles south of Playas de Tijuana. Construction began on the golf resort in the early 1990s. The housing development broke ground in the late 1980s. The golf course and housing development together occupy 720 acres. On the toll road to Ensenada, traffic is often frantic: it's easy to miss Real del Mar's entrance. The first few times I drove past it, my impression was that the barren hills to the freeway's east had for an instant exploded with leafy green.

That explosion of color was La Plaza de los Caballos, the large gar-

den and fountain announcing Real del Mar's presence. Two stylized bronze horses burst from water splashing from the ivy-covered fountain's top. Bees have made a hive in the chest of one of the horses. The bees swarm from the statue, zipping high and low to avoid the splashing water, which falls 15 feet to a pond where serene mallards paddle.

Tules, pampas grass, and willows grow around the pond. A low-growing shrub that Mexicans call *oreja de ratón*, mouse ear, covers the banks surrounding the garden. Alfredo Sánchez, the man who sees that the golf course stays green and that all of its trees and plants are tended to, told me that in summer the mouse ear produces tiny red flowers he happens to enjoy.

"But the problem with *oreja de ratón*," he said, pointing at the

horse statues, "is that the flowers attract *lots* of bees. Hundreds of them. They love it."

Sánchez is a lean, compact man who combs his silver hair straight back. He wears a thick gold bracelet on his left wrist. He laughs about squabbles he's gotten into when crossing the border in his big black truck to pick up his kids from their school in San Diego. Born in Tijuana, raised in San Diego, he speaks English with a perfect American accent. In his affable way, he loves Real del Mar.

"It's just beautiful, isn't it?" he asked the day we met and stood before La Plaza de los Caballos.

Sánchez was present when the golf course was put in. He was, he told me, hired away from Carlton Oaks Golf Course in Santee to work on the Real del Mar project.

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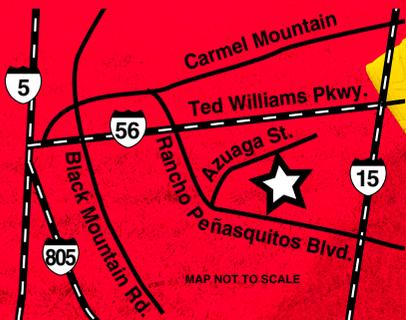
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Sánchez told me he directs 30 gardeners. He spends \$60,000 every

year on 30,000 pounds of fertilizers and other lawn-care products for the golf course. He estimates that his entire budget for the course and its landscaping is around \$240,000.

"Compare that to what we spent at Carlton Oaks. When I was working there our annual budget was \$800,000. The cost of labor here is much cheaper."

As we drove around the course, I was surprised to see how much land Sánchez allowed wild plants to occupy.

Brilliant purple thistles, Mexican daisies (*Erigeron karvinskianus*),

sunflowers, white sage, hemlock, Queen Anne's lace, and yellow mustard competed for space on the banks and low hills along the golf-cart paths and around the course itself.

"I'd guess that probably about 70 percent of our landscape is wild," Sánchez said. "It gives us a unique look."

Red squirrels, their coats glossy, pursued inscrutable tasks across the stretches of manicured green. Above our heads soared a hawk and, very high up, a flock of seagulls. Here and there on the golf course, Sánchez's men had

planted spindly young mission figs. Their leaves were a vivid lime green. Mexican daisies and yellow mustard filled the high hills surrounding the course. In the coastal sunlight, the colors of flowers, grass, and trees seemed hyperreal.

I asked Sánchez to take me to his favorite place on the golf course. He drove me to a hillock beside the clubhouse that overlooks the 17th hole and also has a grand view of the ocean. The 17th hole sits on a small island surrounded by a pond. Golfers walk to the island across a little wooden footbridge.

But mud filled the pond. Sánchez said the mud was from dirt the winter's heavy rains had washed down from the hills.

"Cleaning out the pond is going to be a big job," sighed Sánchez, gazing down on the 17th hole.

I asked Sánchez if he liked the view of the 17th hole because it relaxed him.

"I just like the little island and the way it looked. When it's clean, the pond is very nice. But, no, I never come here to relax. When I look around at the golf course, it's work. I notice

who's doing their job and who isn't. I notice all the details of what needs to be done. It's not relaxing to me. I'd never come here on my day off to look around and relax."

After Sánchez left me at the 17th hole, I walked down past the clubhouse to the guard booth across from La Plaza de los Caballos. A number of guard booths control public access to Real del Mar. (You pass two to get to the resort and golf course.) A sign on the guard booth across from La Plaza de los Caballos announces that a camera takes pic-

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From this first guard booth I had a good view of the resort and, to the north, the housing development. Most of these structures are pure white. Their color, their staggered heights, the way they're clustered on the hilly terrain, suggest Greek villages, or hill-towns in southern Italy.

FRISA, a Mexico City-based group and one of the country's largest developers, built Real del Mar. I had been told that FRISA's owner, Gaspar Rivera Torres, had a ranch somewhere on the property. I walked down to the guard booth in front of La Plaza de los Caballos to meet Ciro Tlachimatzi, the gentleman in charge of the landscaping in Real del Mar's housing development. I hoped Tlachimatzi might know something about the Rivera Torres ranch.

Broad-shouldered, deep-chested, dark-skinned, Tlachimatzi was born and raised in Tlaxcala, Mexico's smallest state, which is directly east of Mexico City. His family name is of Náhuatl origin. The language of the Aztecs, Náhuatl is still spoken by many of Mexico's indigenous people. Tlachimatzi said he didn't speak it.

"Maybe my grandparents did."

Tlachimatzi has worked for 16 years at Real del Mar. His present job is the maintenance of the plants and trees in the 111 acres of parks and other public space around the development's 250 homes. As he drove me around the development, he pointed out the yucca, agave, night-blooming jasmine, calla lilies, coral trees, agapanthus, bottlebrush, pines, and acacias he and his workers tend to.

"There aren't any

rules for what the homeowners can do with their own gardens. Each house has its own plot of land, and they can grow on it whatever they wish.

"We have Mexicans here, and Americans. Canadians. Germans.

Some Japanese. We have everyone. A president of a Mexican bank has a home here. There's even an American congressman who has a home here, Esteban Torres. I think he was in Congress during the Clinton

administration. He's not here very often. A lot of people aren't here very often. The owner of FRISA, Gaspar Rivera Torres, is here only three times a year for maybe six or seven days at a time.

"Some people are always here. There's one Canadian family here, and I don't know what they do. Whenever I passed their house, they were always at home. And then one time, they were gone for a week,

ten days. When they came back they brought back these boxes of frozen fish. They said to me, 'Here, take some fish. Take some home to your family.' They were so nice. It was very generous of them. I realized

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that they'd been away fishing for more than a week."

Tlachimatzi drove me through quiet streets fronted by two- and three-story homes, all white, all built in a modernist Mediterranean style. Most had pocket gardens in front or at the side. Barrel cactus, dudleya, and that strange succulent called hen and chicks (*Echeveria imbricata*) filled many of these small gardens. A number of homes had, for a spare, dramatic effect, planted varieties of cereus cactus, a tall column-like species, in front of their exterior walls.

"The big gardens are behind the homes," Tlachimatzi told me.

We stopped on one block that had a garden Tlachimatzi said he in admired. In order to see it, we had to walk along a path that began at the end of the block and ran along the top of the hill on which this particular row of homes sat. We crunched over ice plant on our way to the path. Turning a corner, ocean breeze washed over us: these homes all had an unobstructed view of the sea.

The garden Tlachimatzi admired was wilder than the others. The homeowner had built a grape arbor over his patio. In front of the grape arbor, the homeowner had cleared a broad patch of land and planted at least a dozen

different kinds of cactus on it. Farther down the hill, the homeowner had cleared more land for several rows of grapevines, olive and grapefruit trees, and an artichoke plant. Tlachimatzi pointed to something that I at first thought was a tree. It was a lantana that had been pruned and trained to grow straight up.

Tlachimatzi drove me a little farther east into the foothills, along a broad, winding paved road with cement gutters. Rows of palms, which Tlachimatzi identified as *Washingtonia filifera*, flanked the road. Tlachimatzi estimated that he had almost 2000 *Washingtonia* palms in his care. He said he

employs one man whose full-time job is to trim them. We came first to a large house built in the Mexican colonial style. Ivy, red bougainvillea, and *copa de oro* not yet in bloom, covered the home's high walls.

I asked if this was the home of Gaspar Rivera Torres.

"No," said Tlachimatzi, "this is the watchman's house. The watchman's house for the ranch of Gaspar Rivera Torres."

At the watchman's house, we made an abrupt left turn onto a dirt road.

"This is the Real del Mar nursery," Tlachimatzi said.

Candelario Sepúlveda and three

other men cultivate the 30 kinds of plants and trees they use to add to or replenish Real del Mar's gardens. A stand of Mexican sunflowers, *Tithonia rotundifolia*, a perennial often grown as an annual, serves as a windbreak on the nursery's south. When I visited Sepúlveda, the sunflowers weren't in bloom. But I have a single *Tithonia rotundifolia* in my garden at home. I knew that in late summer, the nursery's stand of Mexican sunflowers would become a solid wall of slender trumpet-shaped golden flowers.

"But we don't grow flowers for Real del Mar," Sepúlveda told me. "They're too expensive to maintain."

Some yards away, Sepúlveda and his men were burning clippings. The wind carried the sweet-musky smoke through the nursery. The smoke looked like weak gray fog. Bright coastal sunlight filtered through the smoke, giving the nursery an isolated, otherworldly feel. I kept thinking of the watchman's house, maybe 20 yards from the nursery. I kept thinking how odd it was to talk about a "watchman's house" when, from the higher points in Real del Mar, you could clearly see the Coronado bridge and downtown San Diego.

"Before I came to work here," Sepúlveda told me, "I worked in Salinas picking lettuce

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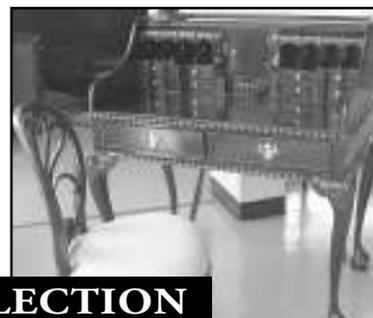
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Did Sepúlveda like Salinas?

“Monterey,” he said. “Monterey is a beautiful town.”

Sepúlveda walked me through his nursery, pausing to show me a pomegranate or olive tree he liked.

He stopped before several dozen pots of spider plant, *Chlorophytum comosum*. Pulling off a sprig, he said, “You know what we call this plant? We call this *mala mujer*, ‘bad woman.’ I’m not sure what the scientific name is. All the men who work at Real del Mar have different names for the plants. One guy from one state will call a plant one thing, a guy from another state will call it something else. We come up with these names like *mala mujer* so we all know what plant we’re talking about.”

(When I later looked up *mala mujer*, I

discovered that in Texas, Arizona, and Baja California, it’s a common name for a stinging nettle, *Cnidoscolus angustidens*. In the Dominican Republic, *mala mujer* refers to a plant called bristly starbur, *Acanthospermum hispidum*, which looks nothing at all like a spider plant.)

Sepúlveda and I passed by a eucalyptus sapling. He snapped off a leaf and held it up for my inspection. He pointed to a small white blob on the leaf’s underside.

“Do you know what this is?” he asked. “It’s making a lot of our eucalyptus trees sick.”

I did know what it was. The small white blob was the home of the same nasty pest, the red gum lerp psyllid, that’s infested so many eucalyptus trees in California. I explained to Sepúlveda that Californians had tried to control the infestation by

releasing a kind of parasitic wasp that lays its eggs inside the red gum lerp psyllid. I had trouble with the word wasp, *avispa*. There was probably some more precise word for “little wasp,” or “tiny parasitic wasp,” but I didn’t know it.

“Yellow jackets?” asked Sepúlveda in English. “The kind that sting?”

“No,” I said, “much

smaller than yellow jackets.”

“Well,” he said, “I hope they come down here.”

Tlachimatzi and I left Sepúlveda and, after passing the watchman’s house, came to an enormous round structure, also in the Mexican colonial style, with a driveway of elaborately set stones. We parked and Tlachimatzi showed me

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lawn. Parrots in wooden cages sang and babbled. Two adolescent German shepherds dozed on the lawn.

We drove a little farther up into the hills and came, at last, to the home of Gaspar Rivera Torres. The fountain at the circular driveway's center was silent. In big clay pots surrounding the driveway, red geraniums grew wild.

"I worked here for six years as the groundskeeper," Tlachimatzi said, pulling back the dust cover from a gray Rolls-Royce con-

vertible, its interior upholstered in jet-black leather. "El dueño would say, 'Take it out, drive it around a little. Give it some use.' He meant 'drive it around Real del Mar.' The development. Not outside. Driving it made me nervous."

The Rolls-Royce sat beside a hefty Toyota 4Runner whose tires looked unused.

Tlachimatzi led me to a garden to the right of the house, where I counted ten mature mission fig trees. Dozens of fruit ripened on a mature key lime. Rotted

fruit littered the ground around a mature Eureka lemon. Tlachimatzi pointed out apricot and plum trees and three different kinds of grapefruit.

The Rivera Torres house, like the stables and watchman's home, was in the Mexican colonial style — thick, white-plastered walls with details in brick and unfinished wood. The open-air garage where Tlachimatzi showed me the Rolls sat beside the chauffeur's room. To the right of the chauffeur's room were two large guest suites. Tlachimatzi led me to the garden at the rear of the home. When we turned the corner, I said, "Oh, my God."

The view of the Pacific Ocean and Coro-

nado Islands that seemed so dramatic from the golf course and homes in Real del Mar was even grander from the Rivera Torres garden. We looked out over 130 acres of pasture Rivera Torres kept for his Thoroughbreds. Beyond the green expanse, the Pacific Ocean — swaths of sparkling dark blue, gray, slate green — and the Coronado Islands filled the horizon.

To our left, wind stirred pink bougainvillea flowers at the bottom of an empty swimming pool. Puebla tiles, their green bleached pale by sun and chlorine, lined the pool's rim.

On the patio behind us, in a bathtub-size clay pot, a Christmas cactus, *Schlumbergera truncatus*, bloomed. The flowers'

feathery petals, neon pink and neon red, spilled over the sides of the pot, almost reaching the patio's floor. Pink and white impatiens poured from a large black metal pot suspended from the patio ceiling.

Tlachimatzi and I walked again to the edge of the garden, looking out over the pasture to the view of the sea. I asked Tlachimatzi if the view made him envious.

"I make a good living," he said. "My family and I are comfortable. There's nothing we need."

I asked if his home had a garden.

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I asked if his garden pleased him.

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Here at Carlsbad High, the issue of freedom of speech never leaves our consciousness; a recent event brought it back into the forefront. On Friday, April 21, The Gay-Straight Alliance sponsored a “Day of Silence” to promote tolerance and equality for all, especially homosexuals. The day after, the Federation of Christian Athletes and the Christian Club held a “Day of Truth,” the purpose of which was to “break the silence” (whatever that means). This caused quite a stir.

I began thinking about our First Amendment rights. The Constitution guarantees everyone’s right to say what they want, but what happens when something is said that affects somebody else’s pursuit of “life, liberty, and happiness”? The point is, we don’t really have freedom of speech in the U.S. I define freedom of speech as being able to say whatever you want without repercussions. Think about celebrities whose popularity was hurt by something they said: John Lennon’s “Beatles are more popular than Jesus” comment in the ’60s; the Dixie Chicks’ anti-Bush comment two years ago.

It’s a sad reality that in America, nothing is completely free, especially speech. The kids of the Gay-Straight Alliance and the Christian Club learned that lesson well; on their respective days of protest, they were ostracized and heckled. But then, aren’t the hecklers just exercising their right to freedom of speech?

— Anne Baker,
Carlsbad H.S.

There are many things wrong with how freedom of speech is interpreted in society; for the most part, there is too much of it. For example, pornography on the Internet — you can find it no matter where you go. There are many pornography sites out there that I’ve encountered through pop-ups. Conducting a search that includes an innocent word, such as “peach,” will result in many pornographic pictures popping up.

Current song lyrics are another example of too much freedom of speech. In a lot of rap and hip-hop songs (and other genres, but those are the most common) there is a lot of cussing and violent references. The parental advisory labels aren’t effective; kids can buy CDs that carry the parental advisory label without a parent being present because salespeople don’t recognize the label’s intent anymore.

Violent video games are easily bought by kids, too. I asked a friend — who *loves* video games — and he said it was simple to buy violent video games. He has witnessed kids buying video games that they shouldn’t be allowed to buy. Again, as it is when it comes to buying CDs, salespeople don’t seem to pay attention.

There should be limits to such freedoms: pornography websites should require the registration of users’ birthdays to ensure they’re at least 18 years old; CDs with parental advisory labels and violent video games should be put on a

higher shelf so that kids cannot reach them.

— Holly Benderman,
Mission Bay H.S.

This is America and, yes, one has the legal right to burn or deface the American flag. However, in response to such an unpatriotic act, most American citizens will claim they have the right to kick a flag-burner’s ass. This illustrates one of the problems with freedom of speech: it occasionally pisses people off. As the opinion editor of *The Eastlake Edge*, my high school newspaper, I am a defender of the right to freedom of speech. What many claim as the “downsides” and “abuses” of freedom of speech is what makes the First Amendment so damn great (notice my gratuitous use of a curse word to show my appreciation).

I am going to say it: I love porn. I love everything about it, from the exaggerated noises to the immediate gratification it gives its viewers. I even paid for it once or twice, and I live on a budget. Any

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porn-lover will tell you that the popularity of the Internet and the First Amendment have done wonders for the porn industry. Occasionally, Republicans in the Senate and House — self-proclaimed “family men” — attempt to pass legislation to ban Internet porn and make it illegal. Yet, time and again, the Constitution slaps these politicians in the face with a resounding, “let these men have their porn!”

A recent issue of *The Eastlake Edge* is pertinent to this topic of freedom of speech. In the issue, a feature highlighted — in a humorous and stereo-

typical way — the different cliques and ethnicities on campus. It was meant to be a lighthearted approach to the realities of our segregated school...or so my editor-in-chief will tell you. I prefer to think of it as a salute to the right to freedom of speech — something we did because we could. Many students on campus were infuriated over the articles. Would they want to put all the great American comedians out of business by inhibiting their rights to speak out and make fun?

It is ironic: those who criticize an American's right to the freedom of speech are criticizing the

Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the documents on which our great government was founded. So, therefore, these “haters” are employing the use of the freedoms they are bashing!

— Patrick Cole,
Eastlake H.S.

As a high school journalist, I've been fortunate as far as censorship is concerned; the laws that protect student journalists in California are superb, and my school paper has the support of the Student Press Law Center. But I've been to journalism conferences where fellow newspaper editors from around the country have shared horror stories about administrative intervention; some colleagues have told of lengthy pre-publication review processes; others

have told me of large gaps of white space on their front page as a result of the censorship.

One of my favorite moments while on the school-newspaper staff occurred within my first month. In the first issue of the semester, our paper ran an article on Lips, the drag-queen restaurant in Hillcrest. Our principal, reading the article for the first time when the newspaper was distributed around campus, met with the staff and conveyed dismay with what she considered a tasteless and inappropriate article. To my surprise, my editor at the time stood by the article, refusing to back down from our principal. I remember how proud and empowered I felt to be part of such an independent student newspaper.

Fortunately (or

unfortunately), my censorship tends to rest in the hands of my editorial superiors, whomever they may be. Many times, I have disagreed with my superiors over what is considered tasteful, relevant, well-reported, or appropriate. Once, minutes before press time, an article was removed from a special section I had edited because our new student editor and adult advisor decided it was inappropriate. The special section pertained to teen sex; the topic of the article was masturbation. I'd thoroughly researched the article and it was well-written; I'd gone through dozens of revisions to satisfy the editor and advisor before it was cut. I felt the article was removed because the editor and advisor feared it would generate controversy. I was disappointed that

they could not stand by my hard work and the writer's.

Different publications have different responsibilities. Last year, my school literary magazine (which I also edit) considered running a photograph submitted by a student in which one of her breasts was displayed. When the other editors and I asked our advisor how she felt about it, she said, “I don't think any freshman boy will be taking this into the bathroom with him. It's fine with me.” Granted, the advisor was retiring and this was her last year teaching, but I'd like to think that had nothing to do with it.

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Circumstances such as these demonstrate society's failure to control censorship. An individual deserves the right to

assert their opinions and practice their rights; it's fundamental to society's evolution and it encourages people to "step out of the box." However, a fine line exists between what is appropriate and what is intolerable.

For instance, our Internet offers a plethora of nudity sites to people of all ages. Access to millions of pornographic photos of men and women is a click away. Children may easily discover licentious images through search engines. They can be shown these vulgar photographs by accident.

Many musicians

convey their art form through uncouth language that often degrades women and encourages sex. Governmental protections in the form of small red-and-white labels marked "parental advisory" cannot be expected to serve as an effective warning; they are easy to ignore.

The solution to these problems is simple: the government ought to provide reliable organizations that will protect the youth of America from stumbling upon unsuitable images or words.

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Chapter 4

Dominelli and Hoover were hardly the first to have taken an irregular route to riches. More than 60 years before J. David was defying all the conventions in San Diego, one Charles Ponzi was doing the same in Boston.

Like the officers at J. David, Charles Ponzi had considerable trouble getting his biography straight. For example, he would boast around the bars of Boston that he had attended the University of Rome for three years, but in fact he had little formal education. He also neglected to point out that prior to taking the name Ponzi, he had gone by the names Bianchi and Ponsi. And he never mentioned that he had spent time in a Canadian prison for forging signatures on checks.

Initially, in Boston, Ponzi had a series of low-paying and low-prestige jobs, such as dishwashing and clerking. But he was looking assiduously for an angle, and one day he found one. He gazed at an International Postal Reply coupon inside a letter he had received from his native Italy.

As John Train, writing in the May-June

1984 *Harvard Magazine*, noted, “The coupon had in fact been bought in Spain. Because International Postal Reply coupons were redeemable anywhere at fixed rates of exchange negotiated from time to time by the participating governments,

while currencies themselves can fluctuate wildly, this coupon had cost Ponzi’s correspondent only one-sixth as much to buy in Spain as it was worth in stamps of the United States. Well! Why couldn’t you march into the post offices of some benighted land whose currency had collapsed, and acquire sacks — bales, indeed — of these coupons for next to nothing, and thereafter, presenting them for redemption in a strong-currency country, make an immediate, huge profit in stamps? After that, one would need only to wholesale the stamps, perhaps, to business firms at a slight discount. The thing was a gold mine!”

Of course, adds Donald H. Dunn, author of *Ponzi! The Boston Swindler*, the famed Bianchi-Ponsi-Ponzi really didn’t intend to go to so much trouble. He would just *tell* his investors that he was doing that with their money.

That’s how the term “Ponzi scheme” came into existence. In a Ponzi scheme, investors’ money is not invested in anything. The early investors are paid off with money coming in from later investors, and thus the survival of the scam depends on the continuing

recruitment of new investors. But with each new investor, the scheme goes further in the hole long-term. The roof has to cave in at some point.

There are thousands of Ponzi schemes going on at any given time all around the world. Recently, the FBI estimated that at least 200 Ponzis were afoot in Los Angeles alone. Some are pyramid clubs and chain letters. Others are large marketing businesses that depend for their success on selling dealerships in a product, rather than the product itself.

Ponzi was out to prove to the Boston establishment that an outsider could make big money, too. He knew that he had to attract prominent judges, politicians, lawyers, and affluent citizens to his scheme. With the help of a hired public relations man, he did so and gained instant credibility.

It was important to the public relations mystique that Ponzi distribute his wealth to the needy. “Ponzi gave \$100,000 to an orphanage,” says Dunn. “According to him, he wasn’t making money for himself. He was helping poor immigrants — making money to show that an immigrant could come up by his bootstraps.”

To impress the public, it was equally important that Ponzi display his wealth. This he did with flair. He moved his wife and



Charles Ponzi

mother to a home in the suburbs. He spent liberally and carried wads of cash and checks on his person. He rode around Boston in a chauffeured limousine.

Ponzi recruited a group of agents — money-finders, in essence — to whom he paid a 10 percent finder’s fee. They, and Ponzi himself, pounded the pavements of Boston, offering investors 50 percent if they left their money in for 45 days and 100 percent for 90 days. Exuding confidence, Ponzi put the hard-earned money of his wife, her brother, and her father into his operation, named the Securities Exchange Company. As Bostonians heard of the fantastic returns on their money, eager investors began queuing in front of the Securities Exchange office.

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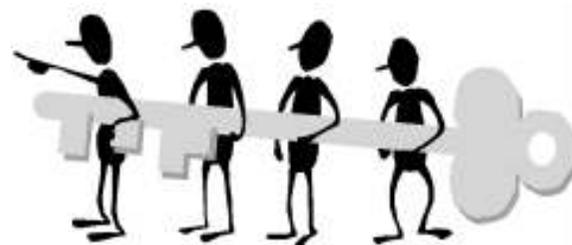


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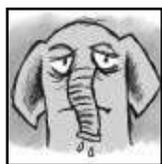
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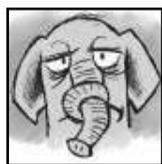


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In Boston Ponzi was hailed as a financial genius. But inside his company, everything was chaos. He kept no books in the conventional sense. He just kept notes, scribbled on pieces of paper, promising to pay people X amount after X amount of time. "Six clerks stacked piles of banknotes in closets until they scraped the ceiling. Waste-baskets did duty as coffers for greenbacks," says Train.

When questioned about his scheme, Ponzi refused to give many specifics: He didn't want people to learn his secrets, he explained.

The state government got very interested, and Ponzi shifted the onus to it: If it would let him stay open, investors would get their money, he insisted. But if it shut him down, they wouldn't.

"Ponzi really believed that everybody would get paid back — he just knew that they couldn't possibly get it back

all at once. Therefore, he blamed it all on the government," says Dunn.

The accountants called in by the government were thoroughly confused. They were accustomed to balance sheets and profit-and-loss statements, and Ponzi's piles of IOUs threw them for a loop. So did Ponzi: He took great joy in confusing the head accountant every chance he could.

Such behavior is typical of the con artist: He gets his kicks by concocting a new lie at every turn in the road. It's exhilarating to come up with new creative explanations for every dilemma. "With \$10 million, you can buy judges, you can buy time, you can buy lawyers — you stall, you

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Ponzi's back. More lines appeared. Ponzi claimed the establishment bankers and establishment press were persecuting him. He filed a \$5 million libel suit against one of the papers. But the Massachusetts State Banking Commission closed down Ponzi's lead bank, and one newspaper revealed that he had spent time in jail in Canada. Finally, the auditors figured it all out: The old investors were simply being paid off with funds from new investors. Ponzi was \$3 million short.

He was charged with mail fraud, conspiracy, and grand larceny. Civil suits piled up. He had little money left, so he served as his own lawyer part of the time. But Bostonians cheered him as he was escorted to court. After all, he had made many of the early investors

rich.

Despite his obvious guilt, he never left town. "He really believed he could continue outsmarting the authorities. He had done it before — there was no reason he couldn't continue doing it," says Dunn. "It takes a certain kind of genius to escape with the money. But Ponzi thought he could pull it off."

Ponzi went to jail once again, still believing in his scheme. He promised to pay the investors back — and many had faith in him, even after he got out of prison, jumped bail, and wound up in Florida selling lots that were under water, offering investors 200 percent profits in 60 days. He landed in jail again and eventually was deported to Italy, still assuring investors that he would pay them in

full.

Reportedly, he became a pilot for Mussolini, then went to South America, where he got involved in the diamond and emerald trade. He died in a charity hospital, writing his memoirs and still promising to pay investors back.

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From J. David's beginning in 1979, prominent San Diegans — and Dominelli's colleagues in the brokerage business — suspected he was running a Ponzi scheme.

"Because Dominelli had been so unsuccessful in business, we thought there was a Ponzi scheme going, perhaps also in connection with a money-laundering operation," says the manager of one of the largest brokerage offices

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For one thing, Dominelli's widely distributed eye-popping track record didn't square with his observable investment performance. One of his first money-finders, for example, asked Dominelli to set up a foreign exchange account at Clayton Brokerage in St. Louis. The money-finder wanted to test Dominelli's track record there against what he was telling investors they were receiving. "He was losing in the St. Louis account, but claimed to be making money for his clients," says the money-finder. Suspicious, he checked with professionals in the interbank market. "People in the interbank market said they never saw the opposite side of the trade — they never saw the J. David name appear [in buying and selling records]," continues the money-finder, who ended his relationship with J. David in the spring of 1980.

In 1979, while starting J. David, Dominelli had set up a personal commodities account at Drexel Burnham Lambert. He was trading currencies, metals, and interest rate futures through a broker, Jon Strebler. Dominelli began with \$20,000 to \$30,000, according to Strebler, and right along, "He was losing his ass." Because he was trading on borrowed money, Dominelli had to add amounts of \$10,000 and \$20,000 — probably putting in as much as \$100,000 as margin calls mounted, adds Strebler. And he was losing steadily.

Strebler checked Dominelli's actual trading performance against the published track record. "Perhaps as many as 50 percent [of his actual trades] did not match with his track record," says Strebler. He suspected that Dominelli's published track record omitted losing trades. Strebler regarded it as "inaccurate and misleading to show a track record which only reflected some of Mr. Dominelli's trades of a specified period.

"I alerted my fellow brokers at Drexel, and anyone else who asked me about Mr. Dominelli's trading, and anyone else who I even thought might be considering turning money over to him, about the discrepancies in track records, and about my lingering doubts about his trading results," says Strebler.

Bache came to have sim-

ilar doubts. Early in J. David's existence, Dominelli did his trading through Hoover, who was still at Bache. But John Farrish, the manager, became increasingly wary of Dominelli and also irked that he was hiring some of his Bache

salespeople.

In June 1982 Farrish wrote to Dominelli. "I've received numerous requests for verification of your past trading record," read the letter. Dominelli had been telling clients that in one Bache

account he had made \$28,064. "In checking our records for this account, we show a cumulative loss of \$28,315," the letter noted. Similarly, Dominelli claimed that he had made \$15,764 in another account, but, wrote Farrish, "Our

records show a cumulative loss of \$2037... Since I assume we will continue to get inquiries, I would appreciate your advice on where the discrepancy lies in our numbers." Dominelli never replied. "When people would ask

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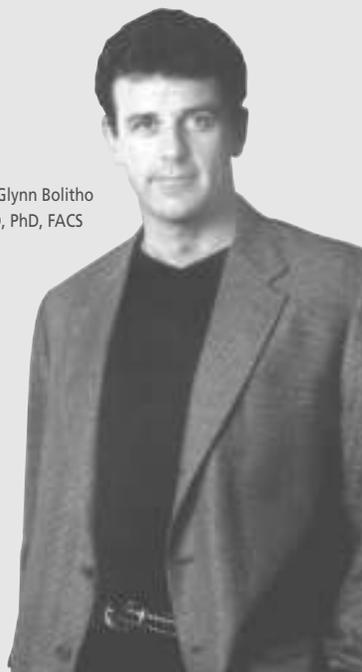
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make the kind of returns that he was promoting that he was making," says Farrish.

Dominelli's first manager at Bache was William Taylor, who later moved over to Drexel, where he would occasionally field inquiries about Dominelli. "When Jerry started publishing his track record at Bache, I was asked, 'Is it really true?' I gave [the inquiries] to John Farrish. I never saw the documentation, but from all the feedback I got, I understood that it was not true," recalls Taylor.

When Dominelli asked the La Jolla office of Drexel to clear transactions for him, Taylor set the cash deposit so high that Dominelli went elsewhere.

After he stopped trading through Bache, however, Dominelli did trade for a period through the New York office of Drexel. That arrangement lasted only a short time, and Dominelli then moved his small account to Merrill Lynch, Wall Street's largest firm.

Dominelli told Merrill Lynch that the account was his own money, not that of his cus-

tomers, according to George Bullette, senior resident vice-president of Merrill Lynch in San Diego. "The account was not successful. We were not comfortable with it," Bullette says. "Because of the losses, we asked that the account be closed." There had been a number of margin calls.

But it wasn't just the losses bothering Merrill Lynch. Through the years, it had heard conflicting stories from Dominelli. He told one high Merrill Lynch official that his wife had a good deal of money. But he also had told a top official of J. David that somebody outside, whom he wouldn't identify, was backing the firm to the tune of \$400 million. Such stories got around. Merrill Lynch's La Jolla organization, located in the same building as J. David, gave the company a negative report.

From its New York headquarters, Merrill Lynch checked out Dominelli through Interpol, the computerized international police operation, according to a source in the firm. The Interpol report was negative, says this informant.

(Officially, Merrill Lynch won't discuss the matter.) In any event, Merrill Lynch closed Dominelli's interbank account in early 1983, citing large losses. Later, Dominelli was to claim that Merrill Lynch closed the account because it believed that Mark Yarry had organized crime connections. Merrill Lynch refuses to talk about that aspect.

Without Merrill Lynch, Dominelli had almost no access to the interbank market. J. David continued to report fat profits to the investors each month, but there was only a small amount of trading done through two European banks. In fact, *throughout* J. David's existence, the trading Dominelli did was very small in relation to the money that investors were handing him. "The actual trading was just peppercorns," to quote a former sales executive.

Dominelli had lost heavily in every foreign currency account people had knowledge of: at Bache, Drexel, Merrill Lynch, Clayton Brokerage, and in a small mutual fund of currencies that Dominelli

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had purchased. The value of the fund — based on the English Channel island of Guernsey — plunged 23 percent after Dominelli bought it. But investors did not find out about these losses until after J. David's collapse. Then it was clear that Dominelli's track record had been a complete fabrication. "He was like the tout at the racetrack who buys a ticket on every horse. One of them wins, and he shows people his winning ticket. That's what Dominelli did. He was long and short on these transactions and then put the winning one in his record," says Richard Rosenblatt, an investor.

"He was a loser in all those accounts, and there was knowledge of it in the community, yet those of us close to him didn't know it," laments a J. David employee who stuck with the firm until the very end and lost more than \$1 million.

One reason that news of the losses didn't get very far in the community is that Dominelli and one of his lawyers made threats to some of those talking about their suspicions.

After speaking with Dominelli, Hoover, and Pulaski, San Diego foreign currency trader Ronald Brouillette didn't believe that anybody at J. David had extensive knowledge of interbank trading. "Dominelli was shaky on some details he should have known about. Hoover was paranoid about anybody with knowledge," recalls Brouillette. And he had the standard questions about the lack of confirmations and any kind of paper trail.

When asked, Brouillette would express his doubts to San Diego investors. One day, Dominelli was on the phone: "Ron, you're bad-mouthing me."

"I'm not bad-mouthing you," said Brouillette, who explained that he was recommending investors insist on the confirmations that Dominelli did not provide.

"Nancy's all shook up. If you don't stop, we're going to sue you," said Dominelli.

Next, Brouillette's lawyer called Dominelli and said, "Don't you ever call and threaten him."

It cooled off, but Dominelli had made his point.

Another San Diego interbank professional began providing his clients with audited statements, confirmations, and monthly accounting of

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trading positions. He used this full accounting as a sales tool, telling his potential clients that Dominelli provided no such information.

"I started getting calls from Norm Nouskajian [one of Dominelli's key lawyers]," remembers the dealer. "He said I had no right to do what I was doing. He threatened to sue. I asked him if this was Russia. Since when in America can't you compete fairly?" The dealer continued to receive threatening calls from Nouska-

jian, he says.

From time to time, San Diegans would get telephone inquiries about Dominelli from interbank operatives. "One major New York bank called me. They couldn't figure out why, if Dominelli did all that business in interbank, they couldn't ever find his name on the other side of the ticket," says Jack White, who runs the largest discount brokerage in San Diego. He would frequently discourage his customers from putting money

in J. David's interbank fund.

People outside San Diego grew increasingly suspicious. An Oklahoma investor first contacted a J. David salesman in 1981. He was told that Dominelli's track record appeared in Yarry's *The Fastest Game in Town: Commodities*. Noting that Yarry listed himself on the book jacket as former president of the New Orleans Commodities Exchange, the investor checked it out. When told that Yarry had never been president, he held back. Several times he asked for an *audited* J. David track record and was told one would be coming soon, but it never did.

Nonetheless, in 1982, he decided to drop a little money in the pot: \$50,000. But he informed J. David personnel he had several hundred thousand more that he might invest. His first monthly statement showed a handsome 4.575 percent return. The next month was a smashing 5.88, followed by 1.67. He phoned Pulaski again for the audited track record. Pulaski ducked that issue but told the investor, "If you have that kind of money to invest, I will charter a Lear jet to La Jolla, and

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began for the first time to seriously question the wisdom of my investment with J. David & Company,” says the investor. He turned down the free trip to La Jolla, but he continued to phone J. David personnel for more information. At the time, J. David was setting up a London operation. “One of the women there was excited about the London office. She had been there a month earlier. I asked her who would

head the office. She said it would be Mark Yarry. Then I was even more convinced I would pull out my money,” recalls the Oklahoman.

This investor made J. David his private investigative project. He got out the fancy J. David brochure and started calling the references. Managers of the brokerage houses for which Dominelli had worked did not seem to know him. The Oklahoman

checked some interbank experts on Wall Street, and they all agreed that anybody who could make 40 to 50 percent a year over three years with only one losing month was extremely questionable.

After numerous inquiries, J. David finally sent a track record — covering the period from January 1981 to August 1982, not back to 1977, as the original track record did. “The figures given in their track

record did not match the figures on my own statements,” says the Oklahoman.

He passed the story to a Wall Street commodities expert, who was also incredulous. He told the expert that Drexel Burnham Lambert’s name was on the monthly statements and that J. David salespeople were saying the firm was high on Dominelli. Although Drexel was a competitor, the Wall Street pro

suggested the Oklahoman call John Benjamin, a Drexel commodities official in Chicago. The Oklahoman told Benjamin of J. David’s unbelievable trading results and reminded him that his firm’s name was on the statements and in the brochure. Benjamin was irked: he had instructed J. David not to use Drexel’s name in its promotions. And he had been assured that the Drexel account was

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Meanwhile, the Oklahoman continued his calls. He specifically wanted to ver-

ify one bit of information. A J. David salesman had told him that the firm owned a "fully licensed English bank." Without identifying himself as an investor, he made calls to other J. David salesmen. Finally, one informed him that it wasn't really an English

bank—it was the British subsidiary of a Montserrat bank. "It was at this time that I decided to close my account," says the Oklahoman, who did so.

But he wanted to check back with Benjamin at Drexel. As it turned out, Benjamin

had found that Dominelli's highly touted track record did not jibe with his record at Drexel. "We made a minute number of trades for him, and he basically lost money," says Benjamin.

"Benjamin told me that I had made a good decision by deciding to close my account with J. David," says the Oklahoman. "He further told me that he had spoken with Mr. Dominelli personally and requested that J. David take their business elsewhere."

The Oklahoman phoned a San Diego journalist, who asked Dominelli about Drexel's action. "They did that because

they are mad at us. We have hired some of their best salesmen," Dominelli explained, according to the Oklahoman.

Back in 1981 another Wall Street firm, E.F. Hutton, had turned down J. David. Frank Pusateri, then head of Hutton's foreign exchange trading, had sent one of his employees to talk with Dominelli. "He got a snow job. Lots of hype, lots of reports that were not audited, lots of unverifiable track records," recalls Pusateri.

Later Pusateri was contacted by several investors, including the Oklahoman. When he heard that Dominelli

was claiming investors had made 50 percent over three years with only one losing month, Pusateri snapped, "That is a fraud." It's possible to make 50 percent over a fairly long period, but it's a rocky road. "You'll be down 50 percent part of the time," says Pusateri.

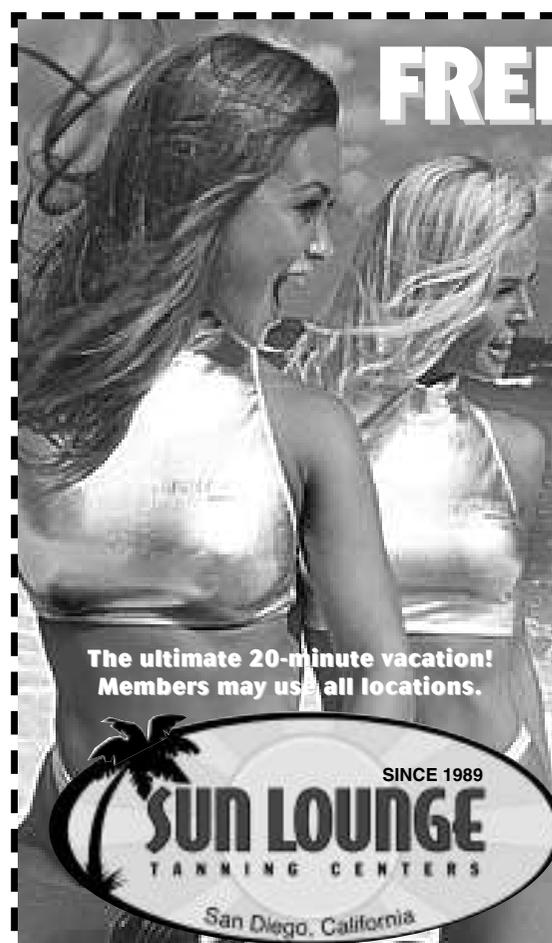
Some of Dominelli's most loyal salesmen heard from these skeptics. A San Diego interbank sales representative who was competing with J. David took a famous Chicago foreign currency trader to see Arthur Axelrod, J. David's man in Orange County. Axelrod proudly showed the Chicago pro his monthly statements indicating steady earnings gains. The Chicago trader cocked an eyebrow at Axelrod. "How much do you want to make in a month?" he asked.

"What do you mean?" Axelrod asked back.

"I mean, do you want to make 8 percent a month? Or 12 percent a month? You name the figure and give me that typewriter over there, and I'll type it into your statement," said the trader biting. Axelrod had no reply.

In early 1983 Mel Shapiro, a San Diegan who suspected J. David was a scam, called John Shockey, an investigator for the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington, D.C. Shockey, one of the U.S.'s ranking experts on offshore shell banks, explained that his department had no regulatory authority over J. David Banking. Shapiro mentioned to Shockey that J. David had top political and social con-

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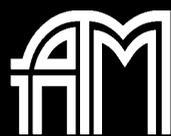
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tacts, paid investors 50 percent on their money, and was becoming known as a "great local success story."

Shockey's reaction? "Fifty years ago Charles Ponzi was known as a great success story in Boston, too."

Shockey had done some investigative work on Dominelli. He found that professionals in the foreign currency market had never heard of him. Moreover, "Dominelli claimed that he did all this trading himself. No one person could possibly do all that trading alone," says Shockey. Further, Shockey believed that if J. David's interbank operation were legitimate, it wouldn't require the offshore shell bank on Montserrat.

One government official, who knew of Mark Yarry's reputation, comments, "If you're going to run a reputable foreign exchange firm, you don't associate with someone like Mark Yarry."

Some people became suspicious by observing less recondite matters. Once Dominelli feted a group of potential investors at a very expensive San Diego restau-

rant. A guest took a peek at the bill: It was more than \$1000. Dominelli paid with cash, "and he never picked up the stub [for tax purposes]. Then and there I figured that something was seriously wrong," reasoned the guest, who never put a dime with J. David.

Not surprisingly, similar doubts were building inside J. David. In particular, employees wondered how Dominelli could do so well trading for foreign currencies when he was so frequently not paying attention to the Telerate screen. The big banks that do the bulk of the interbank trading normally have platoons of experts watching prices 24 hours a day.

"But you would go into Dominelli's office, and all this excitement would be going on around the world, and prices would be moving up and down based on those momentous events, and Dominelli would be sitting there interviewing a candidate for a receptionist's job someplace in the organization," recalls a former financial official for J. David.

During trading hours, Robert Mengar would see Dominelli standing around outside his office. "I would think to myself, How can he leave? Who's doing the trading?"

In unguarded moments Dominelli told employees that results in several different months had been down—yet he had reported to customers only one losing month in three years. Based on what Dominelli had said, "I could have sworn there were more bad months," says Mengar.

There were other tip-offs. For example, Dominelli told customers that he spent up to half of their investment on conservative Treasury bills. One executive proposed that J. David set up a firm dealing in these bills: If J. David bought so many of them, it would be cheaper than buying on the market. When Dominelli killed the idea without a second's consideration, the employee—one who had openly doubted whether Dominelli was doing much trading—became even more suspicious.

Another executive noted at the time, "Jerry never takes

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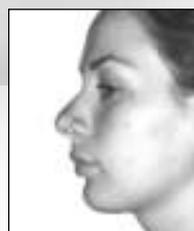
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a long vacation. That smells like an accountant who is cooking the books. The first tip-off is always that he never takes a vacation."

This employee also observed that early in J. David's existence, "Nancy got her monthly statements and Jerry's monthly statements out on the first or second of each month." The clerk who was compiling statements for other J. David traders "wouldn't get those statements out until the fifth or sixth of every month, because she was waiting for confirmations. Since we had never seen confirmations on Jerry's trades, and nobody had seen confirmations, this made us wonder even more if Jerry was actually trading."

The executive discussed the matter with the clerk. One time when Hoover was out of the office, the clerk tiptoed in and checked her "black book" — something that Dominelli insisted no one look at. "She came to me crying," the executive remembers. "She said 90 percent of the trades in Nancy's book didn't jibe with the records. She kept crying. She was a

divorcée with a child. She needed the money, she said. She wasn't going to do anything." (She also had been given a new car.)

Another employee noticed something peculiar whenever a foreign currency expert would come to town and go to dinner with Dominelli and other J. David people. "When the talk about the [foreign currency] market got serious, got down to cases, that would be the time Jerry would make himself scarce. One time a noted economics professor came through and Jerry kept jumping up to make phone calls," he recalls.

One J. David trader was convinced early on that "something was smelly," recalls his lawyer. The trader suspected a Ponzi scheme and told several employees he doubted Dominelli was actually trading currencies. "People said, 'You're a jerk. Shut up,'" according to the lawyer.

The Hoover-Dominelli buying spree especially bothered several employees. Mengar did some basic arithmetic and calculated that to be spend-

ing at the level he was, Dominelli had to have well over \$100 million under management — a figure Mengar found hard to believe. A financial officer of the firm came up with a similar figure, but even though he was an accountant, he was not permitted to look at the inter-bank fund.

Skepticism was mounting both inside and outside the company. There were whispers throughout San Diego and in the world's commodities markets.

As talk of a Ponzi scheme and money laundering escalated, one J. David functionary would gallantly — and piously — put his finger in each dike. It was George Mitrovich.

It was a case of anti-Italian bigotry, said Mitrovich, pointing out that his own roots were Yugoslavian. Did that make *him* suspect? ■

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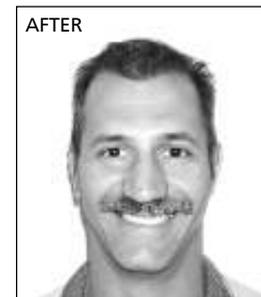
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in a mountain stream, lie naked in the sun, get on the trail, and put 15 miles behind him before dark.

It’s an absurdly whimsical idea if you think about it: that there should be a trail 2607 miles long (the sign at the border is no longer correct) winding along the most impractical, though scenic, route nature could present between Mexico and Canada. Such a trail can contribute nothing to commerce. It does not save time. Rather than being a short cut, it is perhaps the longest deliberately indirect route ever proposed by man. And worst of all, rather than employing high technology of which this country can be proud, it relies on the oldest and most despised form of transportation in the world — putting one foot in front of the other. It’s the kind of thing that makes more practical souls groan about the boondoggles of “big gov’mment,” as though they might get their mouths washed out with soap if they said the whole nasty word, “government.” So it has to be considered something of a minor miracle that such a trail does exist.

In some ways, the story of the Pacific Crest Trail is an example of how the idealism of the ’60s survived and became a reality in the ’80s. Most of us don’t wear our Himalayan ice-climb-

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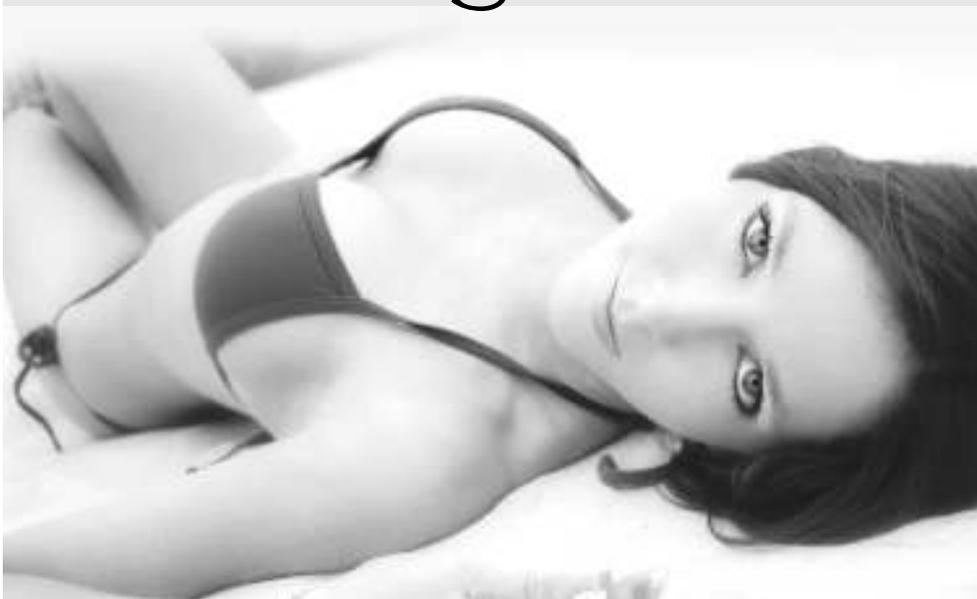
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ing boots and our Alaskan parkas to school or work anymore. But many people who did, back in the '60s, are now holding positions of responsibility in "big gov'ment," and a whimsical idea like the PCT (as it is universally called) somehow doesn't seem as improbable to them as it might have to their predecessors. Every college student who spent a summer in the '60s and '70s wandering around Yosemite, or Sequoia, or the Cascades, came home with an insight into how simple and free life could be, and never forgot it. More importantly, the beauty and grandeur of this country wasn't just something they would see all their lives in picture books

and slide shows. They'd seen it themselves, it was out there, real, and because they knew it was real, that forever changed the way they thought about the land. For the past 20 years this country has been in love with the land.

The notion of a trail following the general route of the Pacific crest from Mexico to Canada had been tossed around in backpacking circles for years. Much of the trail already existed through Washington and Oregon, where you could walk a thousand miles and never leave federal land. In California there was the John Muir Trail through the High Sierra. After World War II, the California state parks department pieced

together a route called the California Riding and Hiking Trail, which extended the length of California, including a stretch here in San Diego County. It was intended mostly for horseback-riding clubs, which were more popular than backpacking clubs at that time. The trail tied together bits of existing trail throughout the state and designated country roads which could be used to cross areas where there were no trails. The state never bothered to acquire easements on most of the private land the trail crossed, and therefore the travelers had no legal right to be there. Eventually, much of the access to the trail was blocked by angry landowners who put

up barbed-wire fences to keep the trespassers out, effectively eliminating a through route from one end of the state to the other, and soon many portions of the trail fell into disrepair.

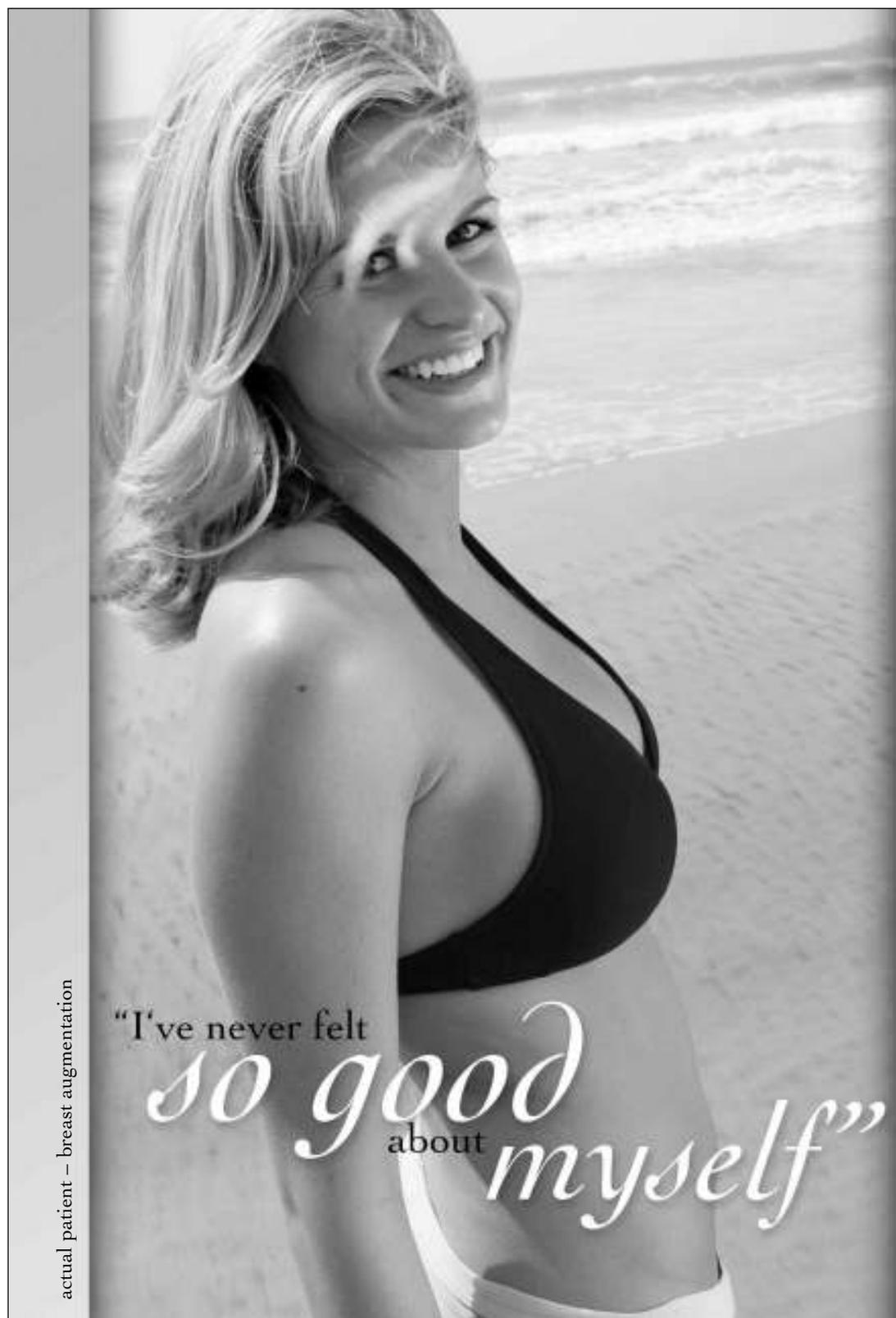
The problem seems to have been that there weren't enough people using the California Riding and Hiking Trail to justify the state's spending money on it. It's hard to imagine now, but hiking and backpacking weren't particularly popular sports at that time. Trail riding had an enthusiastic but limited number of participants, due to the high cost of keeping the horses, burros, or mules. Backpackers were looked upon by trail riders as being abnormally

hearty and intrepid souls who trudged around the mountains carrying hundred-pound, wooden-framed canvas packs filled with iron skillets, kapok sleeping bags, handguns (as opposed to rifles), and heavy woolen underwear. In other words, they thought backpackers were nuts, and in some cases they were right. It wasn't until the development of sophisticated backpacking equipment in the '60s — notably, aluminum-framed nylon packs, cheap fiberfill sleeping bags, and a whole wardrobe made of miracle fabrics that could keep even a citified dolt warm and dry in a sleet storm — that the sport became popular enough to become a political force

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It was in 1968 that Congress passed the National Trails Systems Act. The Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail were designated as the initial components of an entire network of scenic trails throughout the country, including a Continental Divide Trail, a Lewis and Clark Trail, a Santa Fe Trail, an Alaskan Gold Rush Trail, a Mormon Trail, a Daniel Boone Trail, and many more. The act called for the PCT to travel "generally along the mountain ranges of the West Coast states" and was to be administered by the

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It all looked fairly simple on paper. But in reality Congress was asking for a cooperative effort among the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Border Patrol, three state forest agencies, three state parks agencies, dozens of county governments, and hundreds of private landowners. The last time that many bureaucrats and landowners agreed on anything in this country was when they conspired to steal the American West from the Indians. Now, 16 years



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after its inception, the PCT is 100 percent complete in Washington and Oregon, perhaps 90 percent complete in Northern California, and less than 50 percent complete in Southern California. In San Diego County construction has been finished on 50 miles

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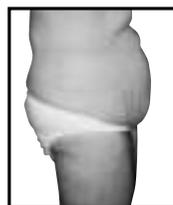
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each landowner. The forest service expects to have the trail 100 percent complete by 1986.

Probably 95 percent of the hikers who walk the entire PCT start at Campo and work their way north. The reason for that is a simple lesson in geography: the trail requires about five or six months to complete. If you start at the Canadian border and hike south, you will have to begin after the snow has melted in the Cascades — sometime in late June or early July — and you will very likely be getting snowed on in the southern Sierra when you arrive there in October. But if you start at the Mexican border in May, you can hike most of the trail snow-free.

But why Campo? The sunny, backward little town where everyone seems either to work for the border patrol, or else is running from the border patrol, has never been famous for being the start of anything. In fact, everything seems to end there, including television reception, Route S-1, and the U.S.A. Actually, Campo was only supposed

to be the start of the temporary route. The permanent and more scenic route was to begin at Tecate and pass through the open, roadless desert north of there. The PCT advisory council drew that route on its maps and just assumed that someday the trail would go that way. Then somebody decided to ask the border patrol what it thought about it. "We were glad they asked us," says Bob Stille of the U.S. Border Patrol's Campo station, with a tone of edgy understatement. "The route they had in mind started at Tecate and meandered along the border for a ways, passing through areas where we operate all the time, tracking and doing surveillance [of illegal aliens]. We have electronic sensors in there, and the hikers passing through would have constantly been setting them off." There was also some concern that the illegal aliens might use the PCT as a thoroughfare out of the border area, but this was only a minor concern, "since the aliens already have so many trails through there, one more wouldn't make that much dif-

ference." At any rate, the border patrol's complaints that the Tecate route would open up an area of the border which was essentially closed to legal traffic were forceful enough to get the permanent route changed to Campo.

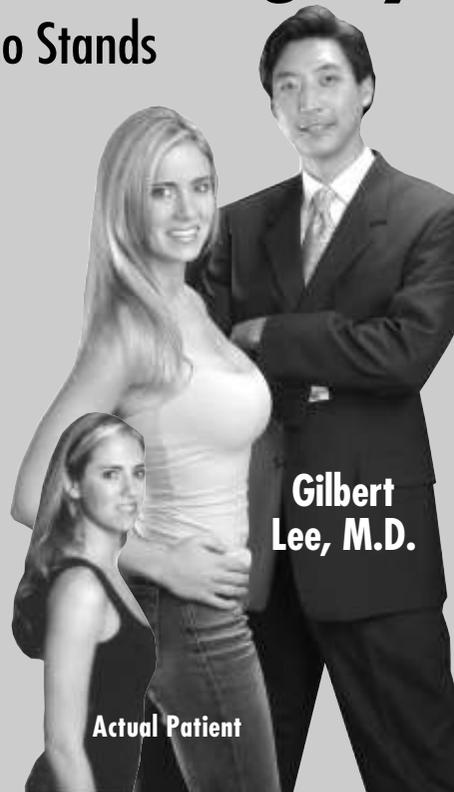
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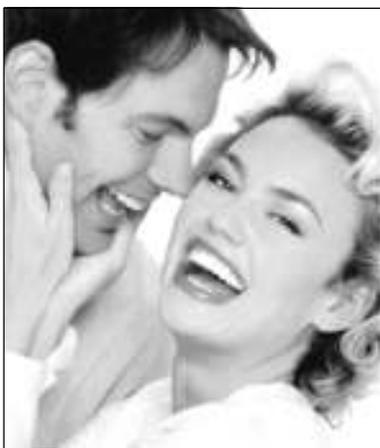
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Antoine; Vevey, Switzerland; 12-26-82. (After spending a year on the trail.) "What a feeling to be in Campo! The trail goes no farther, but what am I going to do tomorrow?"

From Campo the trail begins a long, uphill pull to the Laguna Mountains. Most of the temporary route as far

as Lake Morena, which is ten miles from Campo, follows county roads through dry chaparral country thick with rattlesnakes and ticks. It is not one of the more memorable stretches of trail on the PCT, but in the fall of 1985 work will begin on the permanent route through Hauser Canyon to Lake Morena, and that route promises to be a considerable improvement.

Construction on the PCT is now the top trail-construction priority in the western region of the U.S. Forest Service, which demonstrates how serious it is about completing it. The funds for the

trail are budgeted year to year, and since most of the work has already been completed up north, lately the Cleveland National Forest has been getting a larger share. But trails aren't cheap. The forest service estimates that it costs somewhere between \$10,000 and \$12,000 to build a typical mile of trail. If a lot of blasting, rock wall, or causeway construction has to be done, it can cost considerably more. Trail construction in San Diego County usually isn't a particularly complicated matter, because so much of the terrain is relatively flat and free of large rocks and trees. Since the summers are hot and trail work can usually be done even in the worst of winters here, the Cleveland National Forest hires trail workers from up north to work here in the winter and gets them at cheaper rates than it could during the summer, which is the peak trail-building season to the north.

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prime motivator is a computer systems analyst from La Jolla named Rob Langsdorf. He describes himself as somebody "born too late to help build the great railroads in this country." He worked one season ten years ago as a trail worker at the Minarets station of the Sierra National Forest west of Mammoth and never quite got trail building out of his system afterward. "When you work in an office all week like I do," he explains in his patient, methodical way, "sometimes you go home at the end of the week and ask yourself, 'I wonder what I really accomplished?' When you work on a trail all weekend, you say to yourself, 'Well, I got this much farther up the trail.'" In the past ten years Langsdorf figures he has gotten at least ten miles farther up the trail, all of it in San Diego County, on various portions of the PCT. One year he kept a record of his time and found he had put in more than 175 hours of volunteer trail work. After that year, he stopped keeping track.

Langsdorf works almost entirely with Boy Scouts, simply because they are almost the only people who will show up and do a day's work without pay. "I can talk to one scoutmaster and have 10 to 20 scouts out that Saturday. If I talk to three or four scoutmasters, I can get 50 people out there," Langsdorf says. "But with the Sierra Club, I run an announcement in every issue of their bulletin and I'll get maybe 2 or 3 people out. The Sierra Club workers always feel like they *ought* to come out, but they don't *keep* coming out. After all, it's hard work." He has been a member of the Sierra Club for years, but he says, somewhat distastefully, "More and more they're becoming an organization for armchair environmentalists."

Langsdorf is astonished, and a little bit disgusted, by people who use hiking trails all the time, yet have no understanding what goes into building one. He tells about the time the forest service held a public meeting in San Diego to gather opinions on matters relating to the PCT and a representative of the Sierra Club was there to see that her group's wishes were considered. "She stood up and said she was concerned that the forest service would be 'cutting bushes' to build the PCT, and the Sierra Club didn't

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want to see any bushes cut," he says. Naturally, she was laughed off the floor. Without "cutting bushes" there wouldn't be many trails in San Diego County, not to mention most of the West. In the politics of environmentalism, sometimes the ultimate purists are not so much pure as just misinformed.

People like Langsdorf are a blip on the budget computers of big government. They're sort of the opposite of a boondoggle. Whoever thought people would go out to work on the PCT just because they believed in it? After all, how many people spend their weekends assembling MX missiles just for the fun of it, or painting battleships, or

gluing the little tiles on the side of the space shuttle? How do you account for people who volunteer their hands and their backs to a government project for no reason other than they love it and are willing to work to see it become a reality?

Langsdorf and his Pacific Crest Trailblazers meet on the third Saturday of every month during the prime season — November through April. Usually somebody from the forest service has already flagged a route through the brush on the section of trail they are going to work on, attaching colored plastic ribbon every ten feet or so. Langsdorf talks to the volunteers for a few minutes about tool



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safety and the basics of trail construction. Then they get to work.

The first step is to go through with chain saws or hand saws and cut the brush

back five feet on the uphill side and four feet on the downhill side. The brush is then dragged out of sight. Even though the brush is cut at ground level, it would quickly grow back if the roots weren't dug out of the ground. This is the really grueling part of trail work in chaparral. It's tedious, back-wrenching, hand-blistering work, but that's the way to do the job right. "I've seen places where

we cut scrub oak at ground level but didn't dig the roots out," Langsdorf says. "Nine months later it was five or six feet tall again."

Next the crew goes through swinging McLeods — a heavy-duty combination rake and hoe — cutting a tread into the ground two feet wide. Rather than slope the tread slightly into the hillside, the way a roadbed is cut, the crew cuts the trail tread with about a ten percent outslope so water can drain off. "There's a lot of things that can destroy a trail," Langsdorf says, "and water's one of them. If the tread isn't cut right, one rainstorm can erode three or four inches off a trail."

The forest service has established trail specifications for the PCT. They are: a tread 2 feet wide, a brush clearance at least 4 feet wide, an overhead clearance 10 feet high (for horseback riders), and no more than a 15 percent grade (15 feet vertical for every

100 feet horizontal). By almost any trail standards that is super deluxe, a wilderness freeway, but Langsdorf sees room for improvement. "I shoot for about a 7 percent grade and end up with about a 10 percent grade," he says. "If you're shooting for a 15 percent grade, which I think is pretty steep, you end up with a 20 percent grade, and that is too steep."

The last step in completing the trail is to place signs marking the trail at road crossings and junctions with other trails. The signs with the PCT symbol — a green pine tree with a blue mountain in the background — have unfortunately become collectors' items. "They have a life expectancy of three to four weeks," Langsdorf says. "That's why you don't see too many of them on the trail." In the last few years, as the signs have disappeared, they have been replaced with four-by-four posts with the PCT symbol branded into the wood. Most people will think twice before they'll dig up a six-foot post and carry it off for a sou-

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venir, but as Langsdorf says, "The trouble with the marker posts is that hunters, when they get bored, take their shot-guns and blast them to pieces."

From Lake Morena the landscape along the PCT begins changing rapidly. At Boulder Oaks it ducks under I-8, then begins climbing out of the chaparral into a region of open meadows, consisting of bunchgrass, sedges, and sage. A little farther on it enters a forest of black oaks and Jeffrey pines. Many people consider this the most beautiful section of trail in the county.

At the Laguna post office, 30 miles from the border, the hikers stop to sign in at the second register on the trail:

Peter; Chicago, Illinois; 3-20-84. "How many of you found the trail north of Lake Morena? We road walked, but it was still better than Chicago."

Snake; Sonoma, California; 5-3-84. "This neck of the woods is prettier than I thought it would be."

Randy; Casper, Wyoming; 4-26-84. "Real cold so far. Barely brought enough warm clothes."

Peter; Olympia, Washington; 5-26-84. "Ninety-six in the shade!"

Ed; Napa, California; 4-17-84. "Bad winds north of Pioneer Mail."

Tim; Norwalk, California; 3-26-84. "My dog and I having a great time. Lots of good things to eat."

Scott; Sonoma, California; 4-6-84. "Hope to see some fellow hikers soon. I'm a little bored."

Mike; Camarillo, California; 4-25-84. "Saw a rattlesnake in Fred Canyon, but somebody already got its head and tail."

Stinky; Merrill, Washington; 4-24-84. "I solemnly swear not to bathe or shower before Canada."

Paul; La Cañada, California; 4-14-84. "Only 2570 miles to go!"

From Mt. Laguna the trail parallels the Sunrise Highway for about ten miles. Sometimes the road is only a few hundred feet to the west, which detracts from any wilderness feel the trail might have. Still, it's very beautiful, with dramatic vistas of the Borrego

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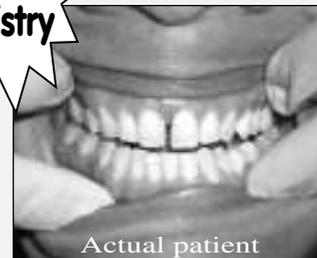


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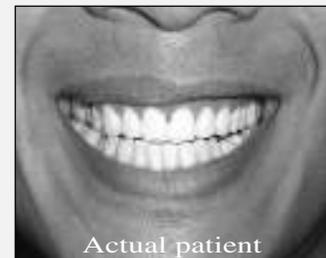
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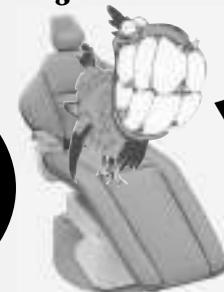
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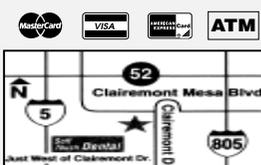
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Desert, the Santa Rosa Mountains, and the Salton Sea. The eastern escarpment of the Laguna Mountains, which has a drop-off of more than 6000 feet, is as rugged as anything between here and Canada, and in some places the trail tiptoes along the very edge of it.

The Mt. Laguna area has long been popular with trail motorcyclists; however, they are prohibited from using the PCT. For a while off-road vehicle users lobbied for the

right to take trail motorcycles onto the PCT, but the National Scenic Trails Act specifically states that motorized vehicles would not be allowed, that it was to be strictly a riding and hiking trail. Motorized vehicles have never been allowed on National Park or Wilderness Area trails because they detract from a wilderness experience, their tires damage the trails, and their use conflicts with hikers and stockusers (people who travel by horse and mule).

Motorcycles are allowed on most forest service trails, even though stockusers hate them and have been trying to get them banned for years. An old cowboy who runs a pack station in the Sierra, just off the PCT, tells a story about the time a trail biker came to him and asked how much he would charge to pack his broken-down motorcycle out of the backcountry. "I don't know," the cowboy said. "How much is it worth?" "About \$400," the man replied. "Then

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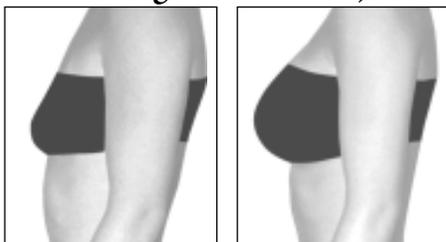
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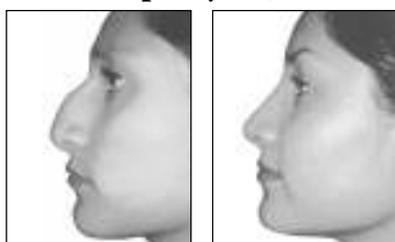
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that's what it'll cost," the cowboy told him, "and I'll need the money in advance." After the man paid him, the cowboy packed an acetylene torch into the backcountry, cut the motorcycle up into little pieces, and packed them back out.

The controversy over trail bikes on the PCT (and all forest service trails, for that matter) has gotten more complicated in the last few years with the popularity of mountain bicycles. When Congress wrote the National Scenic Trails Act, mountain bicycles were practically unheard of, and since they are not motorized vehicles, they are allowed on forest service sections of the PCT. In the National Park and Wilderness areas, however, the wording in their regulations say that "all mechanical modes of transportation" are prohibited; therefore, bicycles are not allowed. This infuriates mountain bicycle organizations, and they recently informed the Sierra Club that they wouldn't support any more wilderness legislation until the law prohibiting bicycles is changed. So, as the situation now stands, mountain bicycles are allowed on some portions of the PCT but not on others. Here in San Diego County they are allowed on the entire 112 miles of the PCT, and those who have ridden it say the bikes make an excellent alternative to the long stretches of road walking.

From Pioneer Mail, north of Mt. Laguna, the trail begins descending rapidly into the San Felipe Wash. The original plan had called for the trail to stay high, in the Volcan Mountains to the northwest, but this would have meant crossing 15 miles of private land near Julian, and each parcel the trail crossed would have required the purchase or donation of a right-of-way. For simplicity, the route was moved to the east, where it crosses public land inside the boundaries of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Most of the trail in this area — from Chariot Mountain to Scissors Crossing — has not been completed yet, and the temporary route requires walking down the Banner Grade on Highway 78. The new trail, though, which will be completed sometime this winter, promises to be one of the most wild and scenic sections of the PCT in the county. Within 15 miles it will descend out of the pines in the high

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The PCT has sometimes been criticized for taking unlikely and roundabout routes to get where it's trying to go. As Rob Langsdorf explains it, "The mandate for the PCT says it's to be a 'scenic crest' route. Sometimes I think the forest service got the word 'crest' in their minds and couldn't get it out. A lot of times the trail will follow a ridgetop instead of a more practical route down in a canyon, near water, or where there might be more level ground." The intention of Congress was to have a route that provided broad vistas, the feeling of being on the backbone of the west. It was not a practical idea, but what they were trying for was something impressive, a gift to the war-troubled country, a kind of picture window through which we could view our country's spectacular birthright. And that's what it has become. Most hikers don't

mind the roundabout routes because if they had been looking for the easiest way to get to Canada they would have taken the plane.

Although Congress gave the forest service the authority to condemn private property in order to acquire rights-of-way for the PCT, the service is proud that it has never had to use that authority on the entire route of the PCT. This has required a lot of careful diplomacy with landowners and, in some cases, some rather erratic shifting of routes. Several landowners in San Diego County have resisted plans for the PCT to cross their properties, most of them cattle ranchers who were concerned that the trail would provide access for motorbikers who would rustle their cattle. Their concerns were not unfounded. On the old California Riding and Hiking Trail, near Otay Lake, motorbikers did just that several years ago, taking only the prime cuts of meat and leaving the rest to rot.

Orville Cummings, owner of the 9000-acre San Felipe Ranch at the bottom of

the Banner Grade east of Julian, was one of the property owners who objected to the PCT's route. The temporary route crossed his ranch on a dirt road which is locked to vehicular traffic. "The way they had it at first," he says in his gruff Marlboro voice, "the trail ran right across the middle of the ranch. People that went through there were always leaving the pasture gate open. I was running heifers on one side and steers on the other; they'd get all mixed up and it'd take me a day or two to get them all straightened out again." Also, he adds, "The backpackers would camp right at the windmill and keep the cattle away from the water."

Like some other ranchers, Cummings has a hard time understanding somebody who would voluntarily walk from Mexico to Canada. The way he spits out the word "backpacker," he makes it sound like something obscene you might get arrested for, if only law and order in this country hadn't gone all to hell. "I didn't much like the kind of people who were passing by the ranch house," he scowls.

"Lotta times there wasn't anybody home, and we've had some burglaries." He couldn't prove the burglars were backpackers, nor did he have any evidence that backpackers, motorbikers, or anybody else had been rustling his cattle. "But I do have those suspicions," he says.

Eventually Cummings was able to get the route of the PCT changed to the outer fringes of his ranch, where there are no fences and no gates to be left open. He seems satisfied with the arrangement. "It worked out the way I wanted," he admits. "They appraised the land at something like eight or nine hundred dollars an acre, and they bought an easement 15 feet wide. It didn't make many acres. I was opposed to it all anyway, but it was a compromise deal."

From the San Felipe Ranch, the trail temporarily follows Route S-2 — another dull stretch of road walking — before entering the old Warner's Ranch in Valle de San Jose. The next nine miles of trail were part of the old California Riding and Hiking

Trail before becoming part of the PCT and are an exceptionally beautiful stretch of trail. With its open grasslands dotted with lazy cows and big live oaks so dark their leaves look more blue than green, it seems more like something from the early California rancho days than anything from the 20th Century.

Carrying food for more than a week or two can be a problem for hikers on the PCT, so most of them mail packages of supplies to themselves, general delivery, at post offices along the way. At the quiet Warner Springs post office the postmaster says, "We're required to keep the packages at least 30 days. But I usually keep them longer." Watching the hikers open their packages is liking watching kids at Christmas, and he wouldn't want to be the one to spoil the fun. After the hikers sign the register, he and the other employees like to read what they wrote:

Howard; Visalia, California; 4-19-84. "My feet are improving to the point where I only have to limp the first mile or two before they go numb

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Chuck; La Cañada, California; 4-19-84. "The wind and rain hit me pretty hard last night. I'll have to make camp early so I can dry everything out."

Andy; 4-14-84. "Cool wind this morning. Fresh cowpies to cushion the way."

Ron; 4-28-84; "Met some great people... a few wackos, too."

Len; San Diego, California; 5-18-84. "Lost two toenails (useless weight anyway), but I'm still fat, dumb, and happy!"

James; Orangevale, California; 7-3-84. "Attempting to do the entire PCT by bicycle. Mountain bikes are great!"

Wallace; Big Bear, California; 10-23-84. "Except for dangerous winds coming over San Jacinto, fall is a beautiful time to be on the trail."

Stinky; Merrill, Washington; 4-4-84. "I still haven't bathed. You'll smell me before you see me."

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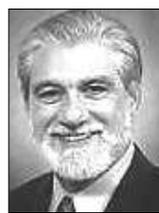
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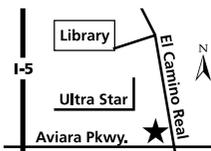


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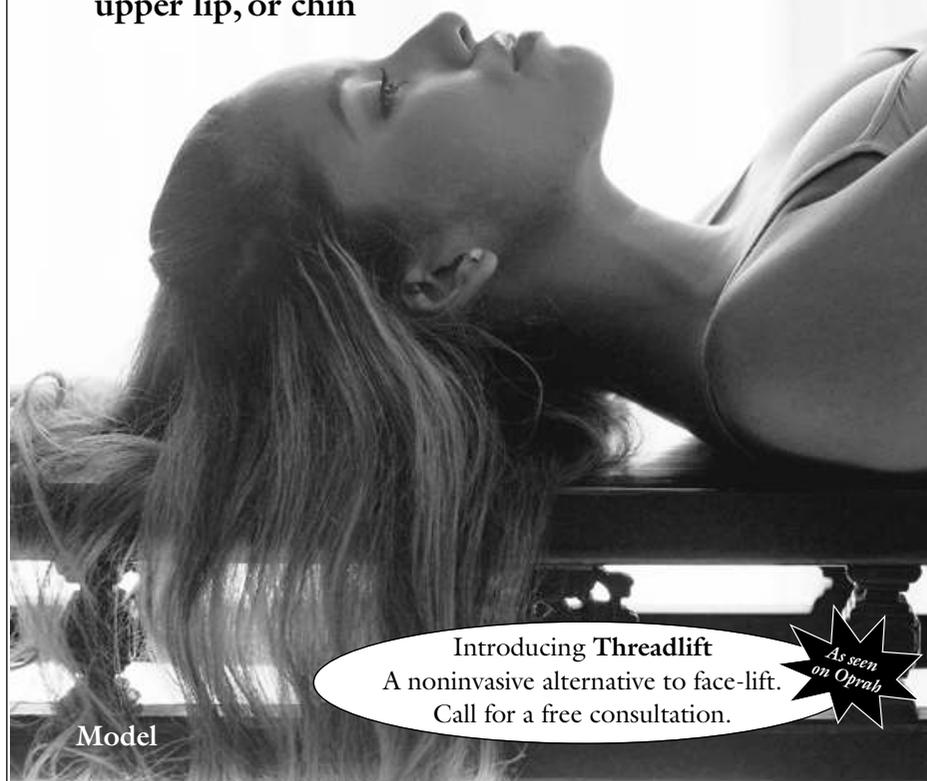
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Sunday sipping cool beers at Phil's Log Cabin in San Felipe. A nice place to get a feel for the country and people of the chaparral."

From Warner Springs the trail begins climbing again, into a high desert of tall yucca spears whose blossoms are as tasty as artichokes, and fine-needled cholla cacti, which look like golden halos silhouetted against the sun. Thick stands of oily yerba santa grow out of the white clay soil; the "holy herb" is

said to have been named by the Spanish missionaries after Indians gave them a tea made from its leaves to cure their chronic constipation. Also growing in rare abundance is red shank, a lovely, lacy-leafed plant similar to chamise. Like other places on the PCT, finding potable water here can be a problem. There are many stretches in Southern California where hikers have to go 20 or 30 miles between water, and when they do find it, they can't assume it is safe

without boiling or treating it. Just south of the Riverside County line, the PCT has more of a wilderness feeling than other portions of the trail in San Diego County. Other than the abandoned fire lookout on Hot Springs Mountain, there is no evidence of man in sight. The trail climbs to within 500 feet of Combs Peak, 6913 feet high, and provides shimmering vistas of the Santa Rosa Mountains to the north and the Borrego badlands to the east,

before continuing on to Anza, San Jacinto, Big Bear, the Mojave, Sequoia, Yosemite, Lake Tahoe, Lassen, Crater Lake, the Cascades, Mt. Rainier, and Manning Provincial Park in British Columbia.

Many hikers on the PCT who were unfamiliar with San Diego County before passing through here seem surprised by the beauty and variety of the landscapes they find. Judging by their register entries, they seem to have expected either desert waste-

land or an overdeveloped maze of freeways and tract homes. While we certainly have both those things, the chaparral, the broad grasslands, the high desert, and the manicured forests of San Diego County have their own charms, to be appreciated on their own terms rather than in comparison to places more breathtakingly spectacular. Hikers passing through the forests of Washington have complained of the wet, endless green monotony. The High

Sierra, in an icy autumn rainstorm, can be a hell on earth. The Mojave Desert in August can be nauseating to the point of madness. In nature there are no bad places, only bad times to be there, and at the end of winter, to a hiker starting out on a half-year adventure, San Diego, with its warm, clear days, seems like the best of all places to be. ■

— Steve Sorensen

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Mariachi Showcase and Festival

For the most part, this stuff is high energy and high emotion. This is not lullaby," says director of the Chula Vista International Mariachi Conference Mark Fogelquist. The conference includes three days of workshops at Otay Ranch High School. On the fourth day, Sunday, June 26, the Mariachi Showcase and Festival Concert will be held at Rancho del Rey Middle School.

Modern mariachi music can be dissected into four categories: Son, ranchera, bolero, and polka. "The signature piece of the mariachi is called 'El Son de la Negra' [The Song of the Dark-Skinned Woman], and the genre is mentioned in the song's title. Like most sons, this piece

"embodies the driving rhythms, the brilliant trumpet sounds, and the festive character of Mexican culture. Many, many shows will either start or

end with that one." Fogelquist adds that the son is always "upbeat, energetic, and rhythmically complicated — these are the real folk-based songs."

"El Rey" is often requested," says Fogelquist. "El Rey" [The King] is a ranchera song. According to Fogelquist, "Some of these songs are tearjerkers about love that has been betrayed." "El Rey" is a "personal statement of the songwriter," who wrote, "I have no throne, I have no queen, I have no money, but my word is the law."

Bolero defines those songs that some might call "hopelessly romantic." For example, in "Sabor a Mi" (Taste of Me) the singer croons, "So many years we have

enjoyed this love, that I have the taste of you and you have the taste of me."

In one of the conference's workshops students will learn a polka song called "Rosas de Mayo," or Roses of May. The most interesting thing about this song may be the man who wrote it, Miguel Martinez. "Now in his eighties, [Martinez] is the most famous mariachi trumpet player in history," says Fogelquist. "He appeared in 250 films and recorded thousands of songs for 40 years with all the top singers in Mexico." Fogelquist likens Martinez to Louis Armstrong and points out that "he wrote many, many of these polkas."

The trumpet is one of several mariachi instruments. Most groups will also have violins and classical six-string guitars. The *vihuela*, a small rhythm guitar, "cuts through the ensemble so that you can hear the driving rhythm." The *vihuela* is accompanied by the *guitarrón*, a large, six-string, bass instrument. Most professional groups include harps.

"Today you do not have a lead singer who does nothing but sing," says Fogelquist. "Everybody sings, and the lead singers play an instrument." In an accomplished group like Mariachi Sol de Mexico from Los Angeles, who will perform, there are seven or eight solo singers and everybody will sing on choruses. There are many performers who



Chula Vista Mariachi

LOCAL EVENTS

are famous for their *gritos*, which means to yell or cry. "The *grito* is a spontaneous outburst, an expression of joy or of emotion at the sounds that the listener is hearing," says Fogelquist. The *grito* is "one of the things that makes a musician attractive to a group leader, and it adds excitement to the whole atmosphere."

A full-time mariachi instructor, Fogelquist directs the Chula Vista Mariachi, composed of Chula Vista High School students. "They are in so much demand [in San Diego], last year we did 175 performances." The group plays primarily for private parties such as weddings, birthdays, and baptisms for \$300 an hour.

Coed members of Chula Vista Mariachi all wear the same outfit, known as the *traje de charro*, or gentleman horseman's suit. Such suits, modeled after

the Spanish horsemen's attire with tight-fitting pants, short coats, gold or silver buttons, and elaborate embroidery, are part of the mariachi experience. Sombreros are also part of this ensemble, "although a lot of groups don't wear them while playing anymore, because it's hard to play the violin — the bow knocks the hat off."

— Barbarella

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"Gala Española," Angel Romero conducts Orchestra of Baja California in concerts on Thursday, June 23, at 6:30 and 9 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in Zona Río). Tickets: \$20, \$25, \$30 U.S. 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)

Fernando Delgadillo in concert on Friday, June 24, 9:30 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de

Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Ensenada-San Felipe Off-Road Race, the 250-mile off-road race for all kinds of vehicles from Ojos Negros to San Felipe runs Friday, June 24, through Sunday, June 26. Routes: 011-52-646-172-3022. (ENSENADA, SAN FELIPE)

Brand-New Mexican Stories revealed during reading and signing by Mayra Inzunza and Juan Pablo Avila, Friday, June 24, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río; 011-52-664-687-9600). Free. (TIJUANA)

Rock Concert by Lucybell, Saturday, June 25, 11 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$10-\$45 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana 2005 Grand Prix for modified and unmodified vehicles is Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, starting at 10 a.m. at Tercera Etapa, in the Zona Río. 011-52-664-626-1220. (TIJUANA)

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"Mesoamerica and the North: Archaeological Evidence" presented during lecture by Annick Daneels Verriest, Wednesday, June 29, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

"Como la Vida Misma," Agustín Ramos reads from and signs his new book on Thursday, June 30, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. Free. (TIJUANA)

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"Desert Animal Extravaganza" is hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute, June 24-26, at Colorado Desert District Headquarters. Volunteer naturalist Joe Hopkins leads adventures each day in search of scorpions and snakes (June 24), bighorn sheep, and lizards (June 25) and takes hikes to Borrego Palm Canyon after all manner of wildlife. Fee: \$25 for all four sessions or \$10 per session. Hours, reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

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Crystal Pier Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego BayKeeper on Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m. Free. 619-758-7743. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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Trekking the Refuges, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, June 25, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

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Spring Gives Way to Summer, and biologist/naturalist Carol Stanford leads easy to moderate discovery hike examining how plants and animals adapt during transition from spring to summer on Sunday, June 26. Hike starts at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). Bring water and hiking boots. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Latest Sunset of the year, 8 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time in San Diego, occurs this Monday, June 27 — approximately one week after the summer solstice (our longest day). From now until late July, there will be little change in the time of sunset, even though the total length of daylight will steadily shorten.

Venus and Mercury, the two planets nearest the sun, pass each other with a razor-thin clearance (from Earth's point of view) of only one-tenth degree on the evening of Monday, June 27. Point a telescope at Venus, low in the west at around 8:30, and you will see both brilliant Venus, with a nearly full phase, and dimmer Mercury, just over half-lit, fitting well within the telescope's field of view.

Rediscover South Escondido Boulevard during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Tuesday, June 28, 6 p.m., starting at northeast corner of Escondido Boulevard (at 5th Avenue). 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Escape to the Natural Beauty of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, with secluded native plant communities such as oak riparian, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. The 750-acre open-space park features ten miles of trails, primitive picnic areas, mountain viewing points. The re-

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DANCE

Belly Dance Gala featuring Dhakirah, Maleah, Talia, and Lucia, Thursday, June 23, 8 p.m., at Luxor Cafe (1100 Fifth Avenue). \$5. 619-231-8888. (DOWNTOWN)

New Variations of Viennese Waltz showcased during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, June 24, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages, singles, partners. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Bellydance Dinner Show with Tityana and Estrella dancing to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Friday, June 24, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover with dinner purchase. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

All Things Swing Dance Party with music by the Chicago 6, workshops, dancing, performances, games on Saturday, June 25, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Intermediate workshop: 7:15 p.m.; beginners: 8:30 p.m., open dancing 8:30 to midnight. 619-291-3775. Dance only: \$13; additional fees for lessons. (ENCINITAS)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Judee Pronovost is caller on June 26. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Tango Gala and Milonga (dance party) honoring Barbara Bardrick, featuring live music by Coco Trivisonno and Marcelo Caceres, Sunday, June 26, at El Mundo del Tango (6904 Miramar Road, Suite 110). Reception (5 p.m.) followed by dancing (6 to 10 p.m.), light dinner. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 858-689-2422. (MIRAMAR)

Bellydance Showcase with Dilek, Yesera, Toninah, and Troupe Ishala, live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Sunday, June 26, 7:30 p.m., at Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). \$10. 858-488-4200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including June 28, at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8 to 10 p.m. \$5. 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

FILM

"Sunset Boulevard," the classic Billy Wilder flick from 1950 starring William Holden and Gloria Swanson, is featured at Garden Cabaret, Thursday through Saturday, June 23-25, 8:30 p.m. Find cabaret at 4040 Goldfinch Street. \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

Spiritual Cinema Showcase with feature-length Hollywood, indie, and foreign films and videos on "topics that touch the heart and soul," every Friday, 7 p.m., at Shiloh Spiritual Center (5995 Mission Gorge Road). Discussion follows. Donation. 619-640-2020. (MISSION VALLEY)

Democracy, Power, Poverty, and Race are considered in documentary *Street Fight*, covering mayoral race in Newark, New Jersey, in 2002. Marshall Curry's film screens for Film Forum on Monday, June 27, 6:30 p.m., at San

Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. CSU San Marcos sociology professor Sharon Elise leads discussion. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"About Baghdad" — a film by Sinan Antoon, Bassam Haddad, Maya Mikdashi, Suzy Salamy, and Adam Shapiro — screens for American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Thursday, June 30, 7 p.m., at Four Points Sheraton Hotel (8110 Aero Drive). Exiled filmmaker Antoon returned to his native city in July 2003 to document effects of decades of oppression, war, sanctions, and occupation. Donations accepted. 619-840-1945. (CLAIREMONT)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Rhythms of the World, Mystery of the Nile, Volcanoes of the*

Deep Sea. Fridays at the Fleet continues every Friday night, featuring two classic IMAX films. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"El Dibujo en la Epoca del Barroco" is discussed in Spanish by Monseratt Sanchez for "Art in the Afternoon" series at Timken Museum of Art on Thursday, June 23, 12:30 p.m. Sanchez is professor at Centro de Humanidades de Baja California. Free. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

Do Prayers Enhance Pregnancy? Dr. Bruce Flamm presents his opinion on report published in *The Journal of Reproductive*

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Medicine (in 2001) when Association for Rational Inquiry meets on Friday, June 24, 7 p.m., in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. Registration: 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

Bats Alive! Biologists Drew Stokes and Dan Taylor lead class and field trip hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum on Friday, June 24, 6 p.m. \$20. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Life and Culture of Edo Period provide focus when East Asian scholar and guest curator Alan Pate speaks in conjunction with opening of "Ningyô: The Art of the Japanese Doll," on Saturday, June 25, 7 p.m., at Mingei International Museum. \$10. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x116. (BALBOA PARK)

"Xeriscape: Lush Landscape on a Low-Water Budget" is topic in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West) when landscape designer Jan Tubiolo speaks on Saturday, June 25, 9:30 a.m. \$13. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Saturn — Self-Doubt or Self-Mastery?" Question answered

when Russell Rowe speaks for Cadent Cross Institute, Saturday, June 25, 1 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. Registration: 619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

Gain Experience Shooting news- and documentary-style video when Del Mar TV hosts field production class on Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 240 10th Street. Fee: \$120.

"Intro to Live Studio Production" taught Monday through Wednesday, June 27-29, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. \$90 for all three classes. Registration for either class: 858-481-2882. (DEL MAR)

Hands-On GPS Class explaining functions and features of these devices, Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). \$55 non-members. Registration: 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

Parrot Education and Adoption Center offers seminars on variety of topics on June 25 and 26. "Feather Destructive Behavior" is subject at 1 p.m.; "Basic Avian Care" proffered at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Explore "Wonderful World of Macaws" (1 p.m.) and learn about "Sex and the Single Parrot" (3 p.m.) on Sunday. Classes offered in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way). \$10 in advance, \$15

Out & about

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at door. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Introduction to Signing With Your Child" offered Saturday, June 25, 10:30 a.m., at Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Free. 760-277-5202. (OCEANSIDE)

Fundamentals of the Writing Life covered during ten-week writing class commencing on Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m., at Tierrasanta Recreation Center (11220 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). \$100. 858-573-1393. (TIERRASANTA)

"The Frangipani Fest of Australia" is subject when Sue Hand and Joel Cutler present slide-illustrated lecture for Southern California Plumeria Society on Sunday, June 26, 1 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 102. Free. 619-443-4795 or 760-451-1472. (BALBOA PARK)

"Darjeeling: The Champagne of Teas" examined when tea-tasting club convenes on Sunday, June 26, 4 p.m., at Infusions of Tea (8750 Genesee Avenue, suite 258). Brief talk, sampling of several 2005

darjeelings. \$5. 858-450-6500. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

"9/11: How Should Religious People Respond?" Find out when retired Claremont College theology professor David Ray Griffin speaks, Sunday, June 26, 7 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard).

Astrology historian Ed Kohoot presents "Was 9/11 Planned According to Astrological Beliefs?" on Monday, June 27, 7 p.m. Donation for either talk: \$5. 760-745-2724. (ESCONDIDO)

Health Benefits of Tea and Herbs discussed by acupuncturist, herbalist, nutritionist Ida D. Candelaria, Sunday, June 26, 2 p.m., at My Cup of Tea (282-A Third Avenue). \$6. 619-691-1347. (CHULA VISTA)

Get an Overview of the American Indian Museum (the newest Smithsonian Institution showpiece) when founding director W. Richard West speaks for San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, June 27, 6 p.m., at Old Globe Theatre. West is member of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma. \$5. Required reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Fresh Water and Foreign Affairs," Donald M. Gragg, M.D. speaks for North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council on Monday, June 27, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor activity room at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

Is Evolution Incompatible with the Bible? Point Loma Nazarene biology professor Darrel R. Falk ponders the question and discusses his book *Coming to Peace with Science* for Atheist Coalition of San Diego, Tuesday, June 28, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 619-342-7388. (NORTH PARK)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Life" explored when UCSD literature professor Steven Cassedy addresses North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, June 28, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 619-224-8173. (CARLSBAD)

"Human Rights: Interpretations Through History" is considered on Wednesday, June 29, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"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 Robin Nolan Trio on Friday, June 24 (\$18, \$20) and Lowen and Navarro on Saturday, June 25 (\$18, \$22). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Healer, Teacher, author Alijan-dra gives brief talk and signs *Healing with the Rainbow Rays: The Art of Color Energy Therapy* on Friday, June 24, 6 p.m., at Rainy's Mystics (801 Grand Avenue #3). 760-744-9818. (SAN MARCOS)

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

Out & about

MONOLOGUES about Latino life in America in Latinologues at Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, June 25. (SEE IN PERSON)



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TGIF Jazz in the Parks series continues with concert of rocking blues by Guitar Shorty on Friday,

June 24, 6 p.m. in Stagecoach Park (3420 Camino de los Coches). Shuttle service from La Costa Canyon High School available. 760-434-2904. Free. (LA COSTA)

Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) continue with blues by Cool Fever on June 24, 5 p.m. Series continues on Fridays through

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

"Dark Roots" author Jeannie Cobb speaks about her writing on Saturday, June 25, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

Hula Show and book signing of *KeAloha — The Keeper* by author

Emel Kay on Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m. to noon, at Carlsbad farmer's market (on Roosevelt Street, between Grand Avenue and Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-720-9161. (CARLSBAD)

Monologues About Latino Life in America offered in Rick Najera's comedic *Latinologues*, Saturday, June 25, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). Participants include Eugenio Derbez, Rene Lavan, Ruth Livier, Najera. Tickets: \$28.50, \$36.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

"Tar" and "Setar" played by Persian classical music master M.R. Lotfi, Saturday, June 25, 8 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Lotfi will perform extended improvisations from classical Persian repertoire. \$35 general. 858-653-0336 or 619-318-1286. (SDSU)

Highly Charged and Uncensored! See comedian Mike Epps on Saturday, June 25, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$40.50, \$88.50, available at 619-231-4343 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Author Robert Powell signs *The Real Is Unknowable, the Knowable Unreal*, on Saturday, June 25, 2 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

The Psalmist Hour boasts music by Fourth Man in the Fire, readings featured poet Rudy Francisco on Saturday, June 25, 7 p.m., at Tubman Chavez Center (415 Euclid Avenue). Open mike. Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$7 at door. 866-815-6550. (SAN DIEGO)

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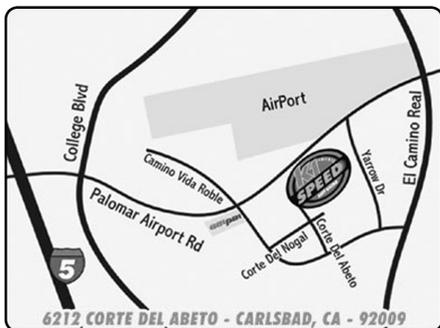


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minute plays" takes place on June 25 and 26 at 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). Event starts with meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, culminates with performances at 6 and 8 p.m. on Sunday (\$5). Space availability: 201-317-9517. (HILLCREST)

San Carlos Music Festival, Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at San Carlos Recreation Center (6445 Lake Badin Avenue). Country, folk, bluegrass, and roots music performed by seven bands, two duets, two solo artists. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

Summer Concerts in the Gardens, Dylan's Steel Band makes Caribbean music on Saturday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., at Wood House in Heritage Gardens (1148 Rock Springs Road). \$5 general, free for those under 10. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

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Jazz Vespers with music by Liz Setzer of Mills College on Saturday, June 25, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Offering. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Save Our Centro Coalition fundraiser on Saturday, June 25, 2 to 6 p.m., at Hot Monkey Love Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard). Live music, spoken word, and hip-hop by Los Able Minded Poets, Diego Davalos, Victor Payan, Scribe Sayar, many others. "Chicanos in the New Millennium" presented by V. Ochoa. Donation. 619-818-0173. (COLLEGE AREA)

Literary Reading by authors from *Sunshine/Noir: Writing from San Diego and Tijuana* on Saturday, June 25, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Free. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Bluesiana! Bayou Brothers play zydeco and Cajun music for Spring Concert Series, Sunday, June 26, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Donation: \$5. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

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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)

Sundays at Six, summer concert by Mark Jackson Country Band, June 26, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Mildred Street). Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

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La Jolla Concerts by the Sea, series gets started with Coastal Communities Concert Band performing music from Broadway, marches, light classics, big-band music, Sunday, June 26, 2 p.m., in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove (at foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. Free. (LA JOLLA)

The Oldies but Goodies Trio performs standards from 1920s, '30s, and '40s on Monday, June 27, 6:30 p.m., at University Community Library (4155 Governor Drive). Free. 858-552-1655. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Suspense Authors Barry Eisler (*Killing Rain*) and John Connolly (*The Black Angel*) sign books on Monday, June 27, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

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Thriller Author Douglas Preston signs *Dance of Death*, Tuesday, June 28, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

The Twilight in the Park Summer Concerts continue with entertainment by big-band sounds by Ron Jerman (Tuesday, June 28); Navy Band Southwest (Wednesday, June 29); and Mariachi Chula Vista (Thursday, June 30). Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Award-Winning Mystery Author Laurie King visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign *Locked Rooms: A Mary Russell Novel*, Wednesday, June 29, 7 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series continues with koto and wind synth music by Masayo Norikura and Robert B. Williams, Wednesday, June 29, 12:30 p.m., on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Admission is free, parking is not. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

The Musical *Grease* is presented by Christian Community Theater with 36 performers and live orchestra, on various days from June 30 through July 23, at Mt. Helix Amphitheater. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$17-\$34, \$12 for those 12 and younger. 619-588-0206. (LA MESA)

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Padres versus Dodgers, the Pads host Los Angeles Dodgers in Petco Park at 12:35 p.m. on Thursday, June 23. The Seattle Seahawks arrive for games June 24-26, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

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You'll need to solve some transportation challenges first. Arrange to have someone drop you off at the start, Buckhorn Campground off Angeles Crest Highway, and pick you up later at Devil's Punchbowl — perhaps five to seven hours later, depending on how strong your hiking party is. You reach the campground by driving 34 miles up Angeles Crest Highway (Highway 2) from Interstate 210 at La Cañada. Devil's Punchbowl is seven miles southeast of the town of Pearblossom in the Mojave Desert. The shortest way by pavement between the start and end points is an eastern route by way of Big Pines and Big Pines Road, but this year a section of Angeles Crest Highway near Big Pines has been plagued with rock slides. Check with Angeles National Forest or Caltrans to determine if this section is open; if not, the route by car is back to La Cañada and then by way of Palmdale.



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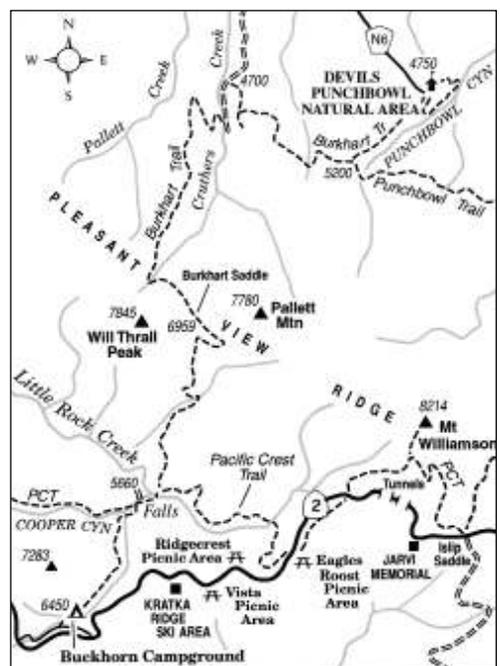
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bear left on the signed Burkhart Trail (Punchbowl Trail continues straight ahead) and walk the remaining short mile to the parking lot at Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area.



games against the Dodgers in Los Angeles, June 27-29, at 7:10 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

San Diego Surf Dawgs host Japan Samurai Bears for baseball games, June 24-26, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. The Chico Outlaws arrive for games on June 28 and 29, at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday and 5:05 and 8:05 p.m. on Wednesday. The

Mesa Miners are in town for a game at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, June 30.

Games are played in Tony Gwynn Stadium at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). Tickets range from \$6-10. 619-282-4487. (SDSU)

Capes and Masks! Superstar Lucha Libre (wrestling) event, featuring Mil Mascaras, Medico Asesino Jr., Super Muneco, Huracan Ramirez Jr., others — Saturday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., in gym at Sweetwater High School (2900 Highland Avenue). \$15 general, \$25 ringside. 619-726-8790. (NATIONAL CITY)

2005 Ironman Outrigger Championship presented by Kai Elua on Saturday, June 25, at North Ski Beach in Mission Bay. Outrigger races many divisions, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kids' educational activities, food vendors. (MISSION BAY)

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Go with the Flow, Blue Water Wakefest hosted by Flowboard on Sunday, June 26, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Fiesta Island. Experts, demonstrations, and educational information offered on "asphalt surfing" for snowboarders, surfers, boardsporters. Free. 800-503-9432. (MISSION BAY)

Low-Tide Ride and Stride, follow 8.2-mile course over hard-packed sand on low tide, along ocean beachfront of Silver Strand, Sunday, June 26. Riding and walking start at 8 a.m. at YMCA Camp Surf (at Seacoast Drive and Carnation Avenue). 619-435-8334. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

John Collura Cup Finals, Sunday, June 26, 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)

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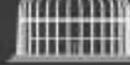
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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

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SPECIAL

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Fallbrook on Friday, June 24. Find event on Main Street, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. 760-723-1799. (FALLBROOK)

Summer Solstice Celebration hosted by Networking North County Coastal Pagans and Circle of the Hearbeats Drums, Friday, June 24, 7 p.m., on beach north of Oceanside Pier. Free. 760-415-4102. (OCEANSIDE)

PACEM Summer Sing, join the chorus to learn new works, sing old favorites, practice sight-reading, or work with a special con-

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Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society on Friday, June 24, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other canines. Dog-friendly trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions such as food, people, other canines. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Props and Rods," Ramona Air Fair 2005 takes place June 25 and 26 at Ramona Airport (2450 Montecito Road). Fly-bys, aerial firefighting 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)

The 26th Annual Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off is Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., along Newport Avenue (4800-5000 blocks). Chili cook-off (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at foot of Newport Avenue), live entertainment on three stages, food, children's area, vendors' booths. Admission: free. 619-224-4906. (OCEAN BEACH)

Coinorama, more than 40 dealers offer wares, hobby supplies during coin show, June 25 and 26 at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). The 2005 John Muir/Yosemite Valley California quarter designers Garrett and Michelle Burke will be on hand to sign "souvenir quarter cachets."

Show opens at 10 a.m. both mornings, closes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$4 for adults, good for both days; free for those 15 and under. 619-222-8739. (MISSION VALLEY)

La Jolla Festival of the Arts, Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at UCSD's East Campus (at Genesee Avenue and Regents Road). Organizers promise 180 artists displaying their work, food, live entertainment, kids' area. Tickets: \$10 adults, free for those ten and younger. 858-456-1268. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

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)

2005 Spring Harvest Fair, this year's threshing bee and antique engine and tractor show at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum is June 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.

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(For Warren Winslow, Dead At Sea)

*Let man have dominion over the fishes of the sea and
the fowls of the air and the beasts and the whole earth,
and every creeping creature that moveth upon the earth.*

I
A brackish reach of shoal off Madaket –
The sea was still breaking violently and night
Had steamed into our North Atlantic Fleet,
When the drowned sailor clutched the drag-net. Light
Flashed from his matted head and marble feet,
He grappled at the net
With the coiled, hurdling muscles of his thighs:
The corpse was bloodless, a botch of reds and whites,
Its open, staring eyes
Were lustreless dead-lights
Or cabin-windows on a stranded hulk
Heavy with sand. We weight the body, close
Its eyes and heave it seaward whence it came,
Where the heel-headed dogfish barks it nose
On Ahab's void and forehead; and the name
Is blocked in yellow chalk.
Sailors, who pitch this portent at the sea
Where dreadnaughts shall confess
Its heel-bent deity,
When you are powerless
To sand-bag this Atlantic bulwark, faced
By the earth-shaker, green, unwearied, chaste
In his steel scales: ask for no Orphean lute
To pluck life back. The guns of the steeled fleet
Recoil and then repeat
The hoarse salute.

II
Whenever winds are moving and their breath
Heaves at the roped-in bulwarks of this pier,
The terns and sea-gulls tremble at your death
In these home waters. Sailor, can you hear
The Pequod's sea wings, beating landward, fall
Headlong and break on our Atlantic wall
Off 'Sconset, where the yawing S-boats splash
The bellbuoy, with ballooning spinnakers,
As the entangled, screeching mainsheet clears
The blocks: off Madaket, where lubbers lash
The heavy surf and throw their long lead squids

For blue-fish? Sea-gulls blink their heavy lids
Seaward. The winds' wings beat upon the stones,
Cousin, and scream for you and the claws rush
At the sea's throat and wring it in the slush
Of this old Quaker graveyard where the bones
Cry out in the long night for the hurt beast
Bobbing by Ahab's whaleboats in the East.

III
All you recovered from Poseidon died
With you, my cousin, and the harrowed brine
Is fruitless on the blue beard of the god,
Stretching beyond us to the castles in Spain,
Nantucket's westward haven. To Cape Cod
Guns, cradled on the tide,
Blast the eelgrass about a waterclock
Of bilge and backwash, roil the salt and sand
Lashing earth's scaffold, rock
Our warships in the hand
Of the great God, where time's contrition blues
Whatever it was these Quaker sailors lost
In the mad scramble of their lives. They died
When time was open-eyed,
Wooden and childish; only bones abide
There, in the nowhere, where their boats were tossed
Sky-high, where mariners had fabled news
Of IS, the whited monster. What it cost
Them is their secret. In the sperm-whale's slick
I see the Quakers drown and hear their cry:
"If God himself had not been on our side,
If God himself had not been on our side,
When the Atlantic rose against us, why,
Then it had swallowed us up quick."

IV
This is the end of the whaleroad and the whale
Who spewed Nantucket bones on the thrashed swell
And stirred the troubled waters to whirlpools
To send the Pequod packing off to hell:
This is the end of them, three-quarters fools,
Snatching at straws to sail
Seaward and seaward on the turntail whale,
Spouting out blood and water as it rolls,
Sick as a dog to these Atlantic shoals:
Clamavimus, O depths. Let the sea-gulls wail

For water, for the deep where the high tide
Mutters to its hurt self, mutters and ebbs.
Waves wallow in their wash, go out and out,
Leave only the death-rattle of the crabs,
The beach increasing, its enormous snout
Sucking the ocean's side.
This is the end of running on the waves;
We are poured out like water. Who will dance
The mast-lashed master of Leviathans
Up from this field of Quakers in their unstoned graves?

V
When the whale's viscera go and the roll
Of its corruption overruns this world
Beyond tree-swept Nantucket and Wood's Hole
And Martha's Vineyard, Sailor, will your sword
Whistle and fall and sink into the fat?
In the great ash-pit of Jehoshaphat
The bones cry for the blood of the white whale,
The fat flukes arch and whack about its ears,
The death-lance churns into the sanctuary, tears
The gun-blue swingle, heaving like a flail,
And hacks the coiling life out: it works and drags
And rips the sperm-whale's midriff into rags,
Gobbets of blubber spill to wind and weather,
Sailor, and gulls go round the stoven timbers
Where the morning stars sing out together
And thunder shakes the white surf and dismembers
The red flag hammered in the mast-head. Hide,
Our steel, Jonas Messias, in Thy side.

VI
OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM
There once the penitents took off their shoes
And then walked barefoot the remaining mile;
And the small trees, a stream and hedgerows file
Slowly along the munching English lane,
Like cows to the old shrine, until you lose
Track of your dragging pain.
The stream flows down under the druid tree,
Shiloah's whirlpools gurgle and make glad
The castle of God. Sailor, you were glad
And whistled Sion by that stream. But see:

Our Lady, too small for her canopy,
Sits near the altar. There's no comeliness
at all or charm in that expressionless
Face with its heavy eyelids. As before,
This face, for centuries a memory,
Non est species, neque decor,
Expressionless, expresses God: it goes
Past castled Sion. She knows what God knows,
Not Calvary's Cross nor crib at Bethlehem
Now, and the world shall come to Walsingham.

VII
The empty winds are creaking and the oak
splatters and splatters on the cenotaph,
The boughs are trembling and a gaff
Bobs on the untimely stroke
Of the greased wash exploding on a shoal-bell
In the old mouth of the Atlantic. It's well;
Atlantic, you are fouled with the blue sailors,
sea-monsters, upward angel, downward fish:
Unmarried and corroding, spare of flesh
Mart once of supercilious, wing'd clippers,
Atlantic, where your bell-trap guts its spoil
You could cut the brackish winds with a knife
Here in Nantucket, and cast up the time
When the Lord God formed man from the sea's slime
And breathed into his face the breath of life,
And blue-lung'd combers lumbered to the kill.
The Lord survives the rainbow of His will.

– Robert Lowell



Robert Lowell

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)

WildAid San Diego Street Team invites animal and nature lovers to launch meeting, Saturday, June 25, 2 p.m., at Community Club House (881 Thomas Street). Participants raise awareness and funds to curb illegal wildlife trade and protect endangered species. Required reservations: 858-349-7947. (PACIFIC BEACH)

California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on

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

San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Show runs Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Try Ham Radio during the nationwide Field Day events led by

El Cajon amateur radio club on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26 at Al Bahr Shrine Campgrounds in Laguna Mountains. Club demonstrates emergency communications abilities. Free. 619-593-9445. (LAGUNA MOUNTAINS)

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)

Can Raw Gourds Be Turned Into Works of Art? Find out during International Gourd Art Festival, Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, at Welburn Gourd Farm in De Luz Canyon (40635 De Luz Road). Gourd art exhibits, art competition, Chinese mold-grown gourds, live entertainment, demonstrations, classes, kids' crafts, more.

Festival opens at 9 a.m. each day, closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. \$7.50 general,

free for kids 12 and younger. 760-728-4271. (FALLBROOK)

Cabers Will Be Tossed during San Diego Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans, Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Brengle Terrace Park (1400 Vale Terrace Drive). Bag-piping, drumming, and highland dancing, drum major competitions; falconry, lots of guys in kilts, sheepdog trials, kids' athletics, much more.

Admission: \$12 general, \$5 for those 6–16, \$8 for seniors, military.

760-726-3691 or 619-425-3454. (VISTA)

A Night of Inter + Sections, the Aja Project celebrates its "Inter + Sections" street exhibit with five-gallery show on Ray Street (at University Avenue) on Saturday, June 25, 6 p.m., featuring photography by refugee youth from programs in San Diego, Thailand, Colombia, and Indonesia. 858-689-2422. Free. (NORTH PARK)

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Pet Fest and Doggy Dash 2005, Saturday, June 25, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Memorial Park (at Park Way and Third Avenue). Music, pet-related vendors and services, adoptions, pet vaccinations. Admission: free.

Two-Mile Doggy Dash run/walk starts at 9 a.m. Fee: \$12 per entry. All pets must be leashed. 619-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference at Alexandra's BookStore, Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Drink Water from Back of a Hydrogen Fuel Cell Car, take a mini-tour, see Segway Human Transporter, run through a maze to learn about alternative fuels and vehicles that use them, on Sunday, June 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at San Diego Ecocenter Open House (4001 El Cajon Boulevard). Free. Required reservations: 619-243-0410. (SAN DIEGO)

The House of Sweden hosts lawn program with dance, music, cultural costumes at International Cottages on Sunday, June 26, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Taste of Adams Avenue, with samples from restaurants, coffee shops, confectioners, Sunday, June 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$10 fee includes trolley bus rides. 619-835-9077. (KENSINGTON, NORMAL HEIGHTS)

San Diego Auto and Cycle Swap, show, sale, is Sunday,

June 26, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). View vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." Admission: \$5 general, kids under 12 free. 858-484-9342. (EL CAJON)

Pamper Yourself in P.B. on Sunday, June 26, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Massages, yoga and pilates classes, dance lessons, nutrition classes, more. Fee: \$50 general. Purchase tickets at Discover Pacific Beach office, 1503 Garnet Avenue. 858-273-3303. (PACIFIC BEACH)

A Toast to Music, wine tasting, samples of "local culinary delights," musical entertainment planned Sunday, June 26, 1 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). \$40 fee includes wineglass, tastings. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Summer Wine and Food Festival benefiting City of Hope Cancer Center, Sunday, June 26, 4 to 6 p.m., atop Del Mar Plaza (1555 Camino del Mar). International and local wines, food. \$65. Reservations: 858-452-6846. (DEL MAR)

"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)

The 109th Meeting of the Collector's Cookbook Club of California is Monday, June 27, 2 p.m., at Cook Book Store (4108 Adams Avenue). Recipes for summer, big and small cookbooks of all kinds featured. First meeting free. 619-281-8962. (KENSINGTON)

Hatha Yoga Class for all levels led by Wendy Tylka on Mondays, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., at Chai and Chat (5919 Balboa Avenue). \$11 per

Out & About

CABERS WILL BE tossed during San Diego Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans, Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, at Brengle Terrace Park. (SEE SPECIAL)



class. 619-971-0233 or 858-884-7707. (CLAIREMONT)

"The Film Fanatic Challenge," a traveling movie trivia game sponsored by Independent Film Channel, hits town June 28-30, 7 to 10 p.m., at Coaster Saloon (744 Ventura Place). For those 21 and older. Free. 858-488-4438. (PACIFIC BEACH)

A Nourishing Event on a Number of Levels! Gigi Grazer, author of *The Starter Wife*, discusses and signs her book on Tuesday, June 28, 6 p.m. at Fresh Seafood Restaurant and Bar (1044 Wall Street). \$30 admission fee includes appetizers and a martini; book is available for additional \$24. Reservations: 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

An Independence Party is planned for Cajon Classic Cruise night, Wednesday, June 29, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., along Main Street. Free. Cruise nights continue through September 28. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

"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)

The Airport Site-Selection Process will be illuminated during El Cajon Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, June 30, 6:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Free. 619-400-2400. (EL CAJON)

"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)

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"Disney's Beauty and the Beast," this musical theater story is presented Wednesdays through Sundays through July 9 at Moonlight Amphitheatre (in Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive). Gates open for picnics at 6:30 p.m., with curtain at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$33. 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

Wake Up for Sleeping Beauty, when Weaver's Tales perform through Sunday, June 26, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. *Big Joe's Fireworks* delivered June 29 through July 3 by Big Joe Productions.

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)

Tour the "Painted Ladies" exhibition and create a portrait of a "special lady," learning how to create facial proportions and skin tones during Family Open Studio events, Saturday, June 25, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. Materials provided. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. All ages. (LA COSTA)

"In a Buggy Garden," create a bug garden, trap a bug in soapy amber, and make a "walking stick snack" during class for kids in grades one through three on Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$15. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

A "Hatching Party" is planned Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Michael's (3994 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Kids invited to make foam collages inspired by

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The Letters of Robert Lowell



Saskia Hamilton

Edited by Saskia Hamilton; Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2005; 852 pages; \$40

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Over the course of his life, Robert Lowell impressed those who knew him by his "refusal to be boring on paper" (Christopher Benfey). One of the most influential poets of the 20th Century, Lowell was also a prolific letter writer who corresponded with many of the remarkable writers and thinkers of his day, including Elizabeth Bishop, Ezra Pound, Hannah Arendt, William Carlos Williams, T.S. Eliot, Robert Frost, and Edmund Wilson.

Wilson noted of Lowell's company, "What he says is probing and witty, sometimes perverse, with a desire to startle." These letters, conversations in writing, document the evolution of Lowell's work and illuminate another side of the intimate life that was the subject of so many of his poems: his deep friendships with other writers; the manic-depressive illness he struggled to endure and understand; his marriages to three prose writers; and his engagement with politics and the antiwar movement of the 1960s.

The Letters of Robert Lowell shows us, in many cases for the first time, the private thoughts and passions of a figure unrivaled for his influence on American letters.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Poetry: The publication of Robert Lowell's letters has the potential to help clarify the complex relations between his life and work.... In these letters — more than 700 of them, written over 40 years — Lowell's friendships and romances, manias and recoveries, which have been flattened by years of biographical speculation, suddenly stand out in high relief. Inevitably, a first reading must surrender to all the drama and color and revelation the book so generously, and fearlessly, offers.

From *Publishers Weekly*: Already excerpted in the *New Yorker* and elsewhere, these letters have been awaited at least since Ian Hamilton's monumental 1985 biography of Lowell (1917–1977). Brilliant, intimate, free, sculpted, various and wildly desirous of communication, the letters were worth the wait. The letters to Randall Jarrell and John Berryman have a peculiar professional intimacy. Those to his various wives, par-

ticularly Elizabeth Hardwick, have a raw pleading that often centers on the aftermath of episodes of mania or depression, but they never veer into bathos. The letters to Elizabeth Bishop form the core of the collection, and they are extraordinary, particularly the letters describing Maine, where both summered (though almost never at the same time): Lowell's eye for physical detail and feel for emotional valence seem directly wired into his prose. There are love letters to an Italian mistress and lovely, frank letters in friendship to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Lowell corresponded at one time or another with many major modernists (Eliot, Pound, Frost, Williams); watching Lowell simultaneously assert, defer, and posture without obsequiousness is fascinating. Over the course of this vast volume, Lowell's reading, moods, professional obligations, political engagements, family life, and final sense of isolation come through with often searing clarity. Even for those who don't

care for Lowell's verse (or any verse), this is a major epistolary life.

From *Booklist*: Given his status as a major American poet, Robert Lowell's manic depression, friendships with prominent people, and influence on other poets, including Anne Sexton and Sylvia Plath, have been well documented. Now, with this monumental volume of his letters to friends, family, peers, teachers, and even political leaders, those facets of his life are further illuminated.... Lowell had his finger on the pulse of writing during his lifetime and was motivated to stay in the thick of literary movements. Mainly for readers intrigued or inspired by Lowell, this collection is an invaluable primary resource, supplement to Lowell biographies, and companion to his fascinating poetry.

ABOUT THE POET: Robert Lowell (1917–77) was the renowned and controversial author of many books of poetry, including *Day*

by Day (FSG, 1977), *For the Union Dead* (FSG, 1964), and *Life Studies* (FSG, 1959). FSG published his *Collected Poems* in 2003.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE EDITOR:

Saskia Hamilton was born in Washington, D.C., in 1967. On the day that we talked, she from her office at Barnard College in Manhattan, where she teaches, Ms. Hamilton said that as a child, she read "voraciously. We — my older brother and I — were sort of ritually read to when we were younger, when we were learning to read. It was part of the social life. It was a way to gain access to privacy. It was both of those things in an interesting way."

The first book she recalled as really wowing her was *Where the Wild Things Are*. "It's still a wonderful book to read. I still love to read it. My grandmother read us *The Secret Garden*. And I loved Beatrix Potter.

"Someone said recently that a lot of children have an English

"It's haunting to read letters...because you're caught up in the moment where the letter writers can't see the arc of their lives, but after they die, we do."

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"My Closet Threw a Party" by Robyn Parnell is read for pajama-rama story time, Monday, June 27, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

"Gardening for Little Sprouts," class for kids four through six years old on Tuesday, June 28, 9 a.m., boasts "hands-on gardening, crafts, stories, snack," at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$25.

"Squiggly Wiggly and His Garden Pals," another class for kids in that age range, is Thursday, June 30, 9 a.m. Participants will discover secrets of tiny garden critters and how they become "special snacks." \$25. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Boy," this story of an adventurous cave-boy is showcased story on Tuesday, June 28, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Craft. 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Scrapbooking 101 for teens and preteens, Wednesday, June 29, at Cool Scrapbook Stuff (12305 Poway Road). Bring scissors, ruler, eight to ten photographs of one event. \$12. Times, registration: 858-679-9100. (POWAY)

MUSEUMS

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

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, "Building Bonita: Over 100 Years of Architecture in the Sweetwater Valley" focuses on the variety of structures built over the years in Sweetwater Valley. Architects Irving Gill and Richard Requa have work here, and there are "new and unique concepts such as the Sweetwater Dam and the Glen Abbey Memorial Park." Closes on Saturday, August 27.

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

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2005, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and

development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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

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

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Assault on Conscience
State Bill Would Force Pharmacists to Dispense Emergency Contraceptives
BY MARGA KENNEDY
Saying that women are at risk of not being able to fill prescriptions for contraceptives, Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice California have joined forces and have enlisted California state senator Deborah Ortiz (D-Sacramento) to introduce a bill in the state to protect the women's "right."
According to Planned Parenthood and NARAL, Pro-Choice California, there is a need by pro-life pharmacists to refuse to dispense emergency contraceptives or other birth control methods if they are not personally convinced of their safety and effectiveness. The bill states that an-
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...position on the family issue. This was in connection with... I had been the oldest brother and... to ensure my younger brothers would have had a very bright... education and job."

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childhood because the great children's books by and large are English. Everybody has some imaginative idea of what a Yorkshire moor looks like."

The first "adult" book that Ms. Hamilton recalls loving was not a book but poetry. "My Dutch grandmother and my American father both read a lot of poetry to me. They both read me Wallace Stevens and T.S. Eliot when I was 11 or 12. The first books that I remember buying with my own money were Faber paperbacks of *The Waste Land and Other Poems* and *Selected Poems of Wallace Stevens*. I bought them both on the same day. Those were the first grownup books that totally mystified me. I was in love with the sound of the poems."

Ms. Hamilton attended Georgetown Day School in D.C. In the eighth grade she'd been bassist in a girl band. "It would have helped if I could play, but we were very bad. We were terrible. We were called 'The Outsiders.'" She went on to Kenyon College, where Lowell studied. For her M.A. in creative writing and English, Ms. Hamilton attended NYU.

I had wondered how someone born ten years before Lowell's death was chosen to edit Lowell's letters. Ms. Hamilton explained. "It's a funny little history or a strange little history, or, should we say, an unpredictable history. When I was in graduate school, someone said, 'Elizabeth Hardwick [Lowell's second wife] needs secretarial help.'"

"I went to her apartment [on Manhattan's west side], the apartment that she shared with Lowell, where she still lives, and she said, 'I have this whole room full of Cal's [one of Lowell's nicknames was Cal] things.' She wanted to get them in order. She said, 'I don't want to die and have my daughter have to do it. I don't want to leave that burden with her.'"

"So she hired me to catalog all these papers. In the early 1970s, Lowell sold his papers to Harvard. But a lot was kept back, intimate stuff, and that's what she had. There was correspondence through the course of their marriage and divorce. There were Elizabeth Bishop letters that had been kept back. Things like that."

Ms. Hamilton said, about Elizabeth Hardwick, the ex-Mrs. Lowell, "I was very mindful at the time of not intruding on her pri-

vacy. I was quite young, but even at that age I could imagine that it might not be pleasant to have somebody going through your private papers. I remember that during the time I did this that the confirmation hearings of now-Justice Souter were going on. Hardwick, of course, reads everything and follows political developments avidly. She would drift down occasionally and tell me some funny anecdote about what was going on in the hearings. She, Elizabeth Hardwick, was very, very witty and wonderful.

"For the most part, she left me alone in this room to go through this lifetime of correspondence. I tried not to read them because I thought, 'It would be nosy of me.' And I just wasn't comfortable doing it."

"But occasionally I would have to look at something, to get a sense of the context from which it was written, that kind of thing. There were sentences that I would catch that were haunting. There would be letters apologizing for something and writing that things were going to be better in the future. Or he would apologize for something he'd done when he was ill and write, 'Next year, I'll get over this.'"

"I remember thinking that it's

haunting to read letters for that reason. Because you're caught up in the moment where the letter writers themselves can't see the arc of their lives, but after they die, we do. We know the plot, but they don't. I hadn't studied letters before, and that was the first time that occurred to me."

Ms. Hamilton believed that it was 1989 when she first began sorting the Lowell letters in the apartment where he and Ms. Hardwick had lived. "And then," said Ms. Hamilton, "in 1995, Paul Mariani's biography of Lowell [*Lost Puritan: A Life of Robert Lowell*] was published. In the same year, Elizabeth Bishop's letters were published. Paul Mariani's biography takes snippets of letters in order to move his narrative forward. There were a few that he quoted that I remembered from this cataloging work that I had done. So I asked Lowell's literary executor, Frank Bidart, what had become of Lowell's letters and said that since Bishop's letters were now published, and there was interest in this generation, that if anyone did Lowell's letters, I would love to work as his or her assistant."

"Bidart said, 'Write me a letter about that, and I'll send it along to the publisher.' I did. I hadn't

written to Elizabeth Hardwick because I didn't want to bother her. But I suddenly began to feel I was being very rude. That it would be weird for her to hear about this from the publisher without having heard from me."

"So I sent her a note saying that I would love to assist whoever might do a letters project. She phoned me right away and said that she had phoned Lowell's publisher and said that I should do the job."

"Did you jump up and down?"

"I couldn't believe it. I was pleased, yes. I felt it was quite a responsibility. I wasn't an academic, I wasn't a Lowell scholar. Who was I? But that's how it started."

"How did your work on the Lowell letters change your life?"

"In lots of ways. First of all, there was the immersion in somebody's life in that way, especially somebody like Lowell who was brilliant but also had a manic brilliance, which meant a kind of wildly allusive brilliance. You might say that I went to the Graduate School of Robert Lowell. It was an extraordinary education."

"I didn't pursue a doctorate, although I had considered it and sometimes wished I'd done it. I did the letters instead, an

immersion in scholarship and the history of the period during which Lowell lived."

"He came of age and into his own as an artist right at the beginning of American Imperialism. So his relationship to himself as an American, should we say, is interesting and complicated. He knew not only everyone in the literary world, but he knew everyone beyond that world—the Kennedys and so on and so forth."

"He changed me intellectually. I grew enormously from the experience. I learned also just the daily discipline. For a long time when I was working on this project I worked full-time, nine-to-five, in jobs that were quite demanding of my time. I also began to figure out why the academic calendar is organized the way it is. Because when you're trying to do sustained work, and it's constantly interrupted, it takes much, much longer because you're always trying to retrace yourself and then hop on the train again. I had decided that I would transcribe everything I could get a hold of before beginning to select. So I would get up very early in the morning and I would spend weekends transcribing the letters."

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adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

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

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped

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

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

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

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

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

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is lo-

cated in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Founding Parents of Lemon Grove" details first 30 years

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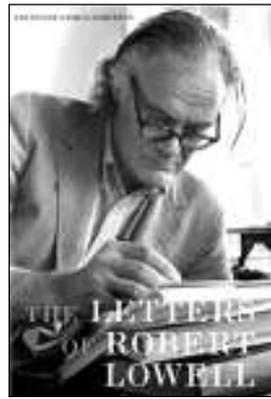
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We talked then about how a book, once it's finished, takes on a life of its own. "And, of course," said Ms. Hamilton, "as a friend once said to me: 'It could go on forever. It's as long as a piece of string.' The other thing is that I know there are things I missed. There must be. There are always unconscious things slipping out.

"I was dreading publication for that reason, and my friend said, 'Just think of publication as a tax you pay to be a reader.' So I figure that occasionally the time comes that you have to contribute.

And then you can go back again into the anonymous life of a reader."

"Did you leave a lot out?"
"Yes. There was much, much more. It was quite a job to get it little enough to be publishable in one volume. I was encouraged by my editor to keep cutting and keep cutting and keep cutting.

"Toward the end every cut was incredibly painful, but the shape of the whole improved. I'm sure that one day there'll be a multivolume edition of Lowell's letters. They're still finding Balzac's letters. It takes so long to find all the letters that somebody wrote. But yes, there are many wonderful letters I couldn't include. Wonderful letters to very dear friends."

When I began reading the Lowell letters and learned how young Ms. Hamilton was, I thought, "What an education in adult lives this project must have been."

Ms. Hamilton agreed. "With Lowell it's particularly striking because he suffered from bipolar disorder at a time when the medical treatments were so limited. Even now they are limited. But back then it was worse. His experiences led him to doubt that the self really could be possessed as an action, as it were."

"In part perhaps that was what attracted him to the Catholic Church."

"I think so. I think just the structure and order of the Church. Lowell was the maker of so much suffering in his manic periods, maker of his own suffering and suffering of his family. When he was well, he had to live with the person he was when he was unwell. He had to build his relationships and his friendships and yet take responsibility—not to say, 'That's the mania talking.' He knew that the mania was part of himself. And he was troubled by that."

"I think also that his illness gave him a very tender conscience."

"That's right. I remember when I was younger, reading the poem 'Middle 1964':

Father, forgive me
my injuries,
as I forgive
those I
have injured!
You never climbed
Mount Zion, yet left dinosaur
death-steps on the crust,
where I must walk.

"I think I wasn't old enough yet, I hadn't lived long enough, to intuit what he was

saying in that poem. I remember thinking he was very egotistical. It wasn't until later, as Lowell's character began to open for me in the process of doing this project, that I understood that what he was saying was that when you injure somebody, that person feels your worst. And it's sadly a very common human behavior not to forgive the person you've injured or not to be forgiven by somebody who has injured you.

"Lowell understood this. And the insight in that

Father, forgive me
my injuries,
as I forgive
those I
have injured!

opened up a whole new world to me.

"Even now, I think a lot of people's impression of Lowell is of egotism. He certainly had moments, but most of that was symptomatic of his illness, and when he was well he was anything but.

"A friend of Lowell's once said that when he was well he was incredibly attentive. Egotistical people tend to not be curious

about other people, or attentive to them, or interested in who they are and their feelings. In fact, Lowell was extremely attentive.

"Most people, when they buy a book of letters, they dip into it like an anthology. And yet, I think that this book can be read from cover to cover as a true biography. As a study of character, it's fascinating. Lowell was a conscientious objector during World War II; he was passionately involved in the civil rights and antiwar movement of the '60s. He internalized the violence in the real world.

"So the tension was, again, tension between those two poles—inner and outer violence. Bob Hass's essay on Lowell's 'The Quaker Graveyard of Nantucket' [in 'Lowell's Graveyard' in *Twentieth Century Pleasures*] gets at the violence of the language.

"Unlike, say, Blake or Rimbaud, there's no glamorizing of illness in Lowell's work or his life. For me, as a young poet, his poems went against the grain and took me a while. I almost think Lowell is an adult, acquired taste.

"The relationship between the world and inspiration is not just theoretical. It's lived inside.

There's an amazing sentence of his where he writes, 'Even his survival has had to be fought and fought for.' So that the poetic decisions that he makes have incredible resonance in the way he wrote about his lived life and in conversations with friends.

"I think there was exhaustion, culturally, after his death. He took up so much room. I think there was a sigh of relief or a turning away from him. Enough time has now passed. I think the publication of the *Collected Poems* was the most important moment. But I hope the Letters help also.

"He came of age during a time when writers and scholars and thinkers were trying to describe the aesthetic experience of a poem and trying to find a way to talk about it that was helpful and not obfuscating the work. You read the great poems of *Life Studies*, or any of his work, really; they teem with him. If you slow down to the pace and attend to it, it's just extraordinary what happens underneath the surface of those poems. He's wonderful to read. I hope that I honored him enough to introduce him to new readers and help bring back old readers that have turned away from him." ■

—Judith Moore

ers and orchardists.

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

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

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

Ongoing exhibitions include "The Swing of Things: The Science of Motion and Perception," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," "TryScience!," and

"Skyscapes." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day"

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

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

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

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

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history

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

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

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

22 children and grandchildren of featured *santeros*.

"Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Age" explores how humans survived the extreme cold, how their cultural and social behavior was affected by climate, and how artistic expression became part of their daily lives. Exhibit includes casts of rare Ice Age animal fossils, cast replica of complete Neanderthal skeleton, Ice Age artifacts and ceremonial objects. Through January 2006.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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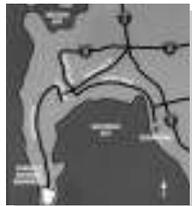
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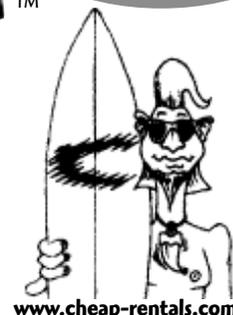
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Mainly Mozart Festival 2005, annual musical series concludes when Festival Orchestra presents concert on Saturday, June 25, 8 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Program includes Beethoven's "Overture: Coriolan," "Chamber Symphony" by Schreker, and Mozart's "Piano Concerto No. 23 in A" and "Symphony No. 35 in D (Haffner)." Tickets: \$18-\$78. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (DOWNTOWN)

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The Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series continues with koto and wind synth music by Masayo Norikura and Robert B. Williams, Wednesday, June 29, 12:30 p.m., on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Admission is free, parking is not. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Masks, Formal Wear, and 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 Miserables*. Tickets: \$25, \$35, \$50. 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

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So goes the P.R., at least until they winter at their Palm Beach estate and every last one becomes as two-sided as a Victorian hypocrite. Fitch has been philandering; son Lance would like to, but the times prevent his preference; daughter Victoria might consider stepping out (a step up for the hypochondriac who prefers writing poetry to living it). The only Fitch who isn't double-

faced, it turns out, is Jessica. She's honest, and never conceals that she's also a scheming, backstabbing conniver.

Palm Beach also functions as a magnet of hope. A Depression chokes the country, World War's coming (thanks in large measure to Fitch's munitions). For young Lise, a "showgirl from the wrong side of the East River," Palm Beach could be just the spot to turn her life around. As it could for ace-reporter Max, whom Lise just dumped.

Palm Beach is set in 1939. To emphasize the shift from Manhattan to Florida, the La Jolla Playhouse production pays tribute to a movie made that year. The early NYC scenes are in silver, gray, and black; Palm Beach scenes in a ripe Technicolor — the reds red; the blues blue. Just like the hyper-colors that greet Dorothy and Toto when they deplane from the flying house.

"Millionaires are funny," Preston Sturges wrote in his autobiography. Along with inventing a kiss-proof lipstick, Sturges directed hilarious French farces, labeled "screwball comedies." In *The Palm Beach Story* (1942), for example, Tom and Gerry — played by Joel McCrea and Claudette Colbert, and yes, their names suggest the cartoon mice — get a divorce so she can marry a rich Palm Beacher and funnel money back to Tom for his inventions.

At the La Jolla Playhouse, the entire evening's a Preston Sturges movie. The production, di-

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Anastasia Barzee in *Palm Beach*, the Screwball Musical

Palm Beach, the Screwball Musical, book by Robert Cary and Benjamin Feldman, music by David Gursky, lyrics by Cary

La Jolla Playhouse, Mandell Weiss Theatre, UCSD, La Jolla

Directed by Des McAnuff; cast: Anastasia Barzee, Matt Cavenaugh, John Alban Coughlan, Ryan Hilliard, Chris Hoch, Heather Lee, Erica Piccinni, Noah Racey, Clarke Thorell, Amanda Watkins; scenic design, Klara Kieglerova; costumes, Paul Tazewell; lighting, Howell Binkley; sound, Andrew Keister; choreography, Debbie Roshe
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rected by Des McAnuff, teaches a master class in period style. Like human teletypes, everyone talks in rapid patter. And most of the voices, typical of Sturges's characters, float an octave above what

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The three-level set's as fluid as the performers. Revolves spin furniture on and off like an ever-changing merry-go-round. The costumes range from chic to classic, and the hairstyles — pomade-slick men, women in curls upon ringlets — jump from the pages of *Vogue*.

Debbie Roshe's choreography has the speed and snap of '30s musicals. You could barely park a small sedan on the mini-thrust stage, however. And the dancers don't have room to strut. Production numbers, even when executed to stop-watch perfection (and needlessly sound-enhanced), feel cramped. In "To Serve You," Noah Racey solves the problem by going vertical: he tap dances on a pommel horse.

In the show's best number, "A Bad Man Is Easy To Find," the asthmatic Victoria and main chance-hunting Liz literally kick it up. Both have been jilted. As they commiserate over cocktails, they realize they have something in common and begin to sing. From the start the song has showstopper written all over it. But the actors are in character: Liz and Victoria aren't pushing it. They may be too drunk to justify that. For a second or two, the number feels like an opportunity missed. Then... wait! They're drunk, therefore they finally can cut loose. Erica Piccinni and Amanda Watkins scat sing and dance on a pool table unforgettably.

The cast is high caliber. Standouts include: Watkins, who sings, dances, and cartwheels up to a man's shoulders; Heather Lee as ditsy, piccolo-pitch-voiced Mrs. Fitch; Clark Thorell's snappy, take-charge Max; and John Alban Coughlan, whose singing

of "To Be A Proper Servant" (a G&S inspired tune about how to keep the idle rich idle) is a highlight.

The production captures the period, as do many of David Gursky's songs. And the book has smart one-liners (as when servant Jimmy tells her "forget our stations, Victoria"), and enough twists, surprises, and found foundling children for three or four farces: the Fitch family is more extended than meets the eye. The result is a light, undemanding, entertaining evening that, at the same time, feels hermetically sealed on the stage.

There's so much technical virtuosity and sprint pacing that neither the performers nor the audience have room to breathe. This would be less of a problem if the musical weren't also trying to make comparisons to today (the cult of family values, double moral standards, inferior superiors in high public office). But amid the whirl, these come off not as sharp satiric barbs but as passive-aggressive afterthoughts. *Palm Beach* is a fun comedy of errors, with emphasis on the comedy — the errors falling where they may. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Actors Alliance Festival of Short Plays

I want to plug this enterprise, sight unseen. The 12th annual Actors festival offers more than 100 local actors, directors, and playwrights the chance to showcase themselves in new or rarely produced work (this year's directors, for example, include some of the best in town:



Amy's View

Scott Feldsher, Rosina Reynolds, Antonio "T.J." Johnson). The actors often perform on a bare stage, or with few props, against a black background. Costumes range from off the rack to off one's clothes hanger (or floor). The emphasis isn't on visual display: it's on acting. Each evening has three or four short plays. Not every one will be a showstopper. Some get chosen for juicy roles rather than for telling a good story or making a dramatic point. But the percentage of quality work is high. And every now and then you'll find a jewel.

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Amy's View

David Hare's drama has little to do with its title (she's convinced that love conquers all). It's much more about the poles in Amy's life: domineering mother Esme, a popular actor; and husband Dominic, a proto-fascist lambaster of the arts and budding film director. Esme and Dominic fight like siblings: she

for life, dreams, truth, beauty; he for power, control, dominance. Critics have praised the "ideas" in *Amy's View* but beneath the bickering lurks a facile opposition between creation (Esme) and destruction (Dominic): right brain, left brain, and ne'er the twain shall meet — Hare's view. The North Coast Rep's production also stacks the deck. While everyone else wears summery hues, Brandon Ford's Dominic dresses in black. Ford tries to make him more than a strawman/dog. But the character's a one-noter, just a few rungs up from 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.

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

I will never say that you "must" see a show. What you must do is your own business. But please, if you love live theater, do not miss Cygnet's *Cat*. It's wonderful. In effect, Tennessee Williams didn't write a play; he wrote a symphony of emotions, from "soft" to extreme, in three movements. Under Sean Murray's expert direction (and on his handsome, 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 feline, determined Maggie. Tom Stephenson's understated Gooper and Melissa Fernandes's really pregnant Mae give three-dimensional support. And Sandra Ellis-Troy and Jim Chovik bookend the play as larger-than-life Big Mama and Daddy. The production's best feature: it supplies no easy answers. In this it follows Williams's request: "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."

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

Stella Gibbons wrote as if she always got a good night's sleep. Some call her *Cold Comfort Farm* the funniest book ever written (Rabelais's *Gargantua*'s got it beat, but in no cakewalk). *Comfort* parodies the gloomy romance novels of agricultural life popular in the early 1930s. Convinced they were "sheer flapdoodle," Gibbons plunks Flora Post, a young (and controlling, and so self-controlled she's "a masterpiece of repressed passion") sophisticated in its midst, to tidy things up. Paul Doust's adaptation has problems — with rhythms and a need to tie, then re-tie loose ends. But he's transformed Gibbons's voice, and humor, to the stage. So has, with a severe exception, Lamb's Players Theatre. Employing a Gothic-Goofy style, hunkering around like simians, the rural Starkadder family gets played so over-the-top that mere silliness rules. The actors end up parodying themselves. This wears thin. Fast. But then Doren Elias dazzles as Mr. Neck, a Hollywood producer/blazing comet, and Sarah Zimmerman, usually given ensemble roles, stars as Flora. Dressed (by Jeanne Reith, costume master) 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.

Worth a try.

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.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Moonlight Stage Productions opens its summer season with the story of Belle, a sorceress's spell, and a Beast. The production's best feature: it supplies no easy answers. In this it follows Williams's request: "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."

The Fantasticks

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For Reasons That Remain Unclear

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Cold Comfort Farm

patches that needed excision. But to the credit of director Kirsten Brandt, and a quality cast: Mark Espinosa as an NYPD blue supercop; 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 proings, by indications the conflict in the lobby begin to find directions out.

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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 ingénue; David McBean tightrope-walking spotlight 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 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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Worth a try.

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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.

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Palm Beach: the Screwball Musical

Reviewed this issue. 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.

The Roar of the Greasepaint, the Smell of the Crowd

Starlight opens its summer season with a 40th anniversary production of the Anthony Newley/Leslie Bricusse musical, which features such favorites as "Who Can I Turn To?" and "My Way." STARLIGHT THEATRE, STARLIGHT BOWL, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, JUNE 23, THROUGH JUNE 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-7827.

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 au-



Lobby Hero

dience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read

about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

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ented 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.

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Belly Up vs. House of Blues? "They need to understand they can't make a living on what the Belly Up did," says Belly Up Tavern

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talent buyer Jeff Gaulton.

What the House of Blues did was snag Neil Diamond tribute band Super Diamond. This Bay Area group has delivered sold-out crowds to the Belly Up for seven years. The Belly Up responded to the House of Blues' talent siphon by bringing in Hot August Night, a new Neil Diamond band from L.A. Hot August Night made its debut at the North County venue last Friday.

Gaulton says he would welcome Super Diamond

should they wish to return. Super Diamond agent Daniel Swan says that House of Blues did not forbid his band from returning to the Belly Up.

Could there be an oversaturation of bands that emulate Diamond? Swan didn't want to comment. Gaulton sees no problem; the

Gaslamp Quarter and North County are separate markets. Gaulton notes that longtime Belly Up reggae artist Don Carlos played the House of Blues on May 27 and "...he will be back to play for us in August."

— Ken Leighton

Altruistic Love Animal
Word on the street was that Jose Sinatra and the Troy Dante Inferno were about to take to the road again. The performer and sidemen haven't toured since April of

2001. That was the "bizarre" (according to Sinatra) Australian tour engineered by a vacationing Australian who caught the act at Java Joe's. The performer and band met "a great response" Down Under and were mobbed by



JOSE EYES LAS COLINAS FOR TOUR KICK-OFF

young girls — really.

As to the word on the street, truth is, "It's an offshoot of something that has happened in recent years," Sinatra said while fondling a volume of *Jack the Ripper* at Wahrenbrock's Books. "I found at many of our shows there have been ladies whose boyfriends — and in many cases,

husbands — have been off in other lands fighting for America's freedom...or, that's what they think they're fighting for. But these women are lonely, frankly — needy in some strange way. Usually I get to that emptiness as deeply as I can with one-on-one sessions after the shows. They are easy to talk to, they're compliant, and I seemed to have helped them. If I ease just one lady's loneliness, then I haven't lived for nothing, you know?"

"While their boyfriends or significant others are doing whatever they're doing...I can bring so much happiness and literally screams of joy from these ladies through my music or personal counseling. But what about the ladies who can't get out to see myself and the Troy Dante Quintessence or Quintet or whatever they are? I was thinking about the ladies who are incarcerated.

"Women's prisons are just that. There are no men there. How can you get a feeling of love and intimacy that only a man can give a woman in a place like that?"

"Troy and I randomly spun the globe one day and our fingers landed at Las

Colinas; next time, a women's prison in Iowa and so on. Always a women's prison — at least 10 percent of these places. We started organizing the Hands Across Jose Tour. We'll play for women who are political prisoners or maybe...psychotic murderers. But even they have some sense of humanity or womanity. We have to give back some...thing.

"If we can touch one person deeply enough that they change their whole life, that person is...an idiot."

Jose Sinatra and the Troy Dante Inferno play the O.B. Street Fair June 25.

— John Brizzolara

Harder to Cross the Border for Eek-A-Mouse. "Rumor has it he can't get back in this country," says Coach House Records CEO John Bullard about his label's dancehall-reggae star.

For the past 15 summers, you could find "Mouse" playing about every other week somewhere in Southern California; he's played the Belly Up, Canes, the Blvd., and 4th&B.

"He was definitely the most active reggae artist in

California," says Russell Gerlach, who compiles and sends out a free weekly reggae calendar (reggaeruss@aol.com). "Some say he would



EЕК! IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS!

actually play too much. Little clubs, big clubs — he'd play anywhere."

But, so far this summer, no Mouse. Two promoters say they have learned that he is trying to resolve immigration problems.

Local reggae impresario Makeda Dread has booked Mouse at shows on both sides of the border. She recalls a Mouse moment 14 years ago.

"One time he had immigration problems in Tijuana. He couldn't get back

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in. I had to get a hotel room for him. So, he upgraded to a more expensive room, which I had to pay for. I had to keep sending him cheese [cash]. He goes through money so fast.”

— Ken Leighton

Not So Stupid “What do indie musicians and Tupperware have in common?” That’s what an article in the June 20 issue of *Newsweek* ponders as it suggests local O.B. reggae-rockers Slightly Stoopid have



SLIGHTLY STOOPID HAS MARKET SAVVY

tapped into a hipper version of “Mom’s Tupperware parties” to sell CDs.

The article notes the trend of small-label bands holding pre-release parties in dorm rooms and at coffee shops to get fans to pre-order CDs. The fans get T-shirts and other swag, and the band gets an improved first-week Soundscan sales figure.

Newsweek quoted Slightly Stoopid manager Matt Phillips: “If a hard-core fan will spread the word to their

community of friends, that’s better than radio or MTV or anything.”

One insider wonders why the band didn’t send a copy of their fifth album to radio stations. The band’s music label released *Closer to the Sun* on April 19. “Stations can’t play it if they don’t have a copy,” says the insider.

“We do things independently,” says Phillips about the radio problem. “We don’t have the budget to solicit radio.... This is a band the fans love but the industry doesn’t give them a break.” Phillips says 25,000 copies of *Closer to the Sun* have been sold.

— Ken Leighton

End Times (cont’d)

“The days are over when a single local independent promoter will dominate the local scene,” says longtime

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the local rock scene. Pagni was the first. In the late ’60s and early ’70s, he brought Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix, Elvis, and the Moody Blues to town. Marc Berman became the next local rock-concert kingfish, hosting Cheap Trick, Fleetwood Mac, and Def Leppard. College promoters Mike Fahn (of SDSU) and Bill Silva (of UCSD) formed Fahn & Silva and supplanted Berman as the leading local promoter by hooking up with new-wave artists such as Blondie and the Police.

“Berman missed the trend,” says Schiffman. “He was into classic rock.”

After Fahn and Silva split, Silva emerged as the dominant promoter. The era of the individual promoter ended in San Diego when Silva sold his Bill Silva Presents to Universal Concerts in 1997. House of Blues Concerts later acquired Universal. With the exception of a few cities like Chicago and Washington D.C., Schiffman says the concert industry is controlled by major corporations such as HoB Concerts and Clear Channel Entertainment.

“It’s a real estate game,” says Schiffman. “Whoever

controls the venues controls the game.”

— Ken Leighton

The Deadheads’ Holy Grail

— tapes of every concert the band has ever played — is within grasp, thanks to a phone call from the former wife of onetime Dead keyboardist Keith



GOOD STUFF IN GODCHAUX’S STASH

Godchaux. Official Dead archivist David Lemieux says Donna Jean Godchaux-Mackay called a few months ago to say she had a box of tapes given to her husband in 1971 by Jerry Garcia.

“They were all live shows from summer 1971, none of which have ever circulated

[among Deadheads], and the band has never had copies.... Jerry was always giving out tapes. It was so [Godchaux] could learn the songs...he ended up storing them on his parents’ houseboat in Alameda, and that’s where they sat for over 30 years, until Keith’s brother and son were cleaning up and found them.” Keith Godchaux died in a 1980 car crash.

Among the stash is the so-far-uncirculated 8/7/71 San Diego concert, which has been chosen for use in its entirety on *Dick’s Picks #35*, the newest edition in the Dead’s compilation series.

— Jay Allen Sanford

We So Hungry

When the Neville Brothers appear at Humphrey’s on June 24, in the tuning room, they want a bottle of V-8 juice, a bag each of “individually packed cookies” and “individually wrapped candy” as well as a “large bag or box of any sort of healthy snack (surprise us!).” They want their bus stocked with canned chicken and tuna and no fewer than 16 “extra large” cans of Campbell’s chunky soup (“vegetable beef, chicken noodle, vegetable, beef sirloin, bean”).

Before the Wallflowers play Humphrey’s on June 25, front man Jakob Dylan insists that promoters “make absolutely no reference to ‘Bob Dylan’s son’ in any and all advertising and billing, including print and radio.” They’ll make a deal with local radio stations to provide a hundred giveaway tickets “in exchange for \$1000 radio time invoiced.” Their backstage dinner should include two hot entrées (“no casseroles or fried foods”), three steamed fresh vegetables (“broccoli, asparagus, corn [or] peas”), baked potatoes or steamed rice and desserts (“homemade and gourmet”).

When Journey play Coors Amphitheatre June 29, they want “a qualified ear, nose, and throat doctor; an internist with hospital privileges...and a chiropractor...” on call. In addition, “We will need the services of a certified licensed experienced massage therapist on show day at the venue.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Singer/songwriter Tom Brosseau doesn't mind people calling his music old-timey. After all, he learned to play at the feet of his father and grandfather, who were in a pre-rock band together called Buck and the Buccaneers (and whose album collections were, to say the least, vintage). "I am an old soul, and so I think that comes out in my voice," says Brosseau. "My favorite songwriters are George and Ira and also Cole Porter and Jerome Kern. I don't really play the guitar very well, but I use it as a guide, and so sometimes it's more like vaudeville." The Grand Forks, North Dakota, native moved to San Diego in 2001 and quickly became one half of the American Folk Singers with Gregory Page. "I got taken under his wing; he was the first person I met [in San Diego]. A gal by the name of Genevieve Mantle introduced me to him. She was a fan of his. So many women love Gregory Page. So many men do, too."

The duo's first album was taped in Page's living room over two days, through an old phonograph. Page also ended up working on Brosseau's solo CDs, which are similarly evocative of railroad hobos, yodeling contests, and barnyard hoedowns. For Brosseau's new album, *What I Mean to Say Is Goodbye*, producer Sam Jones brought in players like Benmont Tench (keyboardist from Tom Petty's band) and Pete Thomas (Elvis Costello's drummer). A CD-release party takes place Friday, June 24, at the North Park Vaudeville Theater. Gregory Page shares the bill.

SOMETHING FEW KNOW ABOUT PAGE AND POLTZ?

"Well, Gregory Page only takes baths; he's a bather. Steve Poltz is, and always was, a big fan of classical music."

LISTS

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

FIVE DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

1. *U-Turn* ("To remind me of Arizona. My favorite movie, I might add.")
2. *Chinatown*
3. The Unabridged Bible, narrated by Charlton Heston ("I could think of nothing better to watch than this day after day on a deserted island.")
4. *Buster Keaton Series* ("You can buy this DVD for \$1 at Target.")
5. *Planxty Live 2004* ("Featuring all the bandmates, including Christy Moore.")

BEST LOCAL GIG EVER PLAYED?

"The San Diego Roots Festival, 2004. It was fun to play on a stage with Gregory Page and Angela Correa, with Floyd Fronius on violin. I like to play music with my friends. There was a lovely crowd, and we played outside on a stage set up next to Rosie O'Grady's. The sun was out, and the day was really nice."

FAVORITE READING MATERIAL?

1. *Cabinet Magazine* ("Great little quarterly with articles you never knew you wanted to read about and super pictures.")
2. *Death in the Afternoon* ("I never get tired of this Hemingway novel, which tells factual accounts of matadors.")
3. *The Fall* ("The book I will one day turn into a



Tom Brosseau

movie, written by Albert Camus, my favorite writer. There are very few passages in this book in quotations, which leads me to believe whatever conversation the main character is having is all in his head.")

4. *Wallpaper Magazine* ("Great UK publication. Lots of neat stories and designs and pictures.")
5. *Papermag* ("New York publication on film, arts, music.")

BEST LOCAL EATERIES?

1. The Turf Club, Golden Hill ("You cook your own meal. I like the #1, sirloin steak with a salad. The #1 is around \$6.75; salad is an additional \$1.75 or something like that.")
2. Hash House A Go Go, Hillcrest ("Their big

plates make the food appear small, but their portions of food are really large...they have a great drip coffee, which I have found hard to find. I like their homemade biscuits and honey, \$1.95 each.")

3. The Antique Row Cafe, Normal Heights ("It's been around for a while — an old kind of diner where you can pretty much guess what they have on the menu. I would most likely get eggs and bacon and grits.")

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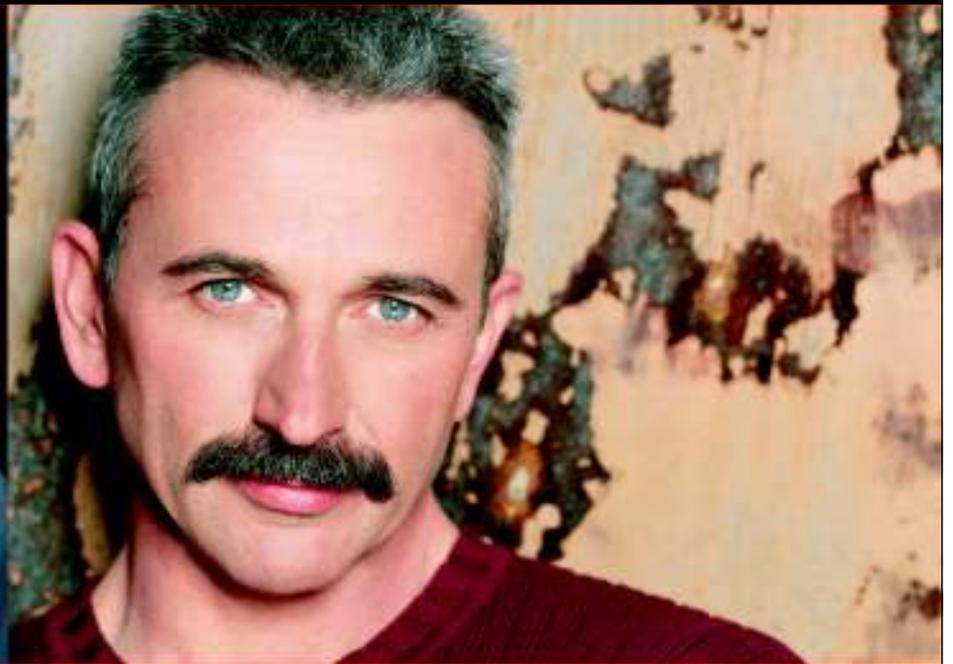
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The Spin Doctors [594] and the **Gin Blossoms:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 23, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Bo Diddley [967]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 23, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

The Robin Nolan Trio: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, June 24, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Jo Dee Messina: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, June 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Neville Brothers and Shemekia Copeland: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 24, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, June 24, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Lowen & Navarro [286]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Wallflowers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

David Byrne: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 27, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

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 Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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W.A.S.P.: House of Blues, Wednesday, June 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Kelly Clarkson: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Whitesnake: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, June 29, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Chris Isaak: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Dwight Yoakam [779]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, June 30, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

JULY

Junior Brown: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, July 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Billy Idol [599]: House of Blues, Friday, July 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Chris Isaak: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 1, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Jaguaires [301]: House of Blues, Saturday, July 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli: Canes, Saturday, July 2, 3105 Ocean Front Walk. 858-488-1780 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.

Ozomatli: Canes, Sunday, July 3, 3105 Ocean Front Walk. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

From my notebook: "The **Neville Brothers** driven by spirits, incandescent, raw and physical, energy arcing from their pores. Ancient messengers from the weirdest city of all, New Orleans. Creole. Swamp. Bebop, jazz, and Afro-Caribbean rhythms. Neo-shamanism. **Cyril** singing, my favorite of the brothers, presiding over the funk mayhem, head bobbing, singing off-track against the downbeat. Eerie. Keith Richards, always with one ear plugged into the strange, calls *Fiyo on the Bayou* the best album out that year."

Maybe it was. I wrote those words during a screening of *Lightning in a Bottle*, a blues commemorative filmed by Martin Scorsese. How the Neville Brothers got included into a blues retrospective is a mystery, but their presence lit up the evening.

The Neville Brothers are old cats now. Since the mid-'50s, the Nevilles have been fundamental to any sound that has come from New Orleans. Separately, the four brothers have touched a lot of music. Before they formed the family band in the '70s they appeared individually and in various bands (the Meters, for example). They found anonymous fame working behind the likes of Ray Charles and B.B. King and Little Richard.

Of the brothers, **Art Neville** struck first in 1954 with a recording that became the theme song of Mardi Gras, the pre-Lent bash where even the most churchgoing of moms may bare their breasts in public for plastic beads. But Aaron — onstage, stoic as an oak — had the bigger hit. "Tell It Like It Is" was a showcase for his heartbreak tenor. As a kid, he was said to have fallen for doo-wop and the yodeling cowboys in the movies. Over 60, he still shifts



NEVILLE BROTHERS

in and out of falsetto without effort. He is the only one of the Nevilles who doesn't play an instrument, but he doesn't have to. "God gave me my own instrument," he once told a reporter. "My voice."

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NEVILLE BROTHERS, Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 24, 7:30 p.m. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497. \$42.

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

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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

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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

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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 619-220-8497.

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, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Julio Iglesias [608]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Hootie & the Blowfish [580]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

X: House of Blues, Thursday, July 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 14, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, July 15, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Alanis Morissette [228]: Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, July 15, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Heart: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, July 15, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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The Alkaline Trio [345]: Soma, Saturday, July 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Ray Lamontagne: House of Blues, Saturday, July 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Maldita Vecindad: House of Blues, Tuesday, July 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The 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 [477]: 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.

LeAnn Rimes [774]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, July 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Ted Nugent [596]: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 27, 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.

Rusted Root [279]: House of Blues, Thursday, July 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Street Scene featuring the **Killers**, the **Pixies**, the **White Stripes** [265], **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.

AUGUST

Marc Cohn and Suzanne Vega [469]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 1, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The B-52's: Palomar Starlight Theater, Monday, August 1, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Hank Williams Jr.: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Tuesday, August 2, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Chaka Khan: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 2, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

"B.B. King Blues Festival" featuring **B.B. King** [969], **Kenny Wayne Shepherd** [950], and **Joe Bonamassa**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 3, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Geoff Muldaur: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, August 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Gladys Knight [970]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 7, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 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.

Toby Keith [780]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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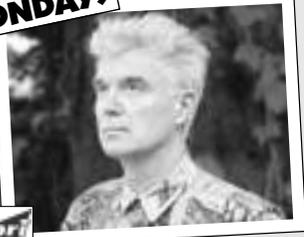
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Friday, August 5 • 7:30

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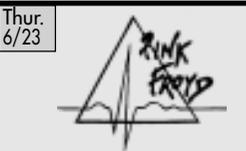


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The Eagles: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

"Hot Koz & Friends" featuring **Dave 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, 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.

Al Green [968]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 21, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

"Hot Summer Nights" featuring **Al Jarreau [558]** and the **Rippingtons:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Trio!" featuring **Stanley Clarke, Béla Fleck, and Jean-Luc Ponty:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 23, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Donna Summer [614]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

America [533] and Pure Prairie League: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Dave Matthews Band [288]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

John Mellencamp [569] and John Fogerty [598]: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 31, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Susan Tedeschi and Blind Boys of Alabama [953]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

Albie Cooper [571]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Aretha Franklin: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos [523] and Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes [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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Tony Bennett: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Jim Brickman [862]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Macy Gray [964]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 30, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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.

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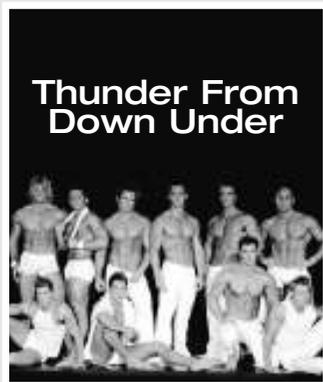
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Thicker Than Thieves [200]: Blind Melons
Till Your Heart Stops: Epicentre
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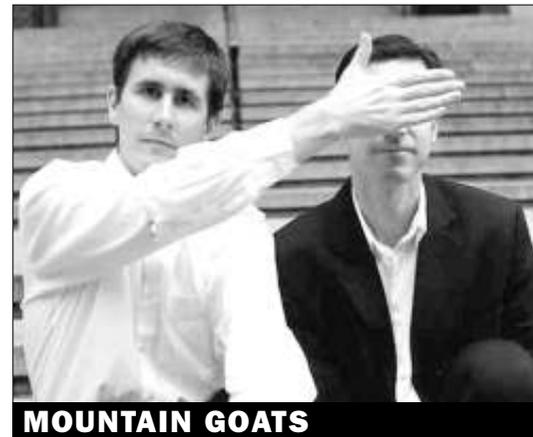
OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In "Dance Music," on the **Mountain Goats'** new album *The Sunset Tree*, **John Darnielle** paints a vivid scene: "I'm in the living room watching the Watergate hearings / While my stepfather yells at my mother. / Launches a glass across the room straight at her head / And I dash upstairs to take cover; / Lean in close to my little record player on the floor: / So, this is what the volume knob is for / I listen to dance music." Remarkable pieces of writing are nothing new for Darnielle, who was lauded recently in *the New Yorker* as "America's best non-hip-hop lyricist." (If there's a better lyricist in hip-hop, it's news to me.)

But "Dance Music" stands out for other reasons. After more than a decade of songs in which the amazingly prolific and literate Darnielle inhabited characters (a man and a woman locked in a violent relationship, an ancient victim of ritual sacrifice, Billy the Kid), starting with last year's *We Shall All Be Healed*, Darnielle started writing music that was clearly based on his own life.

But where other artists might have mined their unhappy childhoods to wallow in misery, Darnielle tells his personal story in order to liberate himself and his listeners. In the liner notes to *The Sunset Tree* Darnielle writes, "Made possible by my Stepfather... may the peace that eluded you in life be yours now." Darnielle goes on to dedicate the album to "Any young men and women anywhere who live with peo-



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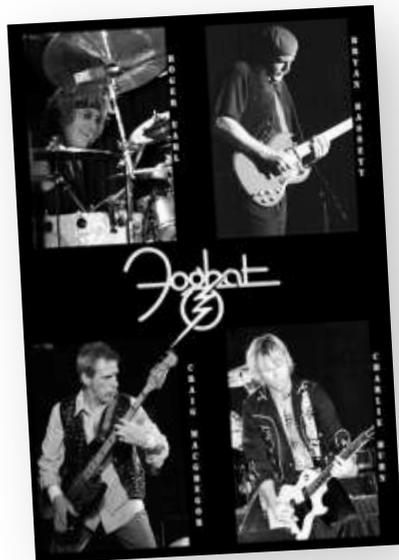
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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
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The Fabulous Pelicans: Danky's
The Heroes: Viejas Casino
Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House
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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze
Joseph Angelastro: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe
The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
The Big Easy Jazz Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn
Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe
John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Bruce Cameron: Aurora Trattoria
Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze
Joey Carano: Turquoise Cafe
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Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect, Dizzy's

James Forston: Cafe Cerise
The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Restaurant
Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze
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Danny Green: Portugalia
Dora Hall: Aurora Trattoria
Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: Belly Up Tavern, Lestat's Coffeehouse

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado
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The Chris Klich Jazz Quartet: Coyote Bar and Grill, Dizzy's
Chris Korblein: Humphrey's
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Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
Joe Marillo [645]: Dizzy's
Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Chris Mees: Cafe Cerise
Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn
The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar
Mystique: Jimmy Love's
Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill
Nova: Aurora Trattoria
Steve O'Connor: Dizzy's
Ronnie Ogden: Dizzy's

Sue Palmer [641]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill
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Primo: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel
Sambajazz: Scalini Restaurant
The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites
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The 2nd Avenue Jazz Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
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The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Gabriel Sundry: Cafe Cerise
The Swingtime Orchestra: Viejas Casino
Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado
Tony Taravella [655]: Espresso Yourself (Santee)
The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare
Danny Weller: Turquoise Cafe
Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Burnt: Dreamstreet
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The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote Bar and Grill
NZ Rough: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)
Quino: Humphrey's
Unsteady: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Coyote Moon: Mulvaney's
Southbound Johnny: Renegade Inn
Whiskey Ridge: Don's Cocktail Lounge

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

An Carraig: The Ould Sod
Banda Brazas: Turquoise Cafe
John Bosley: Crossroads Cafe & Coffeehouse
Boon Companion [833]: The Casbah
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub
Amelia Browning: Turquoise Cafe, Portugalia
Reeve Carney: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Celtic Wake: Tom Gibling's Irish Pub & Restaurant, R. O'Sullivan's
Chelsea & the Dreamcatchers: Blarney Stone Pub
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Chris Murphy: Tom Gibling's Irish Pub & Restaurant
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Tommy Price: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Joe Rathburn [871]: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Earon Rien: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Ron's Garage: Island Sports & Spirits, Dick's Last Resort, Hotel del Coronado
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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Backwater Blues Band: Patrick's II
The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II
Big "Mo" Blues: Patrick's II
Big City Shaman: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
The Blue Aces: Lael's Restaurant
The Blues Brokers: The Kraken, The Kraken
Tommy Budd: Island Sports & Spirits
The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken
Chet & the Committee: Etta's Place
Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Hancock Cafe, Chateau Orleans
D.A. & the Hitmen: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
Bo Diddley [967]: Belly Up Tavern

Digable Planets: Belly Up Tavern
The Fremonts [923]: Tiki House, Coyote Bar and Grill
The Debby Hastings Band: Belly Up Tavern
Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Turquoise Cafe
The Hoodoo Blues Band: The Kraken
Kalama Blue: Blind Melons
Lafayette & the Leasebreakers [930]: Belly Up Tavern
The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II
Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe
Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: Coyote Bar and Grill
Kenny Neal: Humphrey's
The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise
Ruby & Cool Blue: Humphrey's
J.J. Slyde: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe
The Soul Persuaders [945]: Humphrey's
The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II
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Uncle Bob & the Earth Movers: Fannie's Nightclub
Billy Watson: Coyote Bar and Grill, Patrick's II
Windy City: JP's Pub

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub & Grille
The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare
Crash Carter: The Calypso Cafe
Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop
The Easy Star All-Stars: Belly Up Tavern
Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant
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Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Thursdays, college DJs spin party breaks, house, and club remixes. Fridays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggaeton. Saturdays, DJ Pitbull and guests spin reggaeton. Sundays, Sunday night jam. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

Liquid: Fridays, funk, downtempo, and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670.

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Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163, Hillcrest. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

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NORTH COUNTY

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Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, *the Kyle Frost Band*, 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.

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The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday, 7 p.m., *the 2nd Avenue Jazz Band*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Jacki R.I.P.I.*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Avocado Moon*, blues/rock. Sunday, 2 p.m., open mike. Monday, 6:30 p.m., *the Big Easy Jazz Band*, Dixieland jazz.

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Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday and Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Sue Palmer*, jazz. Saturday, *Primo*, salsa/Latin jazz.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello*, pop American music.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Saturday, *the Siers Brothers*, rock. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Tuesday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Joe Marillo, Steve O'Connor, Ronnie Ogden, and Nick Fiore*, jazz. Saturday, *the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet*.

Fat City, 2137 Pacific Highway, San Diego. 619-232-9303. Friday, 10 p.m., *Rico Tumbao*, salsa.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, *Fono, Buckfast Superbee, and the Accident Experiment*, alternative.

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CLIENTELE > 21 and up after 9:00 p.m.; average age, early 30s; equal mix of men and women; 60 percent Caucasian, 20 percent Latino, 10 percent Asian, 10 percent African-American

COVER > none

HOURS > 11:30 a.m. until midnight (until 1:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday)

DRINKS > \$1 off all draft pints, wells, and house wine during happy hour, 4:00-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 12 beers on tap

FOOD > eight appetizers (including Scotch eggs, which are hard-boiled and wrapped in Irish sausage); large

variety of entrées and Irish grub (corned beef and cabbage, bangers and mash, and boxty)

ACCESS > in downtown Escondido; plenty of street parking (meters aren't enforced after 6:00 p.m.)

DRESS > casual; a few guys in slacks, but everyone else in jeans and T-shirts ("Led Zeppelin," "OMBAC Rugby," and "Cheers")

DANCE FLOOR > none

BATHROOMS > men's had one toilet, three small jazz paintings, and a Salvador Dalí on wall; women's had one toilet and pictures of flowers; both had oval mirrors over the sink and notice to open door slowly (it swings into a narrow hallway)

CAPACITY > 120

SPECIAL AREAS > two patios for smokers; back patio has four long tables (mostly covered), and wheelchair access leading into pub;

front patio has three small tables that aren't covered
FURNISHINGS > 25 seats at the bar; walls covered with paintings of musicians and Guinness signs, candles on each table, and authentic-looking pub interior
DECIBEL LEVEL > 105 when Tony Cummins did an Irish folk tune

WEIRDEST BAND NAME > N/A (all the musicians listed were musicians' real names)

QUOTABLE > "This is the cleanest I've ever heard Cummins. Usually he's cursing up a storm. Maybe he needs another pint."

When an Irish pub is named after a person, it's easier for everyone when it's a name like O'Sullivan's. My friends used to hang out at Giblin's in Carlsbad, and that name didn't sound Irish enough to me (and it's a great authentic pub with live music performed by the owner). This place was named after the owner's dad.

Monday is the only night there isn't live entertainment. On Tuesday, a high school trio plays

early in the evening (from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.). The open-mike starts at 9:00 p.m.; live music every other night.

I talked to people at one table who were singing along to Tony Cummins's songs. One guy said, "This pub is no different from any other I've been to. Maybe it's a bit nicer. It's just the only one in Escondido, though." His friend added, "I actually go catch Cummins once a month. He usually plays a lot of the other pubs in town, and he's very entertaining."

As I was leaving, I overheard two guys talking on the patio. One said, "Hey, there's a coffee shop across the street. Let's grab one before we drive home." His friend replied, "Two problems with that idea, Einstein. The place across the street is closed. You don't see any lights on over there, do you? And, second, we can get coffee here."

I'm going to have an Irish coffee." — Josh Board

Superfunk Fantasy, disco/dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *Diva Soul*, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

Lael's Restaurant (at the Manchester Grand Hyatt), One Marketplace, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Blue Aces*, harmonica blues.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, reggae/dancehall/hip-hop/R&B. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Backwater Blues Band*. Friday, *Big "Mo" Blues*. Saturday,

Texas Twisters. Sunday, *Billy Watson*. Monday, *Blue Largo*. Tuesday, *Bayou Brothers*. Wednesday, *Bill Magee Blues*.

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Thursday, *Orquesta 8.8*. Tuesday, *Orquesta Guarare*, salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., also Sunday and Tuesday, 8 p.m., rock and roll, sing-a-long, dueling piano bar.

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Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson* and *Joe Garrison*, jazz.

Club Caribe, 5080 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-472-2400. Thursday, live reggae band. Friday, salsa/merengue/bachata/reggae.

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Crown Room: Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., *John Cain*. Sun Deck: Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday, *Tommy Budd*, blues. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Saturday, call club for information.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Big City Shaman*, blues. Friday, *Harmony Road*, acoustic. Saturday, *Undecided*, rock. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *the Offbeats*, rock, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Jim Moore*, folk. Monday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic. Tuesday, *David Houser*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Joe Rathburn*, acoustic pop/folk.

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Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *the Wild Ones*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Whiskey Ridge*, country.

Espresso Yourself, 9643 Mission Gorge Road, Santee. 619-562-6775. Friday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Tony Taravella*, jazz guitarist.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *the Stone Shakers*, rock. Saturday, *Uncle Bob & the Earthmovers*, blues.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

The Greek Sombbrero, 12891 Highway 94, Jamul. 619-669-1979. Friday, *Kemosabe*, classic rock.

Monroe's Cafe, 7404 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-464-7100. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the B-3 Four*, jazz.

Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Coyote Moon*, country. Monday, salsa/West Coast and East Coast swing.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Southbound Johnny*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock. Wednesday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Heroes*, Top 40. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Swingtime Orchestra*, big band.

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The restaurant's dinner menu is seafood-swathed indeed, with 9 of a dozen entrées, and all but 1 of 11 starters, rising from the sea. Lunches are more eclectic, with sandwiches, burgers, salads, and seafood pastas. For a more casual lunch or a creative breakfast, the adjunct Pacifica Breeze Café, one floor below on the mezzanine of the mall, serves similar fare (e.g., grilled salmon sandwich, seafood pasta) at modest prices on an outdoor patio. (Evenings, it's available for catered parties.) The main kitchen provides all the Café's recipes and most of the hot entrées, while the Café's kitchen makes casual cold dishes — sandwiches, wraps, etc. — on-premises. (One lunchtime, when I wasn't even hungry, I fell in love with their overstuffed "BLTA" burrito wrapped in a spinach tortilla, served with hot, house-made yam chips.)

The upstairs restaurant attracts locals and tourists alike — sometimes becoming victim to its own popularity. Crowds keep a restaurant alive and prospering, which means the chef can purchase prime ingredients. But cooking can slip when the slamming kitchen is stretched past capacity, attempting to feed three or four hundred diners, not to mention whatever's happening in the private banquet room.

This is a tale of two dinners. When first I arrived at prime time with the stalwarts of the crew (Sam, Lynne, and my partner), the joint was jumping. For mysterious reasons, the entire mall was packed, with cars lined up, waiting to get into the garages — a human grunion run. Our reservation bought us a seat in Dining Room #1, separated by an aquarium from the howling bar. Immediately, we envied the patrons who'd snagged Room #2, between #1 and the outdoor patio, which was a little quieter and had softer lighting. It was a Thursday, "half-price wine night," but that wasn't the issue. "Most of these people don't even know about 'wine night,'" said our waitress. "The crowds are totally unpredictable. Some weeknights, we have a small



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kitchen staff and a full house. Other nights, we have a full staff and a half-full house. You just never know when or why."

We started with a terrific bottle of citrusy New Zealander Kathy Linskey Chardonnay, and a round of Puget Sound oysters on the half shell — fresh and juicy, served with a mild vinaigrette based on mirin (Japanese sweet cooking wine) and a wasabi cocktail sauce, which happily proved less fierce than it sounded.

Tender house-smoked salmon slices were dressed with olive oil and Moroccan-style preserved lemon and came with a quartet of crisp, hollow "beignets" — closer to deep-fried biscuits or cream puffs than New Orleans' famous donuts — filled with melted cream cheese, inviting you to assemble a gourmet version of bagels and lox. I loved the combination, but Sam and Lynne found the salmon greasy. Just goes to show, one woman's meat is another's *poisson*.

Our sentiments toward the Dungeness crab-cakes ran in the opposite direction. The two

crunchy-seared cakes, with minimal filler, were smeared with a pungent green wasabi rémoulade and garnished with puddles of apple-fennel purée. My friends loved the dish, while I felt that the rémoulade overwhelmed the crab's natural sweetness.

You get a soup or salad when you order an entrée, and we were all happy with both. A hearty Yukon Gold potato-leek bisque gained smokiness and character from bacon cracklings and spring garlic greens. We left not one drop behind. The house salad of organic mixed greens with dried cranberries, caramelized walnuts, and blue cheese is a crowd-pleaser in its cider-mustard vinaigrette. Meanwhile, we enjoyed a lightly herbed sourdough bread with bits of dried black currant, a product of nearby O'Brien's Bakery.

By then, every table was full and the din was growing painful. The architecture and sheer size of the restaurant amplify sound, but so does the Very Del Mar crowd: On one side were five Masters of the Universe — well-dressed businessmen

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PRICES: Mini-appetizers \$3; appetizers \$11–\$14; Soups, sides, and salads \$5–\$7; entrées \$22–\$32. (Some entrées deeply reduced at lunch, others the same price.) "Sunset Hour" (before 6:00 p.m.) 15 percent discount on entrées.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Pacific Rim/California-fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, local-grown produce. Award-winning wine list at normal markups, a bit skimpy on whites by the glass. Full bar specializes in creative martinis.

PICK HITS: Baked Oysters; Seared Scallops on the Half Shell; Yukon Potato-Leek Bisque; Mustard Catfish; House-Cured Ribeye Steak.

NEED TO KNOW: Dining Room #1 (next to bar) can be painfully loud; when reserving, request patio seating or Room #2 if noise is an issue. Better food when house is less crowded: Dine before 6:45 p.m. or after 8:30 p.m. on weeknights. Half-price wine bottles on Thursday nights. Casual-chic to dressy at dinner. "Pacifica Dine-In" takeout available, with menu of dishes that can survive transportation.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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with booming, confident voices. On the other side was a "girls' night out" sextet of pretty young things in low-cut dresses, periodically emitting choruses of yips and squeals. "Is there a pack of Chihuahuas in the house?" asked the Lynnester.

REVIEW

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The kitchen, too, was having a hard time with the ravaging crowd. In a signature entrée called “Pacifica’s Barbecued Sugar-Spiced Salmon,” the fillet was overcooked, so dry and salmony-tasting that it overpowered its sweet mustard sauce. But the accompanying mound of garlic-mashed potatoes was sublime, closer to a gratin than a mash with its crunchy exterior and creamy center. The spuds were topped with firm Chinese long beans. I’d gladly order this dish again on a quieter evening, when the grill chef doesn’t have to play the whirling dervish. Meanwhile, alas, a plate of herb-crusted Great Lakes whitefish seemed to have left its flavor back in Michigan; all we could taste was herbage. It came with doughy spinach gnocchi and a *beurre blanc* mixed with strips of Asian wild mushrooms (whose precise species neither we nor our waitress could identify).

Chef Idso always includes an entrée of pristine Atlantic scallops on the menu, recipes changed according to seasonal inspiration. Some of these are better than others. The important thing is that he takes chances and focuses on local produce. This time the result was debatable: the precious bivalves were plated atop Chino Farms fresh peas of variable quality — some young and sweet, others old and mealy. (The weather this spring was awful for growing peas; I had a similarly distressing backyard harvest.) Also involved is a green-olive butter sauce dotted with chewy wheatberries and edamame, a combination hedging awfully close to health food. To my tastes, if you crave scallops, the clean-flavored appetizer “Seared Scallops on the

Half-Shell” (with cucumber, pea sprouts, and a spicy yuzu vinaigrette) is a better bet.

Oddly, at this fish house, our token meat dish was a smash. Pacifica cures a boneless rib-eye by rubbing it with salt, garlic, bay, oregano, and rosemary. It’s rolled, wrapped, and tied with the herbed side in, then set in the fridge for three or more days while the flavors permeate. Before cooking, they scrape off the herbs. What emerges from the grill is a mouth-blast of meatiness, a Choice-grade steak that tastes and chews like aged Prime. It came rare, as ordered, dripping with its own salty *au jus*, with Stilton cheese spread on top like butter, blasting the flavors into orbit. Alongside are frizzled onions, fingerling potatoes, and Chino Farms summer squash. I firmly claimed the doggie bag, declaring, “I need to strip everything off that puppy and look at it naked!” Tasted side by side with some leftover so-called Prime steak from another eatery, it won by a dozen lengths.

When we couldn’t decide on a dessert, our waitress suggested, “Why not get ‘em all?” A sampler plate (\$14) offered most of the evening’s sweets. (All but the Gelato Vero ice creams are house-made.) An upside-down pineapple cake resembled breakfast coffee cake. A flourless chocolate hazelnut cake was dark, fine-grained, and not too sweet. Ice cream bonbons had dark chocolate shells studded with almonds, filled with vanilla-bean gelato surrounding a sphere of marzipan — very trippy. Also appearing were apple-croissant bread pudding, a refreshing sorbet, and the mandatory *crème brûlée*, a creamy version with enough sugar and vanilla to taste like Swiss Miss pudding.

A few weeks later, my partner and I returned on an earlier weeknight at a quarter to six.

Not only was our food more consistent, but we snagged the best possible table, at the front edge of the heated outdoor patio, where we enjoyed a panorama of the street and the sea through a thick sheet of glass that blocks all street noise.

This time we noticed a group of mini-starters listed on the right side of the appetizer menu: a half-dozen sampler-size portions for \$3 apiece, *amuse-bouches* at a couple of bites each. A “lemongrass poached prawn” was served as a stack: On top, a transparent cucumber slice, then a prawn, then sliced avocado and another prawn in a puddle of cocktail sauce. It resembled a miniature Mexican shrimp cocktail — with a cooking-school degree.

A full-size starter of Baked Oysters is an improved version of Oysters Rockefeller, with the bivalves tucked between a layer of lightly cooked spinach and a brandied cream sauce strewn with wisps of mild, melted Parmesan. The sauce isn’t heavy and it’s fully cooked before assembly, so the oysters emerge barely warmed, with all their succulence intact, robbed but not drowned. Even the Parmesan is just right: Sometimes a mild Wisconsin cheese like this can work better than an imported powerhouse.

A “Japanese clam chowder,” scallion circles afloat on top, combines miso, water chestnuts, shiitake strips, and the merest trace of minced clams. Apparently more shiitakes were puréed with the miso, since the thick, pale-brown broth tasted like an Asian twist on cream of mushroom soup. My partner, enamored of Japanese cuisine since his teens, kinda-sorta liked it but warned me (accurately) that I wouldn’t. Remembering the delicate clam miso at Samurai Restaurant, I found this version one of those stabs at fusion cuisine that leaves scabs and scars on that poor, abused cooking

genre. The soup is one of the restaurant’s most popular dishes, however, so judge for yourself.

Mustard catfish is a Pacifica signature dish that appears at several other San Diego-area restaurants, including Cafe Pacifica in Old Town, and Fifth and Hawthorn in Midtown, to name just two. No accident — all these eateries (and several more) originally sprang like dandelions from Cafe Pacifica. Pacifica Del Mar’s rendition is especially sophisticated. You get a thick hunk of mild fish coated with a mustard-spiked breading touched with cayenne. The surface is squiggled with a foamy, slightly spicy green-onion aioli. (The foaminess? They shake it up before spooning it on.) A moat of potato-corn succotash surrounds the fish, with sautéed mini-diced Yukon Golds subbing for lima beans, a great idea, since hardly anybody really likes limas.

Sautéed Northern halibut is another Japanese-based fusion dish. Thick, evenly cut rectangles of fish are cooked to a perfect translucence, topped with “onion-miso marmalade” with a kick of lime juice. After this promising start, they’re set afloat in a pool of sweetened-miso broth with udon noodles, chopped asparagus tips, and squeaky beige *shimeji* mushrooms (which resemble *enoki* in their absence of flavor). Diners whose favorite fish is mild halibut will probably love this symphony in the key of understatement.

That evening’s dessert sampler was whittled down to a trio. The flourless chocolate cake was even better this time, topped with espresso gelato sprinkled with candied shreds of orange zest. The *crème brûlée* was the same. The bonbons suffered from stale almonds, including those in the marzipan.

I can’t say that I adore every single dish on the menu at

Pacifica Del Mar. But given generally excellent ingredients (local produce and top-flight seafood) and a creative chef who’s willing to take some risks, I don’t have to love everything — I do have to respect it.

ABOUT THE CHEF

“I decided to become a chef during my second year of college,” says executive chef Chris Idso. “I started studying a business curriculum. I’d been working in restaurants since my junior year in high school, and I decided that cooking was really where I wanted to be. I liked the creativity, the flexibility of time, and I pursued that and got involved in an externship. I started working in hotels and resorts in Arizona, where I’m from, for about 5 years, then I worked in Lake Tahoe for a couple of years. About 15 years ago, I got serious and moved to the Bay Area to go to culinary school [at California Culinary Academy in San Francisco]. I started working in free-standing restaurants and really liked that — lots of creativity, no rules. The Bay Area was the mecca for food and restaurants at the time.”

Idso worked at deluxe suburban restaurant La Tourelle and then became executive chef of the highly reputed Lascaux. “Lascaux was my first real chef job, and then that restaurant was absorbed by the Kimpton [Hotel] Group, which transferred me to Splendido as executive sous-chef. Then one of the Kimpton vice presidents went into business with the family that owned the Franciscan on Fisherman’s Wharf, which was in the process of renovation. I worked there for about five years. We tried really hard to upgrade the whole waterfront dining scene, and we were successful to a degree, but it was very difficult. The tourists still wanted the tourist food. At that point, I started researching other op-

tions, especially in the San Diego area.

“Pacifica serves the same tourism market, but a lot higher end than at the Wharf, and we also have a high-end local market. I really fell in love with Kip [owner Kip Downing], fell in love with the restaurant and the area, and have been here for a little over five years. The San Diego diner is not quite as adventurous as the Bay Area diner — but it’s certainly a happy medium from what I did at Fisherman’s Wharf. There’s much more creativity on the menu... What Kip specifically wanted was more a blend of Bay Area-type dining — more product-driven, more local stuff... It’s taken a while to find them but there are organic farmers, cheese-makers, mushroom-growers here. What I really found fun was to identify them and put them in play. Now, every one of my purveyors is local — Chino Farms, Valdivia Farms, Specialty Produce gets me some local organics, Leong-Kuba for most of my seafood.

“Some of the challenges here are operating from eight in the morning until nine or ten at night. We have 25 guys in the kitchen, and we’ve added another 50-seat dining room and have increased our catering to about a million dollars a year. I have to fall back on my hotel restaurant experience to handle this — we do everything but room service. Evenings, we’re pretty full from about 7:00 to 8:30, later on weekends, and we try to make every plate perfect. It’s true that the kitchen can get stressed when we have 300 covers... Last winter we also developed our ‘to-go menu’ program. It’s good for our local trade, which rounds out our business through the winters, keeping us going in the off-season. We really listen to the locals, especially in the Café, and we shape the menu to what they want.” ■

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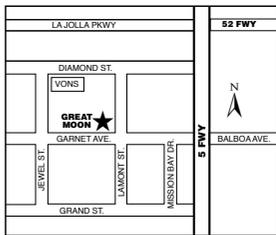
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"Wanna bet?" I say.
"Yeah. You find breakfast between now and midnight, and I'll do the laundry for three weeks."

I accept. Hee hee. Little does she know I've already run across a place that should fit the bill. I blow Carla a big fat kiss and head for ye olde trolley.

Half an hour later I'm stuck at 12th and Imperial. Just missed an Orange Line. Not another for half an hour. Dammit, I can't stick around this newspaper-blown spot that long. I'll have to hoof it. So I start up Commercial Avenue. It's 10:30 and the homeless folks are already abed. Startled guys twitch their heads up as I pass. "What's up, man?"

I decide to cut over to Imperial. More lighting, more people. I pass Father Joe's. Just have to get through this spooky underpass of the 5. More guys are sleeping there, and I try not to wake them. Whew. Then I'm in among these little porched houses with open front doors, worn furniture glowing inside. Bet this was quite the community in its day.

Ten minutes later, it's a relief to turn down 25th

and into *la luz!* Lights shine out from under a fresh white canopy over a courtyard filled with two rows of tables. People sit under the canopy, chowing down on tacos and soups. Two men and a woman cook away in a food truck. It takes a moment to see the original restaurant behind them, a nice stucco midcentury outfit with brick-arched windows protected by white wrought-iron grills. It's fresh-painted, sea-green. I walk across the courtyard and in through the barred door.



Whoa. Big room. About a dozen ceiling fans whirring. Eight big ol' game consoles stand against the walls, framed pictures of Mexican or Spanish scenes here and there. Two wooden crucifixes hang in front of religious paintings.

"Gimme some rice and beans," says an old street-geezer ahead of me. The young guy behind the Formica counter goes and gets him some.

"How much for that?" I ask the old man.
He doesn't answer.

"We just give it to him," says Alonso, the server, when the old guy's safely out through the door.

That's nice. I glance up at the plastic red-and-yellow board behind Alonso. They have the whole panoply of Mexican dishes, from *carne asada* (\$6.00 with tortillas) to *pollo frito* (\$5.50) to red menudo (\$5.25).

"Can you do breakfast now?" I ask the guy, Alonso.

This is a big moment. If not, I'm done for.

Back home, tail between legs. Promotion to chief fluff'n'folder.

"Anytime," Alonso says, unfazed.

"I mean a real breakfast. Now."

"Now's good," Alonso says.

I search the board for the breakfast section. Ah, there it is. "Two eggs, potatoes, beans, \$3.99." With toast, that's \$4.60. They have a bunch of Mexican breakfast dishes, but I've already seen the one destined for the Bedford mouth: "Western omelet, with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and choice of ham, bacon, or sausage, \$4.60."

Say no mo'. Another dollar for a cup of coffee, and I go sit down. Two girls and a boy come in. They order three rolled tacos (\$2.65) and a plate of strawberries in cream (\$4.60). Mario, Maricela, and Diana. Oh man. I see a generous pile of strawbs buried in a snowdrift of cream.

But now Alonso brings chips, hot sauces, coffee — and my plate. Breakfast! Yes! Three weeks no laundry! Plus, it's actually good. My Western omelet oozes cheeses and tomatoes. Between it and the standard puddle of frijoles, the home-cut potatoes mix it up with green peppers and onions. Everything tastes fresh.

I only have two regrets: the first when Ruben Merlin walks in and orders a Caldo Siete Mares — Seven Seas Soup. It costs \$11.00 but is positively swimming with seafood. Moby big crab legs, chunks of fish, shrimp. "This is so good it must

be Eight Seas," he jokes. "Seriously, this place has the best flavors in the area. Others may make their dishes look prettier, but flavors? Come here."

The sound system has been playing El Coyote de Sinaloa, a raucous Mexican singer, but now it slows down and delivers that great Pepe Aguilar classic "Por Mujeres Como Tú" ("Women Like You").

The song is making Ruben pensive. "You know, our kids don't eat this food? They're growing up soft, less healthy, because they eat burgers and tacos and fries and not dishes like Siete Mares. The best things they have here are the Seven Seas and *vuelva a la vida* [a way-large cocktail of vitalizing seafoods, \$11.00]. Yet they won't eat them! They're so good for you."

He's got me feeling guilty now. Here I've had this delicious but hardly health-wise breakfast, and I could have been pumping up my system with these great revivers.

The other twinge of regret comes when I leave around midnight and see the patio cooks closing up. They're part of La Fachada ("The Façade") too. Next time, I'll eat Seven Seas and sit out here.

But I still have the pleasure of telling Carla about this and her coming three-week laundry duty. Heh heh.

Just need to make it back down Imperial, take that long walk under the 5. Hope everybody's settled in under there. ■

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A few months ago, I attended a fabulous wine tasting — amazing bottle after amazing bottle, an embarrassment of stellar scores and vintages. As the evening wore on, the attendees set about the enviable task of choosing the brightest star in the heavens, nodding and smiling over their favorites. But at the outset, the most common comment was less sanguine: "Did you taste the '86 Lafite Rothschild? Corked!" A great wine, cellared for some 19 years, ruined by a trace compound in its packaging. It's the risk you run — however small — when you stick with the (aesthetically wonderful) tradition of stopping up your bottles with tree bark.

A few weeks ago, I attended a dinner with a very good winemaker for a good-sized winery. I asked him if he had ever considered going to screwcaps. "Absolutely" was his immediate reply. But, he said, Marketing would not hear of it. Apparently, too many people still associate screwcaps with plonk, still long for that anticipatory pop of the cork as it exits the bottle, still enjoy the waiter's ritual as he sets to work with foil cutter and corkscrew.

This year will mark the first that Brian Loring puts his Loring Wine Company wines under screwcap. "I wanted to do it two years ago," he says, "but I couldn't get a conversion for my tiny bottling line. But now that I've ramped up pro-

duction to 4000 cases, I have a mobile bottling coming in, and they're screwcap-capable. I said, "Okay, time to switch."

He was not always so eager. "Early on, I would have told you that I would never be the guy to lead the charge away from cork. But then I started making my wines and opening them at tastings and finding out how many corked wines there were. And then I started seeing people on the online wine boards just screaming about corked wines and what a pain they were and wineries not taking wines back, or retail shops not taking wines back, and being out all this money. That was the final push; I said, 'I've got to get away from cork.'"

He sent word to his distributors. Surprisingly, the reaction was almost uniformly positive. "Most of them said, 'Oh, the restaurants are going to be so happy. No more corked wines.'" Loring joked (half-joked?) that somebody had come up with a fancy way to open screwcap wines tableside, cracking the seal by hand and then unrolling the cap by sliding the bottleneck down an outstretched forearm. By the time the bottle reaches the hand, the cap is ready to be slipped off.

"There's some good timing about it," says Loring. "I think there's been enough press about screwcaps that the general public is starting to get accustomed to the idea. *Wine Spectator* put the whole cork/screwcap debate on the cover a few

months ago. And once people understand it, they feel cool. They're in with the clique; they know screwcaps are really good. They can impress their friends; it's almost a kind of cachet. Five years ago? No. But now..."

Still, he sympathizes with the hesitant folks back in that other winemaker's marketing department. "You have to be careful. The wine boards represent one-hundredth of one percent of the top wine-buying people in the country. Most people who are into wine are still excited when they see a bottle of Silver Oak or Caymus — things that the wine boards are just beyond right now. These people are on the leading edge. It's ridiculous to ignore them, but anytime you see stuff on the boards, you have to stop and think, 'Okay, is this really representative?' It's probably more representative for me, because I'm a boutique producer making high-end Pinot Noir. These people are my market. But if you're a bigger winery, if you make 50,000 cases, you have to be more careful. Your market is people walking into a wine shop or grocery store. It might be too soon. But for me, the timing is perfect. I've been listening; I know it's ready to go."

For Loring, the wine boards — places like the West Coast Wine Discussion Group and eRobertParker.com — are, among other things, a fantastic tool for market research. (This is perhaps especially true in his particular case, since he was a regular on the boards before he began making wine and so has numerous personal connections.) The switch to screwcaps was helped along by the boards. So was the switch to smaller-



Cork tree in Portugal

format bottles. As with screwcaps, Loring was seeking to remove aspects of his packaging that kept people from getting to his product. "I used a bigger-style bottle, and it was very beautiful. It just didn't fit on a standard wine rack. I didn't have a wine rack at home, so I didn't think about it. All of a sudden, people are on the boards saying, 'Oh, I hate these bottles!' People e-mailed me and said, 'Brian, I can buy only two of your bottles, because I have only two spaces that will fit them.' So I switched."

The boards led him to cancel shipping charges for his wines — many Internet posters do a lot of direct ordering over the Web. "I was charging one or two bucks a bottle, and then if you bought six or more, shipping was free. But then I started seeing people complain, and I thought, 'Gosh, what is the point of charging someone three bucks? That's just ridiculous.' And I saw people saying things about other wines: 'The winery charges me \$40, and they charge me for shipping. But the wine is \$40 retail down in the

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And the boards helped carry him into the mainstream of wine distribution. "My guys in Colorado, Minnesota, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Missouri, and Massachusetts all came to me through people who were on the boards. A lot of people contacted me long before I got any big press. I haven't had to go looking, which is cool. I know people will come on the mailing list and drop off later, or start buying less." That's the business — there are always people looking for the next thing. "If I just stayed with my mailing list, I have a feeling that at some point I would have nothing left. It would just end. Distribution through retail shops and restaurants is my hedge to keep it going. I want to do this for the rest of my life, and I want to have a strong business. Next month, I'm pretty much going to quit my job in software and go full-time into wine." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (two blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, beef ribs, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) You don't eat meat? The ever-expanding menu now includes a delicious, spicy blackened grilled salmon steak. Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Low moderate. — N.W. (6/05)

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish

cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab, (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and tzatziki sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or

expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Jamroc 101 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish 'n' chips — but the Brit batter now gets its lift from Jamaica's Red Stripe beer, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan some weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open six days until 8 p.m. weeknights, 9 p.m. weekends. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/05)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker 'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced

up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Top Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "Es ist Wunderbar!" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is ac-

tually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W. (10/01)

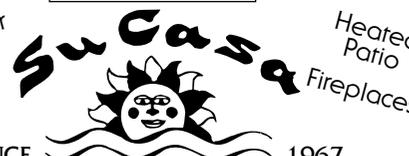
The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawald cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer, a definitive trout amandine, and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Children's and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Live music (mainly jazz) most Thursdays through Saturdays after dinner hours in Back Room Lounge. Moderate prix fixe dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — N.W. (10/03)

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A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/05)

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all

for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access, sturdy high-chairs, low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/04)

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's

distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/03)

Meiki Japanese Restaurant and Sushi Bar 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avenida Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m.,

plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in salad (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — N.W. (8/04)

GOLD COAST

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar (southwest corner at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring world-wide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. Some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's own home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world-class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — A.M. (1/05)

Cafe Europa 667 San Rodolfo Drive, Suite 133, Marshall's Shopping Center, Solana Beach, 858-793-4693. The menu in this *gemütlich* dining room is mainly German, but flirts with France and Italy. The Peruvian owners sometimes offer a South American special at lunch, and Cuzqueño is among the bottled beer brands. The standard German preparations here encompass sausage plates, rather thin-cut schnitzels, meat stews, et al. Lighter dishes include chicken breasts, seafood, and three vegetarian entrées. The outstanding veggie sides include succulent home fries, delicately sweet red cabbage, and a house salad featuring pickled cukes in sour cream. Nice, quiet service with no put-on oom-pah-pah. Beer and generic wines. Breakfast and lunch Sunday, Monday, Wednesday; three meals Thursday through Saturday. Closed Tuesdays. — N.W. (4/05)

Cuvee 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. All bottles are also available by the glass; you can even get a sip before choosing. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Low corkage for BYO, too. Reservations urged. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (12/04)

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This

place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Milton's Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-Kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with dead-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are

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RESTAURANTS

modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/05)

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an "American Bistro," Chef Susan Sbicca ("speeka") also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a "wine room" upstairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes sea-

sonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature \$3 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesdays. Crowded during racing season. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Expensive. — B.D. (5/05)

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican work-

ers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

LA JOLLA

910 Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb, a protégé of Trey Foshee (of George's at the Cove) carries on the 910 tradition of clean, flavorful Cal cuisine, based on the seasons and showcasing the fabulous foodstuffs of local farms. Dessert chef Jack Fisher contributes superlatively happy, avant-garde endings. The flies in the buttermilk? The service is Space

Cadet Corps, and during dinner, the room is usually noisy. Open daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/05)

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — E.B. (10/01)

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and dinner (same menu) daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast à l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — N.W. (5/02)

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla,

858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

India Palace 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Vons), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133. Also, 694 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-8886. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea bass (and a rich, slightly sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — N.W. (6/01)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rain-bow 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 "pannwiches" 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)

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — N.W. (11/04)

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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)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like

ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue (under the same ownership as next-door Dino's Greek Restaurant) has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. No alcohol. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

Rosie and Joe's Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife

Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports bar-patio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the "Beerubin" sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese), the Sweet Sicilian sandwich (grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers, provolone), and the California Chili Burger (with roasted chilis, onions, Gouda cheese). Also good: the Pescado Vera Cruz (pan-grilled fish with caramelized onions). Yes, it's out in the industrial wilds of Kearny Mesa, but it has a *Cheers* feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; dinners moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

THE BEACHES

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crab cakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (Seacoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored

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Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market

closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Stickee Fingers Barbeque Smokehouse 1404 Garnet Avenue (at Gresham), Pacific Beach, 858-581-6526. Chef-owner Sonny Choudo is an Egyptian Jew from Mexico City who learned to cook in Israel but fell in love with barbecue on a trip to Texas. This bright little room has big windows and a few tables, with Mexican folk art and chile-pepper posters on the walls. Outside is a pleasant wooden patio with a few more wooden tables and an oil drum smoker where the meats are cooked over sweet hickory chunks. Best bets are the tender pork ribs and smoky brisket. Sauce is shallow-flavored and very tomatoey. Sides include a lively coleslaw and an unexpectedly sophisticated heart of romaine salad with Caesar dressing. Street parking (difficult). Italian sodas, but no alcohol. Free delivery in PB with minimum order. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit down at varnished in-laid wooden tables, lots of diagonal timbering, and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. The menu promises big with items like "Horseradish Crusted Salmon" and "Avocado and Pistachio Crusted Mako." Problem is, the taste of the mako is pleasant but underwhelming despite help from a mango-butter sauce, and the two 3-square-inch pieces of fish were only just enough. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n' turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. And the view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — E.B. (1/04)

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Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsicle colors, noted dessert-chef Beryl Ann Byrd and co-chef Kurt Metzger offer a full menu of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be inconsistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. Of the primary emphasis is on desserts, of course: Byrd's pastries are of the Euro-influenced American mode —

very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more sophisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable international wine list and coffeehouse specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations. Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Open three meals daily. Moderate. — N.W. (9/04)

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neat-loat" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *sajj*, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/99)

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu with-

out the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines, but you can bring your own. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — N.W. (3/04)

South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro. This loud, lively, very local watering hole started out serving savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage; now the whole city's flocking in. Chef Eric Wilburn learned his chops at Bradley Ogden's Lark Creek Inn; if he cooks "mom food," it's more than a cut above mom's. Appetizer/bar menu runs to ordinary pub-grub (but crab cakes or red pepper hummus stand out); entrées get interesting, including indulgent "Stuffed Shrimp and Scallops Florentine," a juicy rib-eye steak, and a light-textured meat loaf. Nightly specials are always worth a try. Considerate service. Full bar, including international wines at easy prices. Park at edge of Gala lot. Reservations only for parties of five or more, so expect a wait most nights. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bar menu weekends until midnight; weekend brunches and weeknight reduced-price "early bird specials." Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed

kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday through Thursday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M. (4/03)

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restau-

rant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/03)

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M. (2/02)

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-3311. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican

mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (2/04)

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa, and 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on



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California Cuisine 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffnagle's outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, Pineapple Fried Rice. — *N.W. (5/05)*

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket

of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowing red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne's incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations are open seven days, three meals, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/05)*

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on

Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-

frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Mission Hills Cafe 808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Belgian waffles are your natural intro here. Why? Because François, the owner, is Belgian. The man knows waffles. But the thing is how cheap this is for a sophisticated eatery, with its linen tablecloths, waiters in long aprons, and bread baskets. (The bread's incredible. It'll fill you before you spend a dime.) Dishes like Thai chicken or shrimp salad over shredded jicama, cucumber, and carrots are usually rich folks' territory. Ditto the "Pear Cambozola" salad, with strawberries, pecans, and a Camembert/Gorgonzola-style cheese, or "François's Famous Vegetarian Lasagna." And check out François's art on the wall — he always cooks one part in his oven, like the baked bread horses stuck on his piece called "Sea Biscuits." Daily, three meals. Inexpensive by day; more expensive at night, but reasonable. — *E.B. (9/03)*

The Mission North Park and City Bakery 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also at Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," says the waitstaff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. Delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs come on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). Roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild but delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce. Comes with a plethora of jicama-type

veggies. Interior has arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. — *E.B. (2/05)*

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypically Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot & spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open late until midnight Monday through Thursday, until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D. (6/05)*

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef, or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're

hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that we

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touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbit and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks (and roast beef on weekends), some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are nonbeef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — N.W. (3/04)

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (3/01)

The Latin Room 560 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-237-7800.

This austere, concrete-floored space is mainly a tequila bar, offering at least 120 brands to sample and tasty Mexican cocktails made from scratch. But you can also get a reasonably interesting Mexican meal from a menu that's considerably more ambitious than the neighborhood's regular border-Mex yawns. It offers excellent tortilla soup, decent ceviche, and filet mignon strewn with *caitlacoches* (a.k.a. "corn mushrooms," a mild and juicy black fungal delicacy), with recipes imported here by a chef who used to cook at Tijuana's revered Cien Años restaurant. A couple can easily make a meal of a few shared appetizers. At 10 p.m. weekends, the place goes disco, with cover charge (IDs checked). Open nightly for dinner, appetizer menu until 2 a.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (1/04)

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N. (9/99)

Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad — the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

New Leaf Restaurant Hilton Gaslamp Hotel, 401 K Street, Gaslamp, 619-702-8200. This hotel restaurant features American comfort food carried off

with California flair and served in comfortable surroundings. Well-spaced oversized tables make this a good choice for business breakfasts and lunches. Outdoor seating options include an intimate patio lounge with a waist-high firepit that's lighted at night. Evenings, the atmosphere and garb tend toward the casual. Tortilla-crusted salmon is a stand-out entrée. Desserts are house-made and include a tasty New York cheesecake. Validated valet parking. Smart California wine list with rather high markups, plenty by the glass. Open three meals, seven days, until midnight on weekends. — N.W. (12/04)

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — A.M. (6/03)

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-358-6740. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. Under inventive young French chef Fabrice Tissier, the fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes or the classic bouillabaisse. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the tastes of hotel diners, with 48 hours notice you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-ac-

cess directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Shortstop's Grille at Tivoli Bar 505 Sixth Avenue (at Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-6754. Ever heard of the Stinger, downtown's old red light district? The 1885 Tivoli is one of its last survivors, the oldest bar in the Gaslamp, and Wyatt Earp was its most famous customer. The only thing new is Shortstop's Grille, but "Shortstop" Paulie is an old hand at feeding roaring appetites. He's an ex-Alaska fishing boat cook. Best deal: the Tivoli Special, a 1/3-pound burger with a domestic beer included. Other good fillers: the "Shortstop" sandwich (bacon, egg, tomato, cheese, on grilled sourdough), the tuna salad sandwich with fries, and grilled breast of chicken sandwich with fries. Remember to toast Wyatt and his wife Josie. They're on the wall. Lunch and dinner, Monday to Saturday. — E.B. (1/04)

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting up into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. Here you'll find sparkling-fresh seafood in creative California-style treatments with organic, locally farmed produce, along with a long, interesting wine list offering some wonderful off-beat whites at moderate prices (along with the expected, exorbitant Chardonnays). Light eaters on a budget could make a luxury meal of any pair of appetizers. A recent renovation has given every table a clear view of the bay, but the price exacted by all that glass is a raucous noise level when

full. Go early in the week for relative quiet. Service is friendly and knowledgeable. Valet parking fee; street parking feasible in cooler months. Reservations needed: the joint is jumping. Dinner only, seven nights. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/04)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge" serves gentledown dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — N.W. (11/04)

Crown City Grille 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burger joint is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it's that they've got the burger basics right. The bun's crisp, the meat's lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattie's always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is excellent, the Chicago-style hot dog with "sport peppers" is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to

salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — E.B. (9/03)

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu*. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (11/04)

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and



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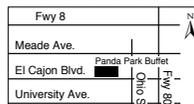
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sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Primavera 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This standout in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — *M.N. (11/98)*

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time visitors get their meal free. Really. Players or nonplayers. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

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.

Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't —

you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Cafe la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Faro de Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlan" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albondigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicuco (Mexican seabass), char-broiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (6/05)*

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and

brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, *carne asada*, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal table-top grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *E.B. (5/05)*

La Baguette Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Lena Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fume-y, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...countyside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-

turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous T] we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11.30 a.m. until late. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/04)*

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" ("la vuelta") where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación mexicana* (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro*, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/03)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony's Fish Grotto For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony's still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. No reservations. Inexpensive to expensive. Locations: 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. — *E.W.*

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4708.

Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real (at Arroyo Sorrento), Sorrento Hills, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren't a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-

eatery can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled Portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of \$70 but reasonable markups and wines over \$100 offered at retail price. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it's noisy — tables upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Fridays only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — *B.D. (5/05)*

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Nicole Kidman's increasingly doll-like demeanor is less of a handicap in a role less human.

Once you notice that Nora Ephron directed and, with her sister Delia, co-wrote the new *Bewitched*, you can begin to brace yourself for a level of smartness unexpected in a transplant from the small screen to the big. Unexpected, for example, in the recent *Honeymooners*, which I can't bring myself to see, or the forthcoming *Dukes of Hazzard*. Not at all a reasonable facsimile of the Sixties sitcom about the witchy housewife with the twitchy nose, it is rather a behind-the-scenes Hollywood satire about an attempted revival of said sitcom. (The background, for viewers too young or too old for the TV show, is filled in with archival clips therefrom and bits of educational commentary: "Gosh, I used to have the biggest crush on Elizabeth Montgomery when I was ten years old.") This angle of entry affords the critic an occasion to trot out an adjective such as "self-reflexive" or a prefix such as "meta-," if he feels comfortable with such terms; and it affords Ephron, a woman with her nose to the wind and her ear to the ground,

an occasion to take jabs at the barrel-scraping creative poverty in modern Hollywood and at its needy stars and their currying handlers.

The fresh dynamic of this nonremake, or meta-remake, posits a declining middle-aged male star of the big screen, still kicking himself for the decision to shoot *Last Year in Katmandu* in black-and-white, and now looking to regain a toehold on the small screen, yet so fearful of getting eclipsed in the part of the simpering husband, Darrin, that he insists his on-screen wife, Samantha, be an unknown. He must never, on the advice of his agent, be perceived as the Mayor of Pussytown but always the Sheriff of Ballsville. Inasmuch as this nonremake is at the same time a kind of remake after all, the discovered unknown will naturally turn out to be a bona fide witch ("She's incredibly dialled in," exclaims one of the producers at the audition), who just wants to escape the influence of her warlock father, swear off witchcraft for good, get a job like a normal person and lead a normal life: "Your life is

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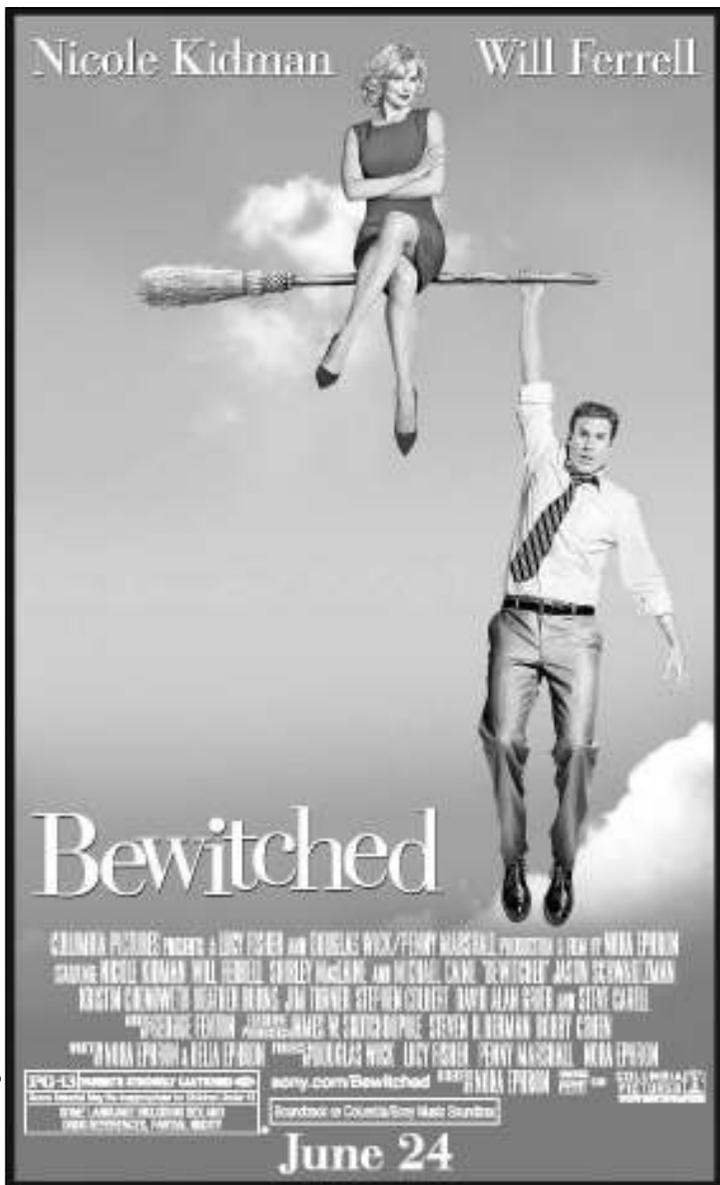


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total instant gratification, Daddy." (Daddy's tireless skirt-chasing permits Ephron, jumping into a never-ending fight, to take some jabs also at older-men-younger-women configurations. I wish I could quote with precision the line from the young hottie who, under an impromptu spell from a postmenopausal witch, tells the horny old warlock

that, yes, she'll go to bed with him, but then the next morning she won't get ninety-nine percent of his jokes and she'll go on and on about wanting to open her own aerobics studio.) Our heroine's sheltered upbringing—she was forbidden as a child to watch *Bewitched*—has not remotely prepared her for the realities of normal

life, where it is easy to backslide on her no-more-sorcery vow when it comes to hooking up the VCR to the TV, and where total instant gratification is exactly what a normal person craves and what a Hollywood celebrity, of all types of people, comes closest to achieving. Nicole Kidman's increasingly doll-like demeanor, it must be admitted, is less



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of a handicap in a role less human; and in truth her expressions of glee and wonderment over the littlest things closely approximate the innocence of the extraterrestrial. Either that or (improving on her performance from last summer) a Stepford Wife programmed for pep.

Brightly photographed by John Lindley, leavened with judicious special effects, cleverly constructed for changes of pace and changes of course, the film truly does correct the imbalance in the old TV show, giving the male character equal weight, or at any rate equal attention, with the female. But the cost of making him an object of ridicule — and of casting Will Ferrell, that master of overstatement, in the part — is to diminish him as a subsequent object of romance. And bit by bit, as the film shifts from jabs to clinches, it loses some of its distance — some of its difference — from the TV series, whose knowledge of witchcraft (despite Daddy's disapproval) is by and large validated. Or more accurately, swallowed whole. In the final tally, the film can be said to have delivered everything it promised: glib, flip, hip observations on power, illusion, loss of self, and other common ingredients in romantic relations. Everything it promised, and more. Not as much, let's say, as the witchcraft comedy nonpareil, *Bell, Book, and Candle*. About as much, maybe, as *I Married a Witch*. A lot more, certainly, than the wisp-of-smoke sitcom from which it takes its name.

Pawel Pawlikowski's *My Summer of Love*, in faded color and with unstable camera, details the youthful indiscretions of two English girls of vastly different backgrounds, a horse-riding, cello-playing aristocrat on

suspension from school ("Apparently I'm a bad influence on people") and a freckle-faced commoner who, together with her born-again ex-con brother, runs a Yorkshire pub having the same name as the cellist's practice piece: *The Swan*. The one introduces the other to Nietzsche, Edith Piaf, magic mushrooms, and the love that dare not speak its name (except after ingestion of magic mushrooms). Despite intimations of a drastic and dramatic turn of events ("In France, crimes of passion are forgiven" and "If you leave me, I'll kill you" and the like), the plot settles for the gentle curve of sadder-but-wiser. Or from the moviegoer's point of view, sadder possibly, but none the wiser. Nathalie Press, a Sarah Polley type, corners the acting highlights, mimicking the sexual gyrations of her latest boyfriend and imitating Mercedes McCambridge's devil-possession dubbing from *The Exorcist*. Emily Blunt, a Robin Tunney type, monopolizes the nudity.

Heights, the directorial debut of Chris Terrio, offers a small-world view

of New York, where everyone is separated not by the proverbial six degrees but by more like two. A male ex-lover of a bisexual photographer called Benjamin Stone ("Richard Avedon, Annie Leibovitz, Benjamin Stone — the Holy Trinity") has arrived from London to research a *Vanity Fair* piece on the photographer's ex-lovers; one of these is the closeted fiancé of a neophyte photographer who happens to be the daughter of another of those rumored exes, a Broadway diva; the diva, currently teaching and rehearsing *Macbeth*, is also auditioning and flirting with an aspiring young actor who lives in the same building as the daughter and who (this would spoil the surprise if it actually came as a surprise) is having a clandestine affair with the fiancé. Were the tight weave not sufficiently suffocating already, the film retains the sound, if not the space limitations, of the stage. (Amy Fox, in collaboration with Terrio, adapted her own play.) It is perhaps fitting, then, that the ensemble cast should be dominated by the prima-

donna persona of Glenn Close, a character so consumed by acting that no emotion, however honest, can escape her art. (You can't tell where the fictional actress leaves off and the real one takes over. Or to say it another way, you can't tell where the real one overacts.) Then, too, a cast of Elizabeth Banks, James Marsden, Jesse Bradford, John Light, et al., is easily dominated. George Segal, safely out of range of Close, has a funny bit as a rabbi doing his duty in the line of premarital counseling.

Après Vous is a French gâteau of cloying overelaboration, relying on its characters' inexplicable behavior to

prolong its plot's instantaneous tedium. A hurrying passer-by, after hours in a public park, stops to save a would-be suicide and thereafter goes to infinite lengths to help him out, giving him a place to stay even if it means displacing his own girlfriend, driving him through the night to intercept a posted suicide note, getting him an unsuitable job as a sommelier, and conspiring to reunite him with his inamorata (one of the legion of unusual-looking French leading ladies, the vaguely goosey Sandrine Kiberlain). The direction of Pierre Salvadori, scarcely a newcomer to the screen but a new name over here, is not

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without its felicities, as witness the well-timed episode, with shrewd use of off-screen space, in which our meddlesome Samaritan tips the inamorata to the infidelity of her current fiancé. And Daniel Auteuil is an actor of prodigious range: his semi-paralytic drunk scene is so out-of-character that it almost appears to have been appropriated from his co-star, José García. I seem to remember remarking or thinking, with regard to *The Closet* or some other, that it's interesting to watch this fastidious virtuoso throw himself into slopwork. I would not want to make a habit of remark-

ing it. Moviegoers with a taste for Gallic comedies are advised not to let *Happily Ever After* slip out of town while making plans for this one. ■

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The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D — The daydream superheroes of a bullied grade-schooler come to life, pull him out of the classroom, fly him to Planet Drool (Where Kids Rule), ride the Train of Thought to the Land of Milk and Cookies, take a Banana-Split Boat down the

Steam of Consciousness, and so on. Didactic kiddie film from Robert Rodriguez, a change from his *Spy Kids* series, shot in cloudy, colorless 3-D. Hard on the eyes, no easier on the stomach. With Cayden Boyd, Taylor Lautner, Taylor Dooley, David Arquette, Kristin Davis, and George Lopez. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Après Vous — Reviewed this issue. With Daniel Auteuil, José García, and Sandrine Kiberlain; written and directed by Pierre Salvadori.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 6/24)

Batman Begins — With a new director (Christopher Nolan) and a new star (Christian Bale), the fifth entry in the Batman series, true to its title, returns 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. Think of it, more exactly, as *Batman Starts Over* or *Batman Backs Up*. Think of it, in other words, as a prequel. 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. But the starting-over also means, not so naturally, a new intensity, a new purpose, a new attitude, a straighter face. All this intensity, etc., cuts two ways: it lends a degree of conviction 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 super-

powers, 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. With Katie Holmes, Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Gary Oldman, Liam Neeson, Cillian Murphy, Tom Wilkinson, Rutger Hauer. 2005. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; 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)

Bewitched — Reviewed this issue. With Nicole Kidman, Will Ferrell, Michael Caine, and Shirley MacLaine; directed by Nora Ephron.

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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; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 Lucarici. Written and directed by Paul Haggis. 2005.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

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, stogy, talky, listless — was thought to be unreleasable. Why, though, it was thought to be remake-

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able, 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)

Downfall — Two-and-a-half-hour count-down 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)

Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room — Everything you already knew about the plundering energy giant — and 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)

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas — Hunter S. Thompson's well-thumbed war stories or fish stories from the drug culture have licensed director Terry Gilliam, a late replacement for the original director, Alex Cox, to shovel together a junkpile of repulsive visual effects in illustration of assorted altered states (distorting lenses, off-balance cameras, computer animation, gaudy lights, Expressionistic sets), a bit like one of those stock hallucinatory scenes in films from the psychedelic heyday of the late Sixties, but dragged out for two solid hours. And yet at the same time, it is a hobblingly literary movie, leaning heavily on the protagonist's logorrheic narration to lend any semblance of coherence to the action. Put simply, it was a doomed idea from the word go, and the main fascination of the thing is in marvelling at how it managed to crawl so far along the ground without anyone uttering the word stop. Johnny Depp, Benicio Del Toro, Christina Ricci, Ellen Barkin, Gary Busey. 1998.

● (KEN, 6/25 MIDNIGHT)

Fever Pitch — A men-are-from-Mars-women-are-from-Venus romantic comedy, a substantial subject and amply amusing. It tells you a lot about the film, though, that the gist of it may be summed up in the title

of a pop-psych best seller. Our Martian man, a middle-school math teacher, is also (note the year: 2003) a Boston Red Sox fan who emphatically brings home to you the term's derivation from *fanatic*: his apartment is wall-to-wall team collectibles (baseball-cap lamp, baseball-glove telephone, and so on), right down to the New York Yankee toilet paper. Our Venusian woman, an up-and-coming corporate dynamo, is

defined nonetheless by her manlessness at age "twenty-ten," is habitually disappointed in her relationships with her male mirror-images, is willing out of desperation to give an uncompetitive Nice Guy a try, is even willing to assimilate *in toto* his lore and legend of Fenway Park (the Green Monster, Pesky's Pole, the Curse of the Bambino, "Bucky Friggin' Dent," Buckner, etc.), while expecting no comparable contortions on the part of the guy. A pair of two-dimensional cutouts; shadowless stereotypes. Any psychological interest will have to be transferred onto the filmmakers themselves, in their setting-up of frighteningly confident and successful female characters and then vengefully subjecting the entire sex to just-for-fun physical abuse: beamed by a football; puking food-poisoned; dropped twenty feet to the floor at an indoor rock-climbing exhibit; knocked flat on the back by a punch at the gym; knocked unconscious by a foul ball. In fairness, this is pretty toned down for a Farrelly brothers comedy. (And with Matthew Leonetti doing the camerawork, the image has been considerably toned up.) Presumably the softening of tone owes to the fact that the script was placed in other hands, those of Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel, who must have had to rewrite on the fly when the 2004 playoffs yielded a Happy Ending that even Hollywood would have scarcely dared dream up. Jimmy Fallon, Drew Barrymore. 2005.

★★ (VOGUE)

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)

Heights — Reviewed this issue. With Glenn Close, Elizabeth Banks, James Marsden, and Jesse Bradford; directed by Chris Terrio.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/24)

Herbie: Fully Loaded — Disney retooling of the magical Volkswagen Bug, with Lindsay Lohan, Michael Keaton, and Matt Dillon, directed by Angela Robinson. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR

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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)

Howl's Moving Castle — Hayao Miyazaki, the doyen of anime, creates here a dreamworld that doesn't so much pull the spectator into it as push him towards his own: more snore than howl. It certainly doesn't lack for imaginative detail. On the contrary, it could have made do with a little less. The titular castle, for the prime example, 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

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galleons, WWII battleships, countryside cottages, boiler rooms, God knows what all, walking around on giant chicken's feet and dragging a dinosaur's tail, the residence of a glam-rock wizard called Howl (voiced, in the English-dubbed version, by Christian Bale) and a Casper-the-Friendly-Ghost fire demon called Calcifer (expressing himself with the Borsh't 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. What the film most definitely does lack, on the other hand, is adequate mundanity to ground the runaway whimsy (the breakfast of bacon and eggs stands out as an exception), 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 lot to like: the pogo-sticking scarecrow, the wheezy little pooch, 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



The Longest Yard

ardor. Miyazaki maniacs, of which there are more than a few, will doubtless find much else to like, besides. With the voices of Jean Simmons, Emily Mortimer, Lauren Bacall, Blythe Danner. 2005.
★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Kingdom of Heaven — Or, One More

Reason Why the Middle East Hates the West. Back, back, back to the 12th Century, back to before the Third Crusade ("To kill an infidel is not murder, it is the path to heaven"), equipped with cultural relativism, vats of blood, miles of slow-motion, and wave after wave of lung-filling atmosphere, until you're apt to require artificial respiration. Orlando Bloom, as the village blacksmith converted overnight into a

knight-errant, and eventually into a proto-humanist, lacks a little something in heroic stature. So we're sorry, early on, to lose the battle-tested Liam Neeson ("I once fought two days with an arrow in my testicle"), and a little later, the metal-masked leper king. The climactic battle for Jerusalem, a three-rounder, is big, long, and inglorious. With Eva Green, Jeremy Irons, David Thewlis, Brendan Gleeson, Marton Csokas;

directed by Ridley Scott. 2005.

★ (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, THROUGH 6/23)

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 — The stranger who, in the nervous days before WWII, washes up on the Cornish shore, and into the lives of two elderly sisters, proves to be a Polish violin prodigy, whose sweet sounds catch the ear of a neighboring beauty on holiday, the sister of a world-famous maestro. A not very likely story. Nuanced performances from Judi Dench and Maggie Smith — and the former's impossible crush on their young guest creates plenty of space for nuance. But the whole is unswallowable. With Daniel Brühl, Natascha McElhone, Miriam Margolyes, and David Warner; written and directed by Charles Dance. 2005.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Land of the Dead — Reviewed next issue. With Simon Baker, John Leguizamo, Asia Argento, and Dennis Hopper; written and directed by George A. Romero.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 6/24)

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)

The Longest Yard — Dumbing-down of Robert Aldrich's 1974 prison-*cum*-football film, the Sadistic Guards versus the Aveng-

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ing 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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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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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 (be-

yond 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.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; 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 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24; 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

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Mother Ghost from *Spiritual Cinema Circle Volume Three*: Keith (Mark Thompson of the *Mark and Brian in the Morning* radio show) is having a very bad day. His wife is threatening divorce, and his deceased mother is coming up — and possibly around — just a little too often. As Keith wonders if he's in the throes of a mid-life crisis or actually experiencing a visitation from beyond, he turns to a radio talk show psychiatrist for help. This is *Spiritual Cinema* at its best!

BRIDESHEAD REVISITED

(England) 1981,

Acorn Media

List price: \$79.95

SPIRITUAL CINEMA CIRCLE

VOLUME THREE featuring

MOTHER GHOST

(USA) 2002,

www.spiritualcinemacircle.com

(Must become a member to order DVDs)

LEE ANN KIM

Executive director, San Diego Asian Film Foundation

What do you get when you team up a Korean-American geek with a South Asian stoner? *Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle*, a hilarious comedy that leaves you starving for a burger and fries. Definitely the Asian-American Cheech and Chong.

Justin Lin's critically acclaimed *Better Luck Tomorrow*, a hit at Sundance, concerns high school valedictorians gone wild. Sex, drugs, rock 'n' roll, and, oh yeah, the kids are all Asian-American. No model minorities here.

In *Robot Stories*, indie filmmaker Greg Pak proves that robots do have a heart.

HAROLD AND KUMAR

GO TO WHITE CASTLE

(USA) 2004,

New Line Home Video

List price: \$27.95

BETTER LUCK TOMORROW

(USA) 2002,

Paramount

List price: \$19.98

ROBOT STORIES

(USA) 2003,

Kino International

List price: \$29.95

ETHAN VAN THILLO

Founder/executive director, Media Arts Center San Diego and San Diego Latino Film Festival

I don't have time to see anything except hundreds of film-festival entries until late spring, and then I take advantage of the movies that arrive via NetFlix that I've missed. Pedro Almodóvar's *La Mala Educación* may not be his best film, but there's no denying his unique directorial style. The art direction, music, and cinematography are always a delight. Plus, what man or woman wouldn't enjoy seeing Gael García Bernal running around half-naked?

In anticipation of seeing his new film *Palindromes*, and with fond memories of *Welcome to the Dollhouse*, I saw Todd Solondz's film *Happiness*. If you enjoy seeing very disturbing and depressing films, this is the one to see!

LA MALA EDUCACION/BAD

EDUCACION

(Spain) 2004,

Columbia/Tristar

List price: \$26.99

HAPPINESS

(USA) 1998,

Trimark Home Video

List price: \$24.99

"promise" unbroken — the promise of a filmmaker with, or on, an edge — he here undergoes a harder whack on the chisel. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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)

Mysterious Skin — Brady Corbet and Joseph Gordon-Livett as troubled teens on a voyage of self-discovery, directed by Gregg Araki.

(KEN, 6/24 THROUGH30)

My Summer of Love — Reviewed this issue. With Nathalie Press, Emily Blunt,

GEORGE A. ROMERO'S
LAND OF THE DEAD

UNIVERSAL PICTURES AND ATMOSPHERE ENTERTAINMENT MM PRESENT A MARK CANTON-BERNIE GOLDMANN AND ROMERO-BRUNSWALD PRODUCTION IN ASSOCIATION WITH WILD BUNCH "LAND OF THE DEAD" SIMON BAKER DENNIS HOPPER ASIA ARGENTO ROBERT JOY AND JOHN LEBUZAMO CASTING MARCI LIROFF
MUSIC BY REINHOLD HEIL AND JOHNNY KLIMEK COSTUME ALEX KAVANAGH EDITOR MICHAEL DOHERTY PRODUCTION DESIGNER ARY GREYVAL DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY MIROSLAW BASZAK EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS STEVE BARNETT DENNIS E. JONES RYAN KAVANAUGH
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and Paddy Considine; directed by Pawel Pawlikowski.
 ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 Lock-

lear, 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; MIS-

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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 unconfident surgeon, and Lynn Chen, a stiff dancer whom we never see dance — can’t keep pace. Written and directed by Alice

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CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
 4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3D (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:00) 4:20, 6:50, 9:35; Mon.-Tue. (11:35, 2:00, 4:20) 6:50, 9:35; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:55) 4:50, 6:55, 7:50, 9:50, 10:50; Sun. (11:00, 1:55) 4:50, 6:55, 7:50, 9:50; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 1:00, 2:15, 3:20) 4:40, 5:40, 7:05, 8:00, 9:30, 10:25; Sun. (11:45, 1:00, 2:15, 3:20) 4:40, 5:40, 7:05, 8:00, 9:30; Mon.-Tue. (11:45, 1:00, 2:15, 3:20) 4:40, 5:40, 7:05, 8:00, 9:30; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:05, 3:30) 7:00, 10:05; **George A. Romero’s Land of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 8:10, 10:30; Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 8:10, 10:20; Mon.-Tue. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45) 8:10, 10:20; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 12:30, 2:05, 3:05) 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 7:55, 9:40, 10:20; Sun. (11:30, 12:30, 2:05, 3:05) 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 7:55, 9:40, 10:20; Mon.-Tue. (11:30, 12:30, 2:05, 3:05, 4:30, 5:30) 7:10, 7:55, 9:40; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 1:30, 3:45) 6:45, 9:25; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (11:10, 1:50, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; **The Perfect Man** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:45) 5:10, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (11:20, 1:45, 5:10) 7:40, 10:15; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:40) 4:15; Mon.-Tue. (11:05, 1:40, 4:15); **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:25) 4:25, 7:30, 10:35; Sun. (12:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:25; Mon.-Tue. (12:25, 4:25) 7:25, 10:25

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
 701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Bewitched (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 12:55, 2:20, 3:20) 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 2:20, 3:20, 4:45, 5:45) 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:35; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 12:45, 2:45, 3:45) 6:45, 7:45, 9:50, 10:45; Sun. (11:45, 12:45, 2:45, 3:45) 6:45, 7:45, 9:50; **Downfall** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:05) 6:30; **High Tension** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:15) 4:10, 6:15, 8:20, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:10) 6:15, 8:20, 10:20; **The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:10) 4:35, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:35) 7:10, 9:35; **The Honeymooners** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:40, 5:50) 8:05, 10:30; **Kingdom of Heaven** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 6:50, 10:00; **Kung Fu Hustle** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:20, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:05, 5:20) 7:50, 10:05; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30) 4:55, 5:55, 7:30, 8:30, 9:55, 10:50; Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30) 4:55, 5:55, 7:30, 8:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 4:55, 5:55) 7:30, 8:30, 9:55; **A Lot Like Love** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (4:15) 9:40; **Monster-in-Law** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 4:30, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:30) 7:40, 10:15; **Sin City** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:40, 7:35, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:40) 7:35, 10:10; **Unleashed** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:55, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 7:55, 10:25

Horton Plaza 14
 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
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Crash (R) Fri. (4:10) 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 4:10, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. (4:10) 10:05; **George A. Romero’s Land of the Dead** (R) Fri. (12:00, 12:45, 2:20, 3:35, 4:40) 6:35, 7:05, 9:00, 9:30, 12:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:45, 2:20, 3:35) 4:40, 6:35, 7:05, 9:00, 9:30; Mon.-Tue. (12:00, 12:45, 2:20, 3:35, 4:40) 6:35, 7:05, 9:00, 9:30; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri. (12:15, 1:10, 2:45, 3:50, 5:15) 6:30, 7:45, 9:05, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 1:10, 2:45, 3:50) 5:15, 6:30, 7:45, 9:05, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (12:15, 1:10, 2:45, 3:50, 5:15) 6:30, 7:45, 9:05, 10:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Tue. (12:05, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:40; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 1:35, 3:25, 4:40) 6:30, 7:10, 7:40, 9:25, 10:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:00, 1:35, 3:25) 4:40, 6:30, 7:10, 7:40, 9:25, 10:35; Mon.-Tue. (12:30, 1:00, 1:35, 3:25, 4:40) 6:30, 7:10, 7:40, 9:25, 10:35; **The Perfect Man** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:55, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:55, 10:25; Mon.-Tue. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:55, 10:25; **Rockin The Corps** Mon. 7:00; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:25); **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
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La Jolla Village
 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Après Vous (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; **Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room** (Not Rated) Fri. 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 9:45; **Happily Ever After** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; Mon. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; Tue.-Wed. (2:20, 4:55) 10:00; Thu. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; **Ladies in Lavender** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10; Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:35, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10; **Mad Hot Ballroom** (PG) Fri. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; Sat. (11:35) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Wed. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 9:55

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
 10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
 Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Bewitched; **Herbie: Fully Loaded**; **Land of the Dead**; **Batman Begins**; **The Perfect Man**; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith**; **The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D**; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants**; **Cinderella Man**; **Madagascar**; **The Longest Yard**; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith**; **Monster-in-Law**; **Crash**

Mann Hazard 7
 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:30, 4:00) 6:30, 7:10, 9:40, 10:10; Sat.-Thu. (12:40, 3:30, 4:00) 6:30, 7:10, 9:40, 10:10; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:00, 4:30) 6:50, 9:30; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:40) 6:40, 10:00; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; **The Honeymooners** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50); **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:20; **The Perfect Man** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:30, 5:00) 7:20, 9:50

Mission Valley 20
 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Bewitched; **Herbie: Fully Loaded**; **Land of the Dead**; **Batman Begins**; **The Perfect Man**; **Mr. & 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**;

Madagascar; **The Longest Yard**; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith**

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
 5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:10, 10:05; Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (1:25, 4:25) 7:25; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. (1:30, 3:40, 5:50) 8:05; **George A. Romero’s Land of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 3:15, 5:35) 7:55; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 9:55; Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:45; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 2:55) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:15, 3:10, 5:10) 7:10; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (1:45, 4:45) 7:35

Ken
 4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (R) Sat. 12:00; **Mysterious Skin** (NC-17) Fri. (4:30) 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (4:30) 7:00, 9:30

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret
 4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Sunset Boulevard, Thursday through Saturday

Hillcrest Cinemas
 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Heights (R) 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; **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; **Ladies in Lavender** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10; Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:35, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10; **Layer Cake** (R) Fri. 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 9:45; **Mad Hot Ballroom** (PG) Fri. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; Mon. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; Tue.-Wed. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; **My Summer of Love** (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:05) 7:35, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:55) 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:05) 7:35, 9:55

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Antarctica(1991) (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Forces of Nature** (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)
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Wu. 2005.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 6/23)

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, Benicio 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 impossible"), and who mail the garment back and forth as a way to stay in touch during their summer of separation. While it deals with

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Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Fever Pitch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 9:45;
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Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 12:30;
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10:10; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:35, 1:20, 4:05); **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15

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Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Crash** (R) Fri.-Tue. 3:15, 8:15, 10:45; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:00 (12:30) 5:30

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La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00; **The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill** (G) Fri. 7:00, 9:00; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. 7:00, 9:00

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Oceanside 16

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Calendar MOVIES

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 doesn't blind you to her talent. With Jenna Boyd, Bradley Whitford, Nancy Travis; directed by Ken Kwapis. 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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)

The Spongebob Squarepants

Movie — Big-screen blowup of the Nickelodeon TV cartoon show, brain-child of writer-director Stephen Hillenburg. After a campy musical prologue with some live-action pirates, we are introduced to the ocean-floor community of Bikini Bottom; to the title character who looks as much like a block of Swiss cheese as like an O-Cel-O sponge (the rectangular pants, something like a step-in flower box, do not identify him either way); to his starfish pal, Patrick; to his boss, Eugene Krabs, owner of the Krusty Krab eatery, home of the Krabby Patty; and to the latter's envious business rival, a specimen of plankton who runs the



The Perfect Man

unsuccessful Chum Bucket and steals the secret recipe of the Krabby Patty, along with the crown of King Neptune (exposing his bald spot and fragile ego), and frames the crab for the crime. It's up to Spongebob, the Krusty Krab's fry-cook who covets the position of manager in the newly opened Krusty Krab 2, to set things right. Is he *man* enough for the job, or is he just a *kid* who likes to blow bubbles and eat ice cream? A live-action David Hasselhoff comes to the rescue in a campy climax that balances the campy prologue. All of this is apt to sound viable enough in summary. The actual artwork, on the other hand, is willfully primitive, knowingly naive, or, without the equivocation, just plain lousy, and the voices are almost unanimously annoying. A newcomer to the terrain might be struck by the number of phallic shapes on parade. Phallic heads, phallic snouts, phallic appendages. The phallic eyes of the crab are even covered, on and off, with roll-down

condom-like eyelids (if that's the proper crustacean word). Such a newcomer may, even so, have a hard time convincing himself that this constitutes an appeal to the adult. The same may be said of the self-conscious mythicizing: the quest motif, the growth motif, the deliverance motif. Even that, in the aftermath of *Star Wars*, has become kids' stuff. No doubt there's a creative touch or two, possibly three: the sandwich car, one or two of the sea monsters. The rest is not quite all the way to appalling, but it's nearer that than amusing. 2004.

● (ESCONDIDO 16; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; 6/28 AND 29, 10 A.M.)

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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Sunset Boulevard — Typically trashy Hollywood "exposé" about a gullible, corruptible writer who is snared by a movie queen, a quarter-century past her prime, hidden away with her delusions and her loyal butler in a Gothic mausoleum. As irresistible as gossip. With Gloria Swanson, William Holden, Erich Von Stroheim; directed by Billy Wilder. 1950.

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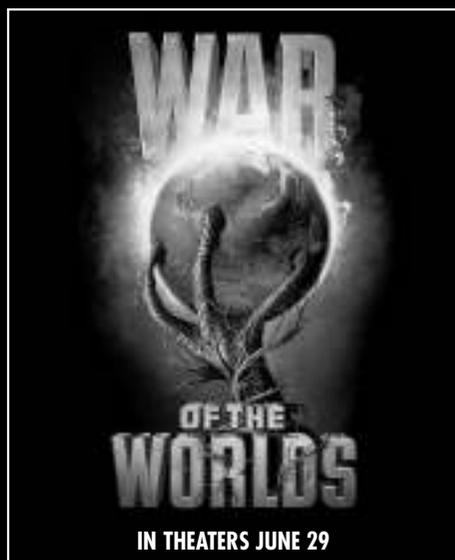
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● (GASLAMP 15)

The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill — Human-interest documentary, and avian-interest, about an unemployed San Francisco musician, Mark Bittner, who tends a flock of cherry-headed conures, plus one outcast blue-crown conure by the name of Connor (they all have names), who is quite a character. Lightly engaging most of the way, with all of the wrenching saved for the end. Directed, edited, and shot ("no digital special effects") by Judy Irving. 2005.

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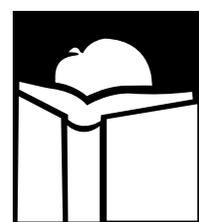
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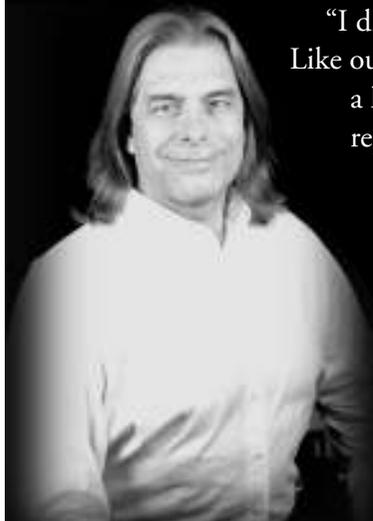
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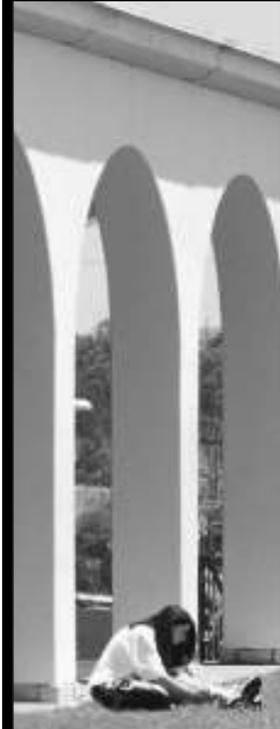
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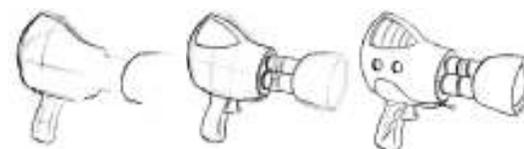
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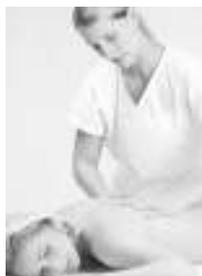
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13. Charlatan
15. Heart of Dixie: Abbr.
16. Harness part
17. Willing subject?
18. Charlie Sheen's costar on TV's "Two and a Half Men"
20. "Heh-heh," for one
22. Highly influential
23. Ring leaders?
25. Oldsmobile introduced in 1999
26. Obviously tired
30. Exam for a future DA
31. Wound up costing
32. Fields of endeavor
34. Do simple math
35. Get an _____ (ace)
38. Spruce juice
39. It's right after April in Paris
42. German king known as "the Great"
44. PLO rival
46. Strong _____ ox
49. Like 1905, for Albert Einstein
52. Massaged places
54. Kind of collision
55. Morning chafest on ABC
57. Crash site?
61. Popular deli order (or something to find three times in this puzzle)
63. Poisonous atmosphere
64. The "E" in QED
65. Kind
66. When there's darkness, in an Arthur Koestler title
67. Leonine locks
68. Previously named
69. Pele's real first name

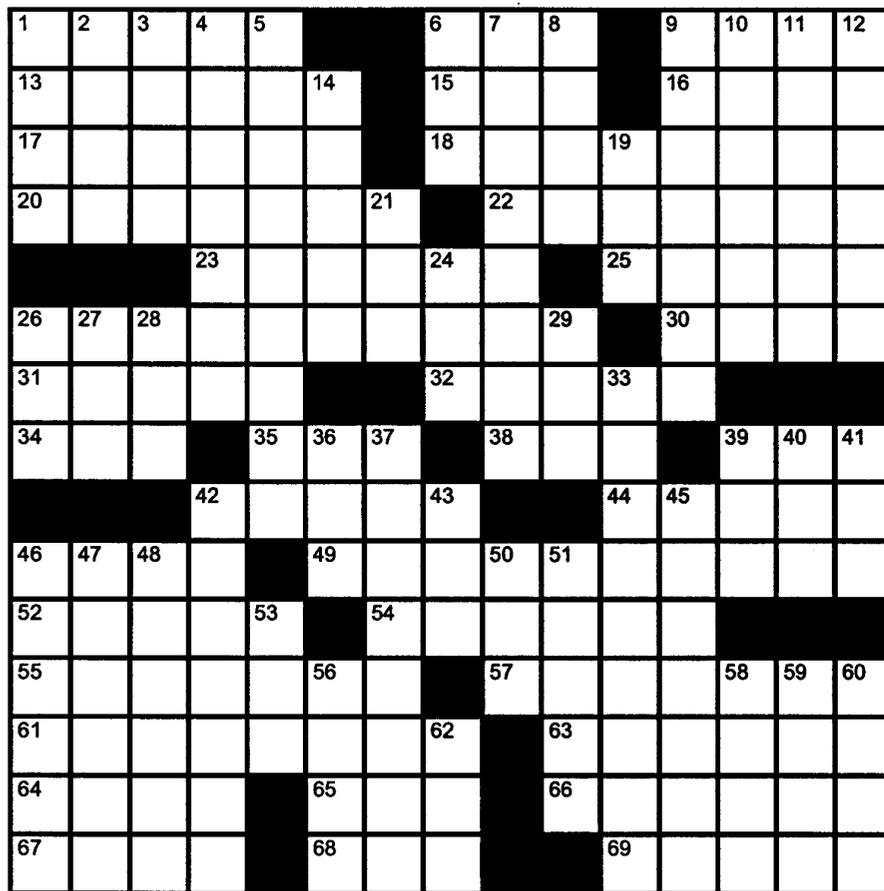
Down

1. Intl. oil group
2. Between-meal bite
3. This, in Tijuana
4. University of Cincinnati player
5. Ruthless
6. British rule in India
7. Patients dentists love to see
8. "Citizen _____"
9. Excites
10. "Far From Heaven" director Todd
11. 1998 Masters and British Open winner Mark
12. Dry red wine
14. Race with a baton
19. Dixie Chicks prize: Abbr.

21. Suffix used in linguistics
24. Burmese coin
26. Women's wear daily
27. Youth
28. Butt
29. Bust performers: Abbr.
33. Fertility goddess
36. Wagering venue, for short
37. He plays Dr. John Carter on "ER"
39. Tussaud's title: Abbr.
40. Slim battery size
41. Nation since 1948: Abbr.
42. Slimmest margin of victory, in a political race
43. Like Beethoven's Sonata No. 30
45. "Atlas Shrugged" author
46. "O Canada," e.g.
47. 2005 Matthew McConaughey movie
48. Tarzan, for one
50. Catch
51. Tomato blight
53. Sloth, e.g.
56. Oscar-winning role for Julia
58. Zoo de Madrid animals
59. 1847 Herman Melville novel
60. "Death in Venice" author
62. Barely manage, with "out"

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EARN \$80! UCSD/VA study of decision making. Looking for healthy volunteers, ages 18-55: no major medical problems, no mental health problems, no alcohol or drug problems. Call Kelly, 858-534-9442.

FELLOWSHIP OF OLDER GAYS (FOG). Social club, full calendar of activities. Free strictly confidential information. PO Box 4271, San Diego 92164-4271. www.gocities.com/westhollywood/park/9411. 619-298-1388 or 619-702-4586.

FEMALE CREATIVE ENERGY HEALING. Tuesday, 6/28 at 7pm, 2141 El Camino Real, Oceanside. Experience a female creative energy healing! Earth and Sky Church, 760-631-7900.

FILM CLUB. Archie's foreign and art film club watches, then discusses, current running movies. 858-581-3456.

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along with a study drug, and their treatment may affect how your brain works. This is an 8-week study, all visits, treatment and care will be free and you will receive up to \$200 for participation. For more information, please call Kelly at 858-534-9442.

MEDITATION. Free classes Tuesdays, 7pm; Thursdays, 7:30pm; and Saturdays, 11:30am, no class on 6/25. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. www.dharmacenter.com or 858-616-6308.

MENOPAUSE HOT FLASHES? UCSD is conducting research study for women ages 50-75, healthy (not smoking or using HRT) experiencing hot flashes. Evaluation plus 6 overnight stays are required. 619-543-5575.

OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE anonymous, 12-step group for people with OCD. Free. Mondays 6-7pm. Department of Health Services complex, 3851 Rosecrans Street, Mission Room. 619-757-6603.

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PARENTS, FAMILIES and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Find help, support, and understanding. Meetings monthly in Hillcrest. www.pflag.com or call for details, 619-579-7640.

PATHWORK PRESENTATION and discussion: Staying Safe in the Midst of Change, June 27, 7pm-9pm, 4716 32nd Street, 92116. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. For information/directions, 619-296-9046.

PMS SLEEP and light study. Women ages 20-45 not on medication or birth control pills with regular menstrual cycles needed for 6-month UCSD sleep and light study. 8 overnight hospital stays required. 619-543-7393.

PREGNANT OR POSTPARTUM women, 20-45, UCSD Department of Psychiatry need women who are pregnant or postpartum (who are not feeling sad or blue and not using birth control pills) for a research study on depression using sleep and light therapy. 8 overnight hospital stays required. 619-543-7393.

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SEX and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You are not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step fellowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163 or 619-685-7211 or www.slaa-san-diego.org.

SPENDERS IN RECOVERY meeting of Debtors Anonymous. Tuesdays at 6:30pm. If you want tools to stop overspending, contact Irene for details, 619-528-9584.

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TWELVE STEPS not working for you? Try a self-empowering, skill-building approach with S.M.A.R.T. Recovery, free support group. 858-546-1100.

VOLUNTEERS. San Diego's abused/neglected children need you to serve as a Court Appointed Special Advocate. All training provided. Next information sessions: Wednesday, 7/6; Wednesday, 8/3. Voices for Children, 858-569-2019 or visit www.voices4children.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Must be 18+. Take inner city kids on outings. Enjoy taking them camping, hiking, horseback riding, kayaking, backpacking, snorkeling, take them to see wildlife being rehabilitated. Please contact Jim Davis, 760-739-8407.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. UCSD's Doula Program needs women to help other women during labor. Be a part of this special time and make a difference in women's lives. 619-543-6269 x3.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Carlsbad triathlon and seaside expo. Saturday, 7/9, 9:30am-1:30pm and 1pm-4:30pm. Seaside expo fun zone and triathlon pre-registration, Sunday, 7/10, 6am-noon. Many different opportunities. Mandatory training, 7/6. Gail, 760-602-4681.

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CECE 625. Happy birthday. I love you and I miss you! Daddy 522.

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MAYBE IT'S NOT TOO LATE, to learn how to love and forget how to hate. Pray and work for peace. Please, brothers and sisters!

NICK K. NICK K. NICK K. You must have heard the expression time is of the essence? Well it is! Write soon as you are able. WI WI WI.

WHAT CREATOR, you have brought to manifestation is that which prevails. It's up to you to bring change. God shows/provides the way, you use it or lose it. Aton.

MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

TRAVEL. Flight attendant from major airline wanted by single male, 39. Let's travel to places in the United States: New York, Florida, San Francisco, etc. (7/6) 48426

FRIENDSHIP. Pacific Beach lady, 53, wants to find friends, men/women for movies. I like movies on weekends. I like 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

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

CHRISTIAN? Adventurous, sincere, loving, positive, responsible. Seeking same for dating, movies, sightseeing, spend time having fun, possible future. 40-50, 5'11", nonsmoking/drugs. (7/6) 34959

I AM CLASSY, NOT PERFECT, 5'2". Love everything; humor, dancing, travel, inde-

pendent. I'm seeking a secure, honest, lifetime man, 68+, same. (6/29) 34932

ADVENTUROUS, WORLDLY, athletic, slim, tall, Jewish female. Nonsmoker. Seeking tall, 40-52, fit, compassionate, humorous, Jewish man of integrity. Enjoy sports, culture and travel. Let's talk. (7/6) 34946

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

GENUINE AND TRUSTING Latina who loves the outdoors. I'm 44, looking for someone who enjoys riding sand with quads. Like camping in Baja. (7/6) 34943

LET'S HANG OUT, North Coastal. Seeking friend, companion, playmate, consort. Petite, affectionate, vibrant, friendly, for casinos, dining out, home. Be solvent, easygoing, fun. (7/6) 34951

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

GOD BLESS AMERICA NOW and forever. Kind, caring, active, mature, Caucasian woman wants to meet retired, active, tall, Caucasian man, 70s, nonsmoker for friendship, companionship. (7/6) 34956

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

PETITE, INTELLIGENT LADY looking for one fine gentleman. Music, travel, good conversation, open to marriage and life's adventures, 45+. Let the good times begin. Yeah! (7/6) 34948

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

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

I'M PRETTY, 56, SHAPELY, curvaceous, 120lbs. I desire sweet, serious love. Movies, dancing, travel and dining. Give me a chance. (7/6) 34947

WARM, SEXY LATINA seeking that special gentleman, 42-50 for a long, lasting relationship. No games. Let's enjoy what life has to offer. (7/6) 34950

FRENCH, SEXY, FIT, attractive, 41, 5'7", 130lbs., blonde/blue, romantic, affectionate, good-hearted, sports, dancing, outdoors, indoors, beach, travel. Gentleman,

40-54, sexy, fit, handsome, athletic, secure. (7/6) 34954

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

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

PRETTY, CURVACEOUS LADY, 66, fun-loving, kind, San Diego South Bay. In search of kind, lighthearted gentleman, 5'10"+, for long-term relationship, gentleman, age 70+. (7/6) 34949

PETITE, BLONDE professional, 47, smart, sassy. Like sports, love surprises. Seeking 6', dashing, stable, over 40, side kick dancing, humor, golf required. Surprises optional. (7/6) 34953

MENSCH SOUGHT BY 42-YEAR old princess studying to be the queen. Must be funny and good kitzbiter. No kvetchers or excess mishegoss. Let's schmooze! (6/29) 34921

ORCHID PRINCESS is looking for her prince. Me: pretty, slim, tall and educated. You: 40-55, honest, successful, sincere and nonsmoker in North County. (7/6) 34957

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

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

PRETTY AND PETITE music teacher, 5'2", 115lbs. Enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, hatha yoga, seeks gentleman 5'10"+, 45-55, athletic, spiritual, good sense of humor. (7/6) 34961

WHITE MALE, CONSIDERATE, caring, for long-term relationship. I am 5'3", 115lbs., caring and compassionate. (6/29) 34920

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ASIAN LADY, 60, look under 50, old-fashioned educated, desires to meet a nice gentleman, 50-60, honest, nice nonsmoker, with college degree. (7/6) 34940

WARM PERSONALITY, traditional values, attractive blonde/blue, retired widow, fashion beauty counselor. Seeking congenial Christian gentleman. Enjoy healthy lifestyle, travel, swimming, cultural activities, gardening. (7/6) 34952

FRIEND, COMPANION wanted for attractive, educated lady, 70. Dining, dancing, tennis, garage sales, theater. Share expenses. Balboa Park area. (6/29) 34918

LATINA, 49, PETITE, seeking male, 45-60, for serious relationship, nonsmoker, honest, generous, loving. Enjoy dancing, movies, outdoors, family and friends. (6/29) 34917

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoy outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 50-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (8/58). (7/6) 34945

WHAT THE BLEEP DO WE know? Loving woman seeking positive thinking man, 45-55. Exploring and enjoying the mysteries of life, love, the universe and everything. Must have sense of humor. (7/6) 34955

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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

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

SLENDER, CHEERFUL, healthy, tall, warm, affectionate, white female, 67. Seeking good-natured, fit, 6'1"+, gentleman, near age 67, for companionship, fun, TLC. Friends first. Nonsmoker. (7/6) ☎34939

TALL, PLAYFUL, AUBURN, 45, 5'9". Seeking professional, 6'+, 200lbs., 38-48, stylish, spiritual, honest, cultural, dancer, concerts, educated, adventurous, travel, emotional time, available, stable, humorous. Share friendship/goals. (7/6) ☎34942

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

CUTE CALIFORNIA GIRL, blonde/blue, 5'8", slender, teacher. Enjoy beach, concerts, boating, gym, flying, kickboxing, belly dancing. Seeking fun, successful, attractive, fit, romantic, nonsmoker, 34-48. (7/6) ☎34938

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

AFFECTIONATE, ATTRACTIVE, outgoing tomboy with freckles. 40, 5'6", blonde/blue. Love outdoors, sports, desert and water sports, theater, live music, comedy. Seeking fun, honest partner. (7/6) ☎34944

Witty and Wise, 57
6'3", 212lbs., Rancho Bernardo, handsome, honest, caring, intelligent. Looking for long-term relationship. Like movies, dining, plays, travel. Must be loving. (7/6) ☎48424

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

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, PETITE, real estate agent, 59, art docent, traveler, outdoor lover. Seeking a reasonably fit companion for conversation and a glass of wine. (7/6) ☎34960

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

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

BEAUTIFUL LATINA. Like exotic places, movies, cooking. You: no games, nonsmoker, kids, professional, honest, loving and ready for a serious stable; healthy and hot. Muah's! (6/29) ☎34936

PASSIONATE, ATTRACTIVE, romantic woman having lived and loved for 58 summers seeks younger man to widen my horizons for our next 58 together. (7/6) ☎34941

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

FIRST LOVE FEELING AGAIN. 55ish, strong, sensitive, cuddling, snuggling, gentle, gentleman, good genes, warm, kind, caring, thoughtful and honest, friendship first. Let's walk. No baggage. (6/29) ☎48403

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, nature, fun at home, and more. La Mesa area. (6/29) ☎48387

52, WHITE, NONSMOKER, easygoing, open to new ideas. Enjoy sports, concerts, top 40, hip hop, car events, cook-

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ing outdoors. Seeking female with no present boyfriend. (7/6) ☎48432

I'M TIRED OF DIGGING that stupid tunnel to China. Prefer now to meet you for walks on the beach, in search of sand dollars. (7/6) ☎48423

ENGINEER AND PROFESSIONAL musician looking for a kind, loving, unselfish woman to spend time with and go out. White male, 52 going on 25. (7/6) ☎48439

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

PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE, 54 years, 6'3", interested in meeting down-to-earth, nonsmoking, good humored, honest female, 40-55, for friendship and possible relationship. Race unimportant. (7/6) ☎48422

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

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

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

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. (7/6) ☎48431

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

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

HANDSOME, STABLE, CARING, 34, prefer a Filipina or Asian who is honest and sincere. Me: homeowner, college graduate, organized, career minded, nonsmoker, active. (6/29) ☎48408

HEALTHY WHITE MALE, 5'9", 160lbs. Seeking shapely, nonsmoking, white lady, 50s-60s, monogamous, loving, sincere, prefer San Diego and south county. (7/6) ☎48435

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

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

HIKING, REMOTE CAMPING, backpacking, birding, 4-wheel drive, exploring, nature travel, environmentally conscious, adventurous, relaxing, taking it easy. 47, no baggage, easygoing, any age/race. (7/6) ☎48428

57, CAUCASIAN, 5'8", medium built, brown hair, blue eyes, mature, young attitude, spiritual, eclectic, upbeat. Enjoy music, film, metaphysics, dining out, teacher, author, student, joyful. (7/6) ☎48418

48, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards/morals, potential stepfather, Fashion Valley. Seeking 44-49, fit motivated lady to enjoy life with relationship, commitment. (7/6) ☎48434

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

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

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. (7/6) ☎48414

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

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

SENSE OF HUMOR, spiritual path, passionate, honest, psychologically minded, 51, 5'9", 170lbs., blue/grey. Enjoy coffee-house, movies, rock music, nature, stimulating conversation. Seeking friendship/relationship. (7/6) ☎48410

ITALIAN-AMERICAN, 51, attractive, 6', 182lbs., biking, hiking, tennis, foreign films, arts, comedy clubs, karaoke. Seeking Asian female, 29-50, very attractive, athletic, North County. (7/6) ☎48421

LIKE HARLEYS? Good-hearted biker looking for fit woman for fun and possibly serious relationship. Nonsmoker. Call me. (6/29) ☎48379

TALL, HAPPY, FIT SAILOR, 52 years. Seeking warm, attractive, adventurous single lady. Desire honesty and a romantically motivated relationship. Enjoy cultural events, beach and nature. (7/6) ☎48427

LARGE WHITE FEMALE, 180lbs., wanted by attractive black artist for a totally unique and passionate relationship. Be large, proportioned, attractive and seeking a permanent commitment. (7/6) ☎48430

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

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

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

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. (7/6) ☎48413

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

HUMOROUS! LATIN, TALL, fit, athletic, with lots of positive qualities. I enjoy skiing, travel, biking, movies, pasta, sports, quiet times, beach, relationships, camping. Age unimportant. (7/6) ☎48411

BEAUTIFUL PERSONALITY, handsome, loving heart, extremely kind, Berkeley grad, communicative, fit. Seeking monogamous relationship, 53, 5'10", 175lbs., mixed race, all calls returned, 45-55. Affectionate, compassionate. (7/6) ☎48416

OUTSIDE THE BOX. YOU? Seeking water girl, adventurer, free spirit, old soul. Smarter than the average bear. Ski, sail, hike, bike, kayak, any ideas? (7/6) ☎48419

UNSELFISH, LOYAL, LOVE. Seeking playful, healthy senior dove for beautiful evenings of dreams to come... Let's fly and nest. No chickadees, only doves. Thank you. (7/6) ☎48412

HEY LADIES. Feel free to answer this ad, and I'll make you a romantic dinner. Me: 6'4", professional chef, seeks black female, 25-50. Call now. (7/6) ☎48417

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

NOVICE OUTDOORS GENTLEMAN, 45, 5'8", 165lbs. Seeking attractive, fun lady to show me the way. Hiking, biking, new adventures, etc. Ready for caring, sharing relationship. (7/6) ☎48415

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

SINCERELY SEEKING quality relationship. 47, look 37, 5'9", 160lbs., good looking, love outdoors and indoors, easygoing, financially secure, ready to settle down. (6/29) ☎48395

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

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE desired, by attractive white male, 42, 6'3", 240lbs., nice shape, hazel eyes, 6 months of alcohol recovery. You: honest, romantic, caring, nondrinker, nonsmoker. (6/29) ☎48409

CARING, FUN, FIT, ROMANTIC, stable white male, 6', 54, 175lbs. Seeking special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel. Bye for now. (7/6) ☎48438

Seeking Trophy Goddess

to share with and spoil. I am handsome, semi-retired, enjoy sports, travel, outdoors, ocean, theater, fine dining and quality time with the right lady. (7/6) ☎48420

WHITE MALE, 45, 6'2", 339lbs. Interested in meeting attractive, fit woman. Not too big. I am a simulator technician. Live with mother and brother. (7/6) ☎48440

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, fishing and new stuff. (7/6) ☎48425

HEALTHY, ACTIVE, ROMANTIC, sincere nonsmoker senior. Living in Mexico (one hour south San Diego). Semi-retired. Seeking slim, 55+, lovable lady for long-term relationship. (7/6) ☎48429

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

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

ASIAN OVER 30 DESIRED. White professional, 46 (looking 39). Toned, smooth skin, shaven face, brown/green. 6', 200lbs. Sweet. Give your wonderful back rubs. (6/29) ☎48385

45-65, LADY OF COLOR desired. Must enjoy dining out, movies, dancing, walks on the beach or zoo. (6/29) ☎48397

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

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

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. (6/29) ☎48402

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, blue eyes, white, 50+, fit, loving, humorous, financially and emotionally OK, who enjoys walking, golf, movies, dinner, dancing, outdoors, etc. Seeking lasting relationship. (7/6) ☎48433

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

SECURE, 6'1", 180lbs., attractive, fit, sincere, creative, mature guy. Seeking 25-45 honest lady to spend quality time with at dinners and dating. Not disappointed, guaranteed. (7/6) ☎48436

CALIFORNIA SURFER looking for another female to surf with and travel the world. Looking for that perfect wave and relationship. 30-38. (7/6) ☎48437

ROOMMATES

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BANKER'S HILL. \$725. Own room. Private bath. Spacious 3 bedroom condo. Includes balcony with view and washer/dryer. Freeway close. Parking on premises. Kristen, 619-702-2606.

BAY PARK. \$750. Summer room rental. Large apartment with female and 2 kitties. Price includes all. Bay/ocean view. No heavy drinking/drugs. References. 619-549-7311.

BAY PARK. \$750. Furnished large master bedroom. King sized oak bed. Private bath. 2 mirrored closets. Own refrigerator. Quiet cul-de-sac. No smoking/drugs/pets. 858-272-1594.

BONITA/CHULA VISTA, EAST. \$500/month, 1/3 utilities. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in great neighborhood. Near Southwestern College. Backyard has pool, jacuzzi, barbecue, and more. Washer/dryer. No pets. Available immediately. 619-392-9697.

CARDIFF. \$725, includes utilities, deposit. Bright, spacious master bedroom/bath, walk-in closet. Beach close. Carport, gated, pool, tennis. No smoking/pets. Female only. 619-990-2649; 619-235-2415, x30297.

CARDIFF. \$825/month. Female. Very private bedroom/bathroom in stunning ocean view home. Includes utilities, cable, washer/dryer. Walk to beach. No smoking/drugs. 760-942-7604; 619-235-2415, x25014.

CARDIFF. \$690, 1/2 utilities. Spectacular, 180 degree whitewater view. 2 bedroom,

2 bath furnished townhome. Huge balcony, laundry, fireplace, cable, garage. Nonsmoking/pets. Jeff, 760-436-6426.

CARDIFF. Private entrance/bath, \$675 plus utilities/deposit. Community living with privacy. Vegetarian/seafood kitchen, organic garden, jacuzzi, laundry, distilled water. Nonsmokers, no pets. 760-753-0321.

CARLSBAD VILLAGE. \$450/month. Walk to beach, walk to village. No pets, no drugs. 4 bedroom, 2 full baths. 760-586-9218; 619-235-2415, x31953.

CARLSBAD. Room for rent in brand new 3 bedroom condo. No pets. \$775 includes utilities. Washer/dryer, pool. Available 7/1. 858-922-9344.

CARLSBAD. \$650 includes utilities. Share townhouse. Own bathroom. Large furnished room. Pool. No pets, no smoking. Female preferred. 760-730-0503.

CARLSBAD. Seeking female to provide light housekeeping and cooking in exchange for reduced rate in room and board. \$200. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-235-2415, x24509.

CARLSBAD. \$700+. Private bedroom/private bath, laundry, garage, tennis, spa. Full kitchen privileges. Quiet neighborhood. Close to beach. Male preferred, nonsmoker. 760-729-8934; 619-235-2415, x22674.

CARLSBAD. Remodeled townhome. 1 roommate only. Private bath, utilities. All amenities. No smoking/dogs. Clean, quiet neighborhood. \$700 plus deposit. 760-434-3807.

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. \$600/month, includes utilities. 2 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Jacuzzi, pool, washer/dryer. Nonsmoking female preferred. Dog OK. Near beach. Joe, 760-767-1993.

CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR. Female preferred. \$600/month, plus deposit. Private room with own bath. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis courts. Parking. No pets, nonsmoking. Sean, 619-847-5555.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$675 plus deposit. Room with private bath in detached quiet house. Includes kitchen, laundry. 858-755-7693.

CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR. \$775. Room with bath. Spacious 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Halcyon Condominium. Pool, hot tub, washer/dryer, cable, Internet. Nonsmoking. Quiet. 858-481-1221.

CARMEL VALLEY. Near I-56 and Camino del Sur. Master suite. Clean, quiet. Nonsmoker. \$825 plus deposit, share utilities. Own phone. Laundry and kitchen privileges. 858-449-7499.

CHULA VISTA. \$600, \$300 deposit. 2 rooms for rent. Quiet and great neighborhood. Many amenities: golf course, pools, jacuzzi, tennis courts. No pets. 619-948-7756.

CHULA VISTA. \$550. Room in 2 bedroom house. Share with male and female. 2 parking spaces. Washer/dryer. Utilities included. \$550 deposit (in payments). 619-422-2866.

CHULA VISTA. \$400/month. Room for rent. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom house. Call Susana 619-865-0208.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$400-\$450. Shared space. No drugs/alcohol. Nice neighborhood. Newly remodeled. Cable, laundry included. Public transportation and shopping close. Male preferred. Kevin, 619-436-6747; 619-546-4175.

CLAIREMONT, NORTH. \$460 including \$30 utilities. First/last. Large, quiet 4-bedroom house on canyon. Large yard, washer/dryer, filtered water throughout house. Full kitchen privileges. Near Mesa College/transportation. Nonsmoking female preferred. 858-279-3479.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$550-\$750. Room in remodeled home with new kitchen, new appliances, granite countertops, ocean views. Large studio with private bath/entrance also available. Great location, close to I-5, bay, shops, bus line. Female only. 858-549-3197.

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CLAIREMONT. \$525 plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. Large room in beautiful 3 bedroom house. Laundry. Storage. Parking. Great location/neighborhood. Female preferred. Nonsmoking/pets. 858-361-8665; 619-602-5821.

CLAIREMONT. Rooms for rent. Very clean, quiet, neat house. Everything new. \$500-\$600. First, last, security. References required. Pets negotiable. 619-223-0436.

CLAIREMONT. \$500 plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. Clean, quiet, 3 bedroom, 1 bath house on canyon. Washer/dryer, cable, no smoking/pets/drugs. Call Dave, 858-449-4691.

CLAIREMONT. \$550, plus 1/3 utilities. Room for rent immediately in 3 bedroom north Clairemont house. Share kitchen, bath, cable, high-speed internet. No pets. 858-873-8694.

CLAIREMONT. \$440, plus deposit, 1/4 utilities. Bedroom with kitchen privileges. Near I-805 and Balboa. Microwave, laundry, pool, cable. No smoking/pets. 858-279-4860; 619-235-2415, x28855.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$625, plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. Furnished 2 rooms available. 2 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. Fireworks. Laundry. No smoking, drugs, pets. 858-274-6742; 619-235-2415, x16342.

CLAIREMONT. \$550, plus utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, view home. Storage, laundry, cable Internet, barbecue, yard. No pets. Male. References. Available 6/26. Les. 619-275-2348.

CLAIREMONT. \$750, 1/2 utilities. I-5, bay. Private entrance. Bedroom, living room, bathroom. Share only kitchen, own refrigerator. Dishwasher. No pets/drugs/smoking. Available 7/1. 619-275-6345.

CLAIREMONT. \$550 plus deposit,

CLAIREMONT. \$550 each. 3 rooms in 5 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house. Plenty parking, large yard. Close to Pacific Beach/Mesa College. Nonsmoking/drugs/pets. 858-945-6986.

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CLAIREMONT. Room plus own bath, \$600 plus deposit, 1/2 utilities. Female preferred. Quiet owner occupied 3 bedroom house. Convenient location. Pool. Nonsmoking, no pets. 858-442-4562.

CLAIREMONT. \$575 plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, fenced backyard, garage storage. Near Balboa and Genesee. Male or female. Mike, 858-569-6365.

COLLEGE AREA. \$600, \$525 deposit. Female to share cute place! 2 bedroom house, gated, renovated inside. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace. Available 7/1. No pets. piscsgen@hotmail.com.

COLLEGE AREA. \$550, 1/3 utilities, \$200 deposit. Clean, cozy room, newer plush carpet, built-in bookshelves, cable/phone jacks. Share clean bath with one other. 619-813-3113.

COLLEGE AREA. \$590 each. 2 rooms available in 3 bedroom house. Private entrance. Remodeled, washer/dryer, jacuzzi, fireplace, alarm, parking, yard. Nonsmoking female/pets. 858-337-7417.

COLLEGE AREA. \$475/month, including utilities, \$400 deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, with private bathroom. On-line facility, dishwasher. No smoking. 619-929-4347; 619-235-2415, x14581.

COLLEGE AREA. \$549, includes utilities. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath oceanview-hilltop house. Laundry, dishwasher, yard, parking, large quiet view bedroom. Male. No smoking/pets. 619-801-0222; 619-235-2415, x15179.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$600/month, plus utilities. Sunny room, shared bath in peaceful home. Private back yard, vegetable garden, washer/dryer. No smoking/drugs. 619-922-5021; 619-235-2415, x11373.

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age, yard. No smoking, drugs, pets. 619-287-1780; 619-235-2415, x30539.

COLLEGE. \$525. GE paid. Big room in big house. Yard/covered patio, fireplace, washer/dryer, storage, orange/lemon

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Lauren Weir
Accountant
Pacific Beach

I do; women worry more. We care too much about everything; women care what everybody else thinks way too much. Guys might worry about things, but they're less likely to verbalize it. Where I worry about something and want to talk about it, my boyfriend would worry and not think to say anything about it. He plays it cool; I think he's taught me a little how to play it cool. As a kid, I never gave my parents any reason to worry, so it's hard for me to say whether or not I saw either of my parents worrying more than the other. If I came home late at night, it would be my mom waiting up for me.



Devin Brinkley
Electrical Engineer
University Heights

Women worry more. I don't worry about too much at all. You never see dads cry and you don't see them worry. Both of my parents are so laid-back, it's hard to say. Moms usually ask more questions and show more concern. Based on the girls I've dated, I would say that women worry more. I'm bad at the whole relationship thing; if an argument starts about worrying about something that I don't think is worth worrying about, I just turn on the charm. I wouldn't pretend to be worried about something when I'm not, but maybe I should. One thing I don't stress about is cleaning; my girlfriends always tend to worry more about the messes that I make. For me, the difference in what women consider clean and what men consider clean demonstrates the levels of worry between women and men.



Rachelle Armstrong
Teacher
Pacific Beach

Men are more relaxed, in general. Women overanalyze every single thing and that turns into more things to worry about. Guys are good about saying, "It's not that big of a deal." As a female, it's hard to realize when you're at that point where you're overanalyzing something; it'd be hard for me to have a guy telling me that I'm overanalyzing something. At the moment, I'd be thinking that my overanalysis was my true feeling; I would need a moment to look back at it and realize what I was doing. Women take little things to heart more than guys do. After overanalyzing something, there's a level of comfort from having something through. It helps to talk to somebody about it; then it doesn't feel like such a big deal.



Sara Beddis
Auditor
Tierrasanta

I think that women worry more, but I don't know why. We're just more neurotic, in general. We have more things to worry about; appearance is something that women have to take more into consideration than men. My boyfriend is man-pretty, but he's an exception because it comes to him more or less naturally. Men don't generally worry about getting ready; my friend and I spent more than a hundred dollars today at Nordstrom buying makeover makeup. Women lead a much more complicated life, in general. I've learned a lot from my boyfriend; I worry less about the things in my life that I can't control. He tends not to worry about what people think about him at all. Sometimes I let him know what I think is important and what he should worry about.



Corbin Small
Student
Mission Valley

Women. Guys are kick-back and relaxed. I've known guys who worry like chicks and they're annoying. You want to say, "You know who complains like that? Chicks." It's good not to argue when a woman overanalyzes something; just accept it. It's simpler and done. You can act interested when you're not interested. Women want you to put out the effort, but they don't want your input. They want to hear themselves speak. It's smart to keep things light and stay away from heavy topics.



Stephanie Beetem
Student
Mission Valley

I'd like to think men. Men worry more about their penises; they worry about the size a lot. They need to be more confident about their size, in general. I'm not concerned with the size of the boat; it's about the motion in the ocean. Women don't worry as much as they are crazy; every woman is a little crazy. A simple thing like a guy saying, "I'll call you later" can make a girl nuts. A girl thinks, *Is that five minutes later, is that tomorrow, or does that mean a week?* You know, you hit it off with some guy and you want him to call in a couple days. If he calls too early, that's scary too. Guys should wait one or two days to call. Girls don't like when guys play games. Make plans; don't beat around the bush.

COLLEGE/DEL CERRO. \$600 plus utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with female. Large room, bath. Pool, jacuzzi, Internet, phone. Have cat. Nonsmoker. Toni, 858-731-3114; 619-235-2415, x28194.

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DEL MAR, WEST. \$700+. Quiet furnished room with view in clean, sunny, nonsmoking remodeled home. Cable, laundry, kitchen, fireplace, housekeeper, wireless Internet, own phone line. 858-481-5312; 619-235-2415, x17639.

DEL MAR. \$625/month, includes utilities. Del Mar Bluffs condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath.

Pool, hot tub, laundry facility. Near highway. Female seeks female. 858-792-5961; 619-235-2415, x11409.

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EL CAJON EAST. \$450. Private room. Includes utilities. Dog ok. Horse ok. Fenced, semi-rural, quiet, cable. 619-561-5619.

EL CAJON. \$400 per room. Female roommate wanted. 2 small rooms for rent. Share bathroom, kitchen, washer/dryer. Month to month lease. \$250 deposit. Includes utilities. Kim, 619-390-7263.

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ENCINITAS, DOWNTOWN. \$650, 1/2 utilities. 11'x13' quiet room, laundry, DSL, cable, walk-in closet, yard, balcony, view, near beach. Have cat, no pets/smoking. 619-235-2415, x15390.

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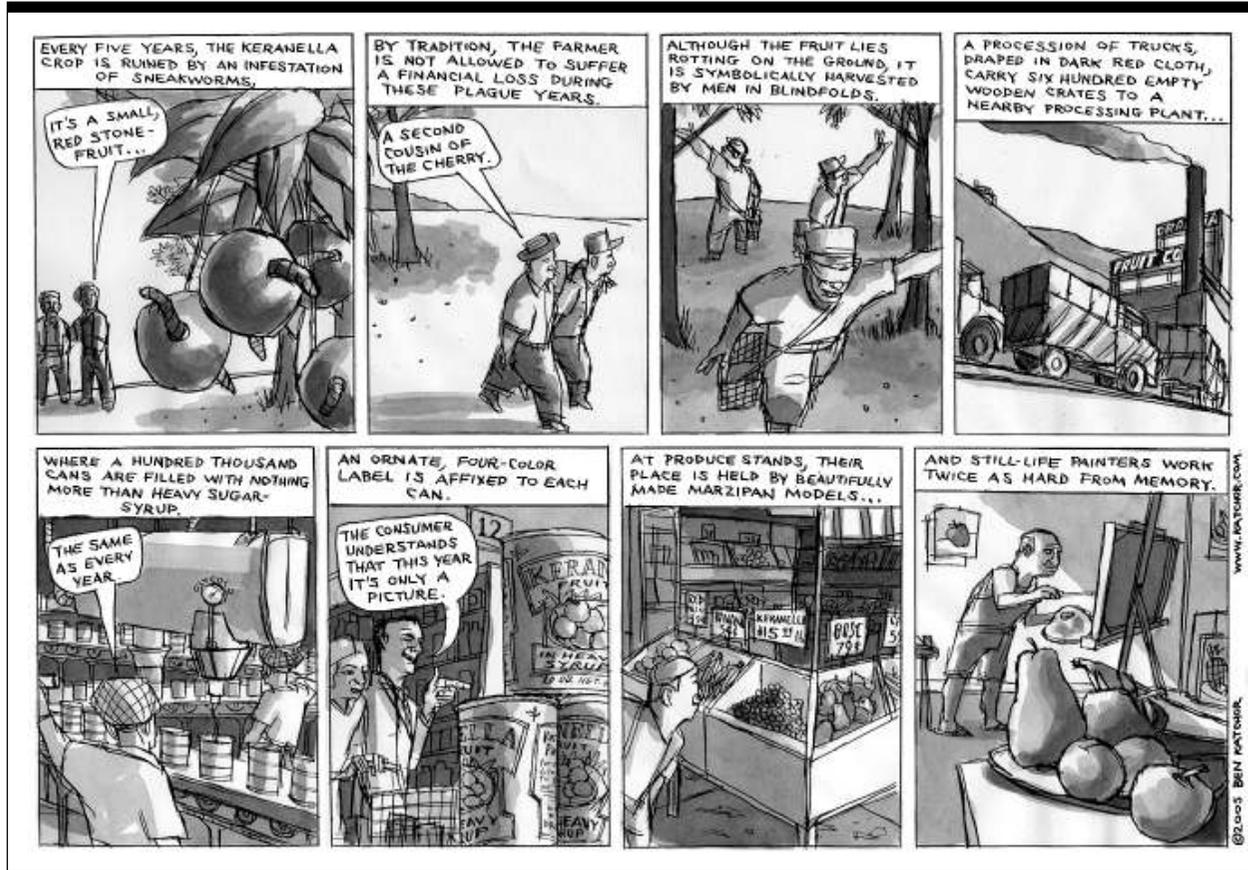
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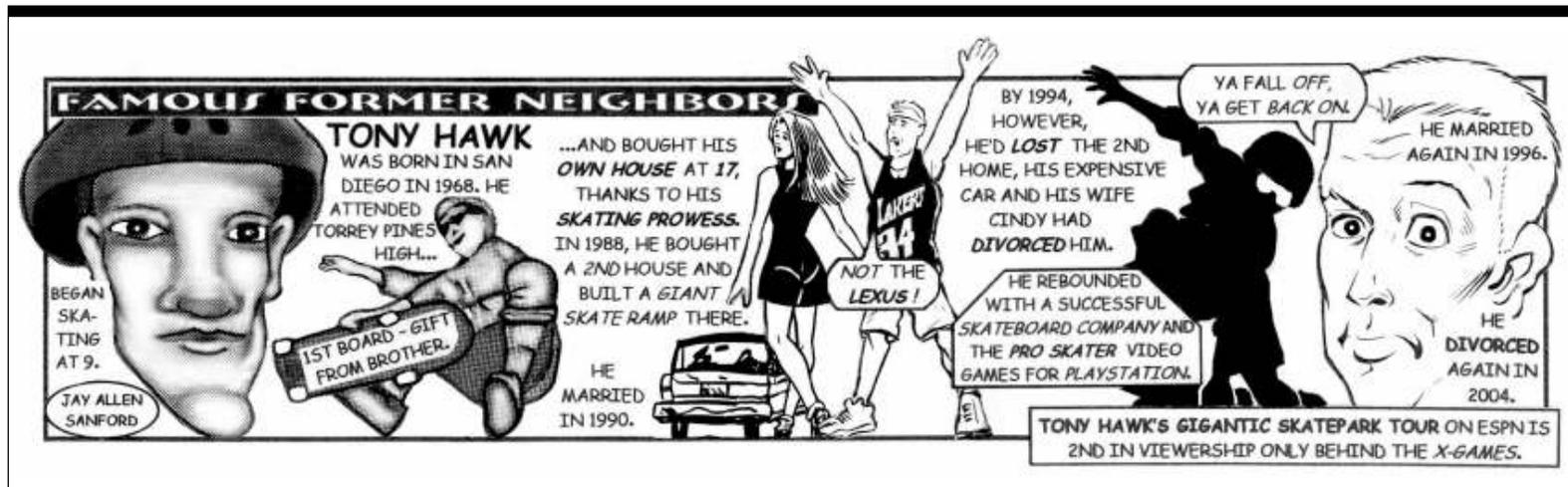
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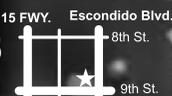
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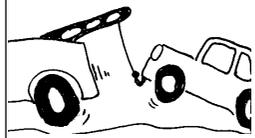
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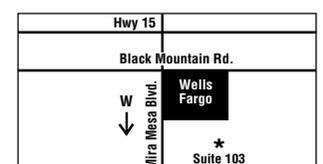
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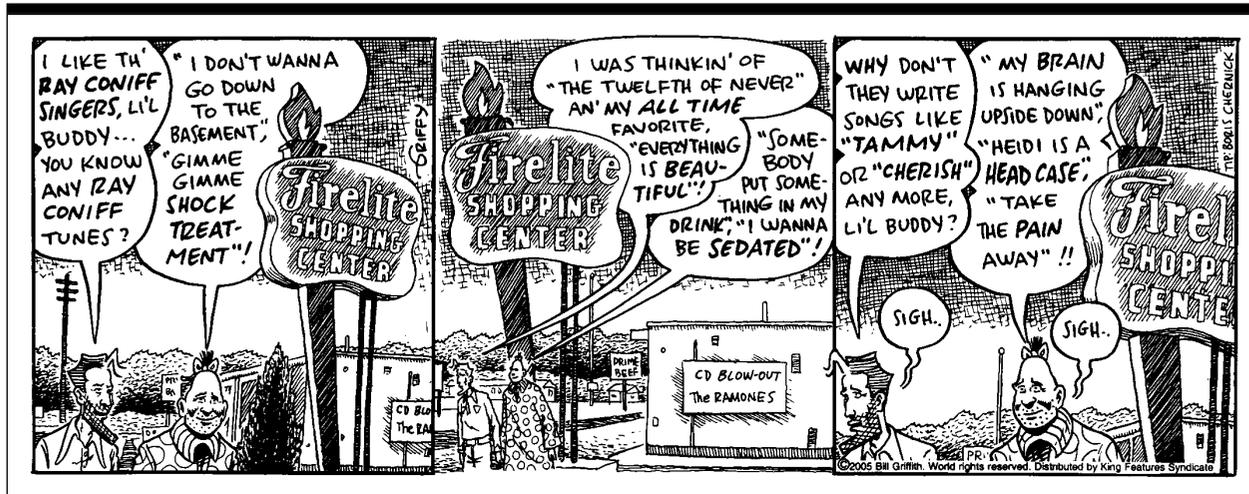
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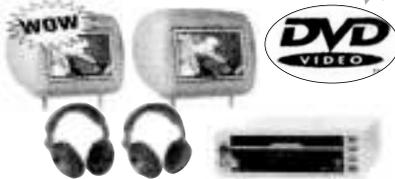
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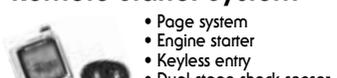
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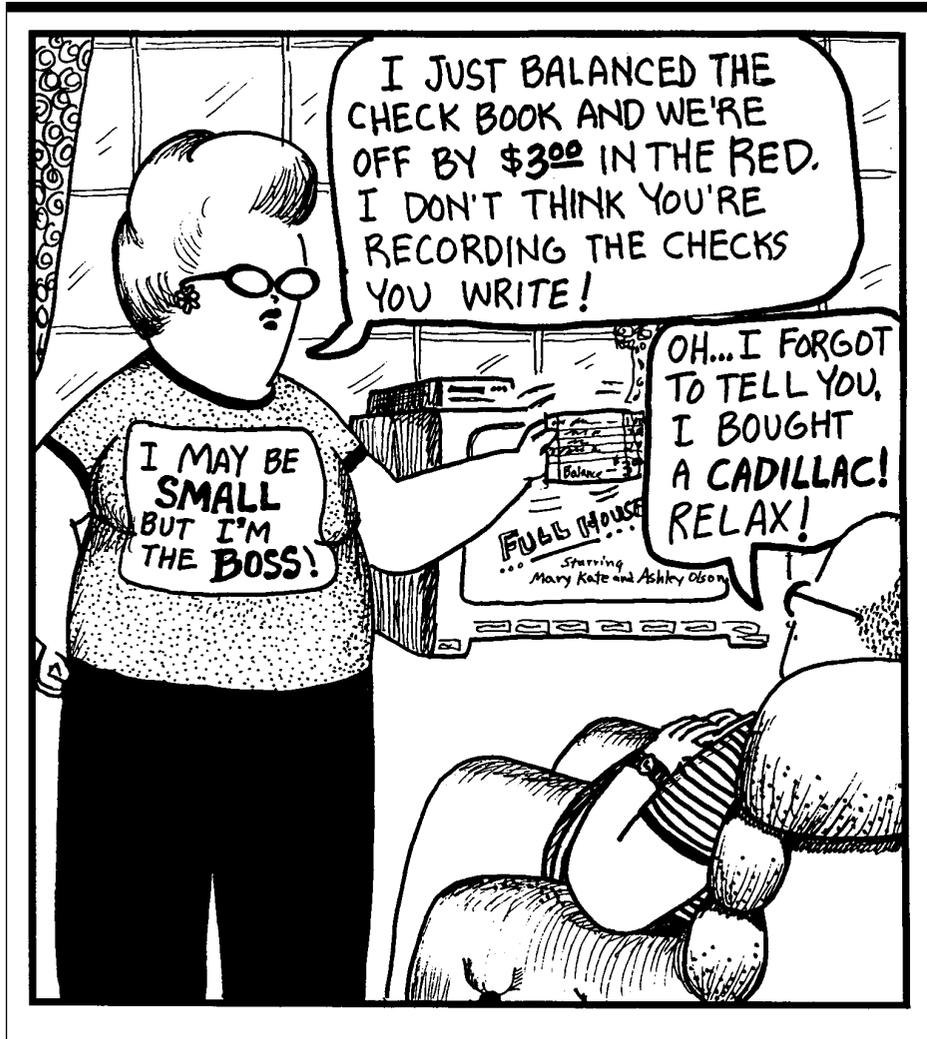
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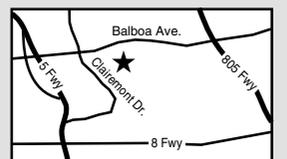


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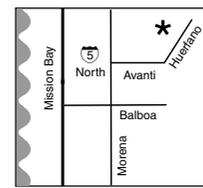
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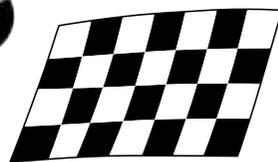
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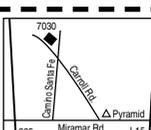
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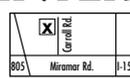
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LEAD STORY

— In an era of tight education budgets, one category of Texas school spending seems unrestrained, according to a *May Houston Chronicle* story: high school football stadiums. More than 20 new or planned facilities ("gridiron cathedrals") resemble those of professional teams, with luxury suites, plush locker rooms and weight rooms, and climate-controlled indoor practice facilities. The \$20 million stadium in Denton, Texas, which includes a \$900,000, three-story scoreboard with instant replay, is barely better than the state-of-the-art fields in Waco, Southlake, and Mesquite, but may not hold up to the \$27 million facility in Round Rock. Critics bemoan the misplaced priorities, but defenders say the stadiums may eventually pay for themselves and that construction bonds are more accessible than the tax money necessary to raise teacher salaries.

The Litigious Society

— Russian "astrologist" Marina Bai has filed a lawsuit in the Presnensky district court in Moscow against the U.S. government's NASA, claiming that her business will be ruined if the agency is allowed, as planned, to crash a rocket into the Tempel 1 comet on July 4 to see what can be learned from the experience. Bai said the collision will "interfere with the natural life of the universe," which will in turn harm her "system of spiritual values," and she seeks 8.7 billion rubles (about \$311 million, which is the reported cost of the entire mission).

— Rhonda Nichols, 40, filed a lawsuit in April against a Lowe's Home Center in Alton, Ill., seeking a minimum of \$50,000 for injuries she says she suffered when a bird about the size of a pigeon flew into the back of her head while she was shopping in the store's outdoor gardening department. According to the lawsuit, the bird caused injuries to her head, brain, neck, muscles, bones, nerves, discs, and ligaments and led to the loss of neurological functions and cognitive skills. Said a Lowe's assistant manager, "It's an outside garden area. What are we supposed to do?"

— The courts of Madison County, Ill. (near St. Louis), have a reputation in the legal community as friendly to plaintiffs who sue companies; thus, attorneys are eager to find lawsuits to file there. (Rhonda Nichols's lawsuit against Lowe's is an example.) In 2002, lawyer Emert Wyss conceived a Madison County lawsuit on behalf of a client against a mortgage company for collecting what he thought were bogus fees on real estate transactions. Wyss's litigation stimulus (he received a referral fee and was part of the lawsuit) proved too clever: the litigation team strategically added a local title company as co-defendant, only to discover that the title company is owned by Emert Wyss. Thus, in a rush to litigate in Madison County, Wyss sparked a lawsuit against himself. He withdrew from the team.

Great Art!

— In May, backhoe contractor and part-time sculptor Ricky Pearce created a 17-foot-high, 40-ton concrete figure of the legs of a reclining woman in a grassy lot between two churches in a quiet neighborhood in Henderson, N.C. The legs, bent at the knees, noticeably parted, and accompanied by landscaped foliage "strategically placed" (according to a report from WNCN-TV in Raleigh), are supposedly in tribute to Marilyn Monroe. Asked one neighbor, "Why do they [sic] just show the legs?"

— The "Sleeping with the Enemy" project at the Jack the Pelican Presents gallery in Brooklyn, N.Y., involves two gay Israeli artists (Gil and Moti) who have recently dated dozens of local Arab men. Gil and Moti announced in May that they are ready to select one of them to seduce, with the idea that their tryst take place at the gallery as a statement on defusing Arab-Israeli hostilities.

— In May, at the annual spring auction at Christie's in New York City, Massachusetts artist Tom Friedman sold a piece consisting of an ink squiggle on a 12-by-18-inch piece of white paper (described in the Christie's catalog as "starting an old dry pen on a piece of paper"). It was sold for \$26,400, according to a *Washington Post* report.

Friedman was less successful in offering a white cube that had a tiny speck of his feces; he expected an opening bid of \$45,000 but got no takers.

Finer Points of Laws

— (1) In April, a federal appeals court turned down a challenge by the J.M. Smucker Co. that had unsuccessfully tried to patent its frozen Uncrustables sandwiches by claiming they are legally unique because the edges of the bread are pinched together to hold the peanut butter and jelly in. The U.S. Patent Office had apparently realized that lots of mothers routinely make pb&j sandwiches in a similar manner. (2) In April, an arbitrator ruled that Painesville, Ohio, police officer Stuart Underwood could not be fired for having sex while on duty because he was on his break at the time and kept his radio on to listen for emergency calls.

Least Competent Criminals

— (1) A man who wore a Pluto dog mask to rob a Gordon's Mini Market in Cranberry, Pa., was forced to flee empty-handed when the clerk could not stop laughing at the disguise (March). (2) KPRC-TV in Houston reported in April that kidnappers broke into Nora Montoya's home, duct-taped her, and were ready to take her away, but apparently got scared and left a note at the scene demanding \$2000, promising to come back later to pick it up (but they didn't).

People Different From Us

— Thor J.S. Laufer, 42, charged with theft of tools and furnishings from several construction sites in Port Washington, Wis., in January, told a judge that he stole a wide range of items in order to disguise the fact that the only things he wanted from the thefts were doorknobs. Police said he had dozens of them in what he called his personal collection.

Recurring Themes

— Computer repairman Dennis Avner of Guatay, Calif., is perhaps the world's most extreme vari-

ation of a "furrie" (a person who adopts the persona of an animal). Avner has tiger-stripe tattoos covering most of his body, dental implants sharpened to points to resemble tiger teeth, and metal-stud implants around his mouth to hold his long, plastic whiskers. He has had ear and lip surgery to make his head more cat-like and wears contact lenses to make his eyes appear as ovals. He told the *San Diego Union-Tribune* in May that Guatay folks are mostly tolerant of him but that he has decided to relocate to Washington state.

Update

— "News of the Weird" reported in 2000 and 2003 on the proposal for a space "elevator," which its champions believe will be a way to place missiles into orbit at about 5 percent of current cost. The elevator would be a 60,000-mile-high flexible shaft, tethered to Earth, made of super-strong "carbon nanotubes," allowing objects to be raised and lowered within it. Supporters believe development is progressing, even though the longest nanotube so far produced is about five feet long. In May 2005, Bremerton, Wash., entrepreneur Michael Laine announced he would open, as LiftPort Nanotech, a nine-person factory to make nanotubes in Millville, N.J., and announced the project, on a 13-year timetable, was on target.

Thinning the Herd

— Recurring Themes: A 19-year-old man in San Jose, Calif., became one of the latest to pay the ultimate price for attempting to clear a jam in a wood chipper by stomping down on the debris with his foot (November). ... Albania's most wanted criminal, Riza Malaj, fatally underestimated the length of fuse he would need while dynamite-fishing for trout near Tirana (April). ... A Salem, Ala., man became the most recent to fatally miscalculate the danger in trying to steal copper wire from inside an electrical substation (March).

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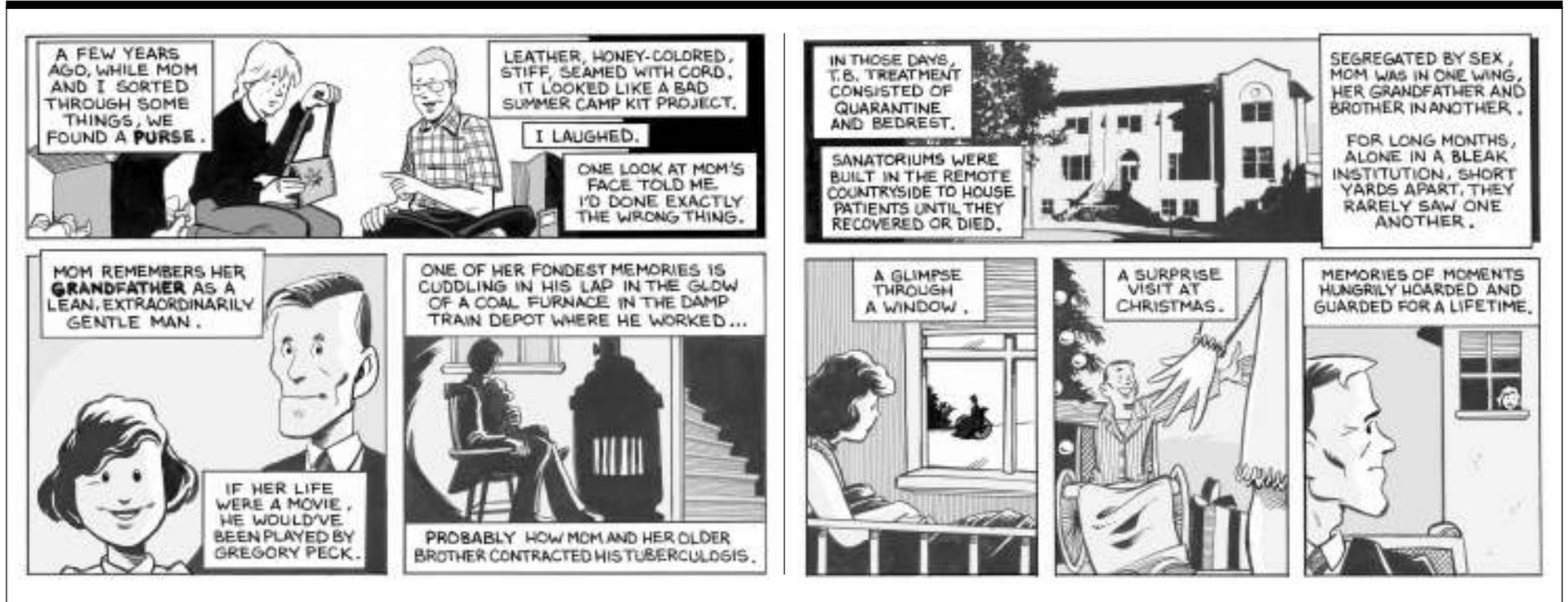
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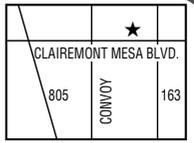


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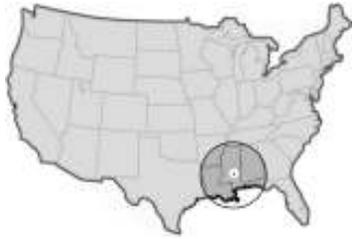
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Days bright with heat, afternoons merciful with rain. When I think of summer, I think of Mississippi. As a military brat, I spent portions of all my summers around the South of the United States and Germany, but in my memory, summer is tucked deep in the pocket of my particular corner of Mississippi.

No matter where we were stationed, we descended, a four-person exodus, upon the family farm. When you spend years away from the familiar, it's invaluable to have that homeplace, the touchstone of where you belong. For some, I'm sure it's a place you wish you didn't belong, or perhaps the place you never really fit. For our family, we knew when we turned on to King Bee Road, we were on the home stretch. The road seemed to lengthen, a loping black ribbon, shaded by pecan and pine trees. I'd clutch the back of the driver's seat, peering over my father's head for the first glimpse of my grandparent's house. We'd spill out the car, legs sticky with sweat against the seats, covered in crumbs. Tumbling into my grandparents' arms, there was that emotion like no other: We're home, singing through my bones. Sometimes we'd arrive in the night, and I would stumble blinkly to my room, a cocoon where my baby dresses hung in the closet, and a wooden puzzle spelling out my name stood on the shelf. The bedspread would whisper as I climbed into bed, a tired kiss ushering me into dreamland. I could hear the frogs and crickets through the window, the snuffling of Grandpa's dogs as they settled back into their own sleep.

We came home to things that didn't change, to the same old *Reader's Digests* in the back be the corduroy recliner. Grandpa would line Christopher, my brother, and I against

the doorway to the kitchen, and chart our growth with the same knobbly pencil. We'd bang out "Heart and Soul" on the upright piano, over the drone of the local news. Sitting down for a meal, we'd feast of the best of Southern cuisine, round-steak, green beans, fresh squash and corn, rice and gravy. Better than dessert, rice and gravy. After everyone else would finish, the grownups would gather their coffee. Grandpa and I would sit at the table, listening to the weather report, me polishing off the rice drowned in gravy, he sopping with a left-over roll. My grandma would sigh as she passed the table. "I can't believe you're teaching her to do that," she'd say, but we knew it was okay, it was "our thing". When it was time for bed, I'd splash in the same narrow bathtub, my eyes running over the peculiar wallpaper that held shapes like castles and a prince with a craggy nose.

The year we moved from Germany to North Carolina, my parents deposited us with our grandparents while they searched for a suitable house. Christopher and I spent an entire month in Mississippi. I'd hauled most of my books

with me, from *The Babysitter's Club* to my boxed set of the *Anne of Green Gables* series. Grandma was notoriously hot natured, keeping the house's temperature close to that of an Eskimo's igloo. For relief, I set up camp on the front porch. I'd bring my pillow and settle on the swing, my glasses frosting as I stepped outside, enveloped in humidity. I usually bal-



anced a snack of cold corn-bread slathered in butter, and a cup of ice water. Many afternoons found me on that porch swing, safely immersed in story, unaware of the menacing school days ahead. The dogs would collapse around the concrete steps, seeking coolness. I'd hear a hummingbird's wings, a gentle thrum, as I fell asleep, dissolving in the damp heat. Storms would

roll in with the afternoon, soaking the countryside, rumbling with thunder, sparking lightning on the horizon.

We played outside, too. Grandpa would load us on the back of his four-wheeler, our arms around the dogs, going fast to give us a thrill. We rode all over the farm, checking on cows, making sure no fences were broken through, that their water supplies were working. When it was hay-baling time, Grandpa would let us climb on top of the bales. He'd hoist the bale up with his tractor, and we clutched the dry, sweet-smelling hay, shrieking out of tradition.

Carried aloft like a young prince and princess, all the way to the hayloft, we ascended to the upper floor of the barn. For that short time, we were farm kids, free to eat the blueberries bursting off bushes, hanging over gates to chat with cows. Summers in Mississippi, you couldn't ask for a more innocent way to waste the days, stretching out like the dusty dogs, yawning in the heat, happy to be home.

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ROBBERY

Location: 3250 Greyling Drive, Serra Mesa
Time/Date: 9:08 p.m. on 6/2/05

Officer's Investigation: I responded to a radio call of a robbery that just occurred at the Cotixan Mexican and Seafood restaurant. Two suspects robbed [the business] at gunpoint and fled on foot. Officers Scally #5681 and Ramos #5741 advised dispatch that they were on the scene. Before I arrived...I checked the surrounding area for the suspects.

Robbery Detectives Allen #4317 and Bojorquez #2653 arrived to assist the investigation. There were three employees (Maria C., Guillermo A., and Manuel M.) in the restaurant during the robbery. Manuel M. was in the cooler during the robbery and did not know that the robbery had occurred.

As the detectives spoke to the witnesses, I noticed that the business had a video camera behind the register. Maria C. told me the camera does not work. C. told me that one of the two suspects was armed with a black revolver. C. told me that the suspects took \$435 from the register and from the cabinet under it.

ROBBERY

Location: 220 East Madison, El Cajon
Time/Date: 8:02 p.m. on 6/9/05

Résumé of Incident: Esteban R. was working at the Three Amigos Taco Shop. He was working towards the back...when he



turned around and saw the suspect jumping over the front counter. The suspect displayed a small chrome handgun and demanded the money from the cash register. R. placed the cash in a bag [that] the suspect brought with him. The suspect also

demanded the change from the cash drawer, so R. poured the change in the bag. R. described the suspect as a black male in his early 30s, thin build, wearing blue jeans, a black long sleeve T-shirt, and a dark ball cap.

SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY

Location: 7878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont
Time/Date: 12:14 a.m. on 6/6/05



Officer's Investigation: I responded to a burglary alarm [at Laptops Plus]. The alarm came in at 12:14 a.m. and I wasn't dispatched until 12:33 a.m. I arrived at 12:44 a.m. and saw that there was roof tile on the floor, just inside the front door.

I called for additional officers to assist in setting up a perimeter around the business. I also called for the owner to respond with a key to the door. At 1:10 a.m., the owner responded and we entered the business. No one was found inside and the owner said nothing was missing.

The suspect had gotten onto the roof via a ladder at the east side of the business complex. Once onto the roof, he removed a door that was nailed up to close a roof façade. He went to the space above the victim's business and removed insulation pieces from an open framed divide. He moved some roof tiles around and used a six-foot metal bar. (The type of bar used to support sapling trees.) When the tile pieces fell, the motion alarm activated

and the audible alarm went off. The suspect dropped the bar into the business and fled the scene.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

Location: 25253 Jack Rabbit Acres, Escondido
Time/Date: 9:50 a.m. on 6/6/05



Incident: Deputies received a radio call of a suspicious male in a white pickup truck involved in a residential burglary. Patrol deputies along with ASTREA helicopter began looking for the suspect. Additional reports involving the same suspect at different locations began coming in. The truck the suspect was driving had been stolen out of the city of Escondido.

The suspect vehicle was seen by ASTREA on Jack Rabbit Acres. Deputies went en route to the location. ASTREA reported the suspect vehicle had driven through a residential gate at the end of the road. The first deputy on scene pulled up behind the suspect vehicle. The suspect was attempting to drive through a fence to escape apprehension. Unable to get through the fence, the suspect put the truck in reverse and rammed the patrol car. The suspect rammed the patrol car with such force [that] heavy tool boxes, which had been in the bed of the truck, slid out and onto the hood of the patrol car. These tool boxes had been stolen from a residence. The suspect pulled the truck forward and

accelerated to ram the patrol car a second time. It was at this point the deputy shot through the back window of the truck several times. The suspect stopped and surrendered.

The suspect had a laceration to his head. This injury could have been caused by a bullet or glass fragments. He was treated at the scene by paramedics and transported to Palomar Hospital.

ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 5256 S. Mission Road, Fallbrook
Time/Date: 10:09 p.m. on 6/12/05



Report: The victims, a teenage boy and girl, were walking down the stairs from the upper parking lot after leaving the movie theater at the River Village Shopping Center. They were contacted by a Hispanic female who asked for change for a \$20 bill. After providing the change, the suspect grabbed the female victim's purse and told her she was keeping it. After a brief struggle over the purse, the suspect told victims that her (suspect) partner, a second Hispanic female, would "blow their legs off." The second suspect was seen at the top of the stairs holding what appeared to be a short rifle or shotgun. The suspects fled on foot and were gone when deputies arrived. A Sheriff's K-9 was able to track from the scene of the robbery to the curb line of South Mission Road, where the trail ended.

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Joe Braunwarth's Honda Odyssey is his first new vehicle. He tells me, "I became a parent and needed a vehicle that was versatile to haul the kids, haul camping stuff, haul surfboards. And this van was rated as the most economical minivan on the market. Besides, I already liked Hondas.

"Before the Honda, I had a little Nissan king cab pickup. It had 160,000 miles on it and it still ran like new, but the kids were getting bigger. I was fine with sticking them in the back, but my wife felt sorry for them, so I traded it in on a Volkswagen Eurovan camper.

"I love the idea of the camper van because I like to outlaw camp — just pull over and sleep in the vehicle, not have to set up a tent. But the Eurovan required too much maintenance, and the parts were triple what they had been in the Nissan. I

would've loved to keep it for a third vehicle, but I couldn't afford a third vehicle. And like a lot of Californians, I put on a lot of miles, about 25,000 miles a year. I'm going to drive the Honda until it falls apart.

"Although I like everything about the Honda, the decision about which van to buy came down to how the seats folded. The Honda's third seat folded flush into the floor. I could've gotten the Toyota that was cheaper, or one of the GM vans that were significantly cheaper, but the rear seats didn't disappear.

"The Toyota has higher ground clearance, which I like because I go camping a lot on dirt roads and up in the Sierras, and I could use that extra inch of ground clearance, but the rear seat didn't disappear. With my Honda, three times a week I fold the rear seat down, put the surf board in, fold it up to bring the kids and their friends

home from school, fold it down to put the beach stuff in.

"And the Odyssey's got these power sliding doors. I was in Mexico at a military checkpoint, and I closed it with the automatic door and the soldiers were all excited. They asked to see me do it again."

I ask, "So vans are better than SUVs?"

At the mention of SUVs, Joe transforms. His eyes glow like a storefront preacher's. "The SUV is a power/ego thing. My van, the interior space is much larger than an SUV's. I can take out the middle seats, fold down the back seats and sleep in there. My buddies and I go on climbing trips, drive right up to the base of the climb, sleep right in the vehicle.

"I'd bet 98 percent of the SUV owners who've got to have the four-wheel drive and the higher ground clearance, the most they go over is



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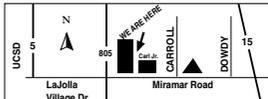
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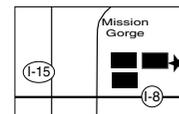
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Mary's smile on the vacuum sealer box, reflected back at her, was the tip of the spear that poked her to the edge and forced the toes of her white lace-up boots to creep over the brink. The vacuum sealer was the latest product to bear the Mary Had a Little Lamb official stamp of approval. Mary Had a Little Lamb Air Freshener was the first in the long line of trusted merchandise — that was ten years ago. Back when Mary was the hottest ticket in this and every other town. Back before the product endorsement machine ground her — and her little lamb — up and spit out the chunks. That was ten years ago; ten years before she thought hurling herself off this building was the only way.

From atop her high-rise, neo-Deco downtown diving platform, Mary was afforded a view of a billboard that read, "If you die, your love will go on." The billboard was an advertisement for the Mary Had a Little Lamb Last Will and Testament Service. Mary's fists flew up to meet her tear-gushing eyes, and she shuddered, coughed, and convulsed at the sight. Mascara streaked past her chin and stained the ruffles of her baby blue and white lace-frilled collar.

"I HATE YOU!" Mary screamed at the billboard. "YOU SOLD YOUR SOUL!" There, pictured on the billboard, next to her smiling face, was her beloved lamb, whose fleece was white as snow. Sobs escaped her cupped hands and wafted into the stiff wind. "I'm sorry!"

The sheep did not answer. The sheep only stared out into the city streets below it. Bright spotlights shone up onto the stoic visage of the barnyard creature. "I'm sor-or-or-orry," she lamented. The sheep did not answer.

Mary steadied herself against a wall to her left, the wind whipping tendrils of her hair straight out from beneath her bonnet. "Remember?" she screamed into the bustling air. "Remember when we first started? Back in Anaheim on that sound stage? We were happy!" The lamb on the billboard did not answer, but Mary reminisced. "Everywhere that I went, you were sure to go! REMEMBER?"



COPS

I rode my bike to Hillcrest from O.B. last week. The best part of the ride was the looks I got from the serious bicyclists in their Technicolor tighty shorts and that rearview mirror attached to their aerodynamic helmets. I could read the cyclists' thoughts as though they were scrolling across the front of their sleek sunglasses in red LED letters, "What is that fat tattooed dummy in the T-shirt and jeans shorts doing all the way up here on that beach cruiser?"

UFO FILES

HISTORY CHANNEL, 6:00 P.M.

Since when does this ding-dongery pass for history?

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

COPS

COURT-TV, 8:00 P.M.

I found a yellow ticket on the windshield of my truck last week. "Parking in a red zone." I was baffled; only my rear bumper was in the red. Instead of trying to fight the ticket I drew flowers, hearts, and sunshine on my check and wrote in large letters, "I LOVE GETTING TICKETS!" On the envelope I drew a pig. I expect the Homeland Security Anti-Terrorism unit to break down my door sometime next week.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

THE O'REILLY FACTOR

FOX, 8:00 P.M.

I watched this. Here's the entire gist: this guy gets all butt-hurt and yells at people when they disagree with him. As a reflection of politics in America today, this show is a perfect example.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

THE GOLDEN GIRLS

LIFETIME, 6:30 P.M.

If there are any old ladies who read this, let me ask you something. What is that enchanting scent you're wearing? *Oof!* The other day I was in the grocery store when I was accosted by the

swarm of bees that is *Eau de Old Lady*. The culprit was two aisles away in a purple pants suit with matching dye job. Do they hand that stuff out at the DMV on your 60th birthday or something?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

BEAUTY AND THE GEEK

KSWB, 8:00 P.M.

One of my favorite pastimes is cataloging everyday items by smell. For instance, the band of my wristwatch smells like my ex-girlfriend, and Scotch tape smells like Christmas. The bottom of my VCR smells like high school.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

KFMB, 10:00 A.M.

The Smithsonian should seal *The Price Is Right* studio in Lucite for the benefit of future generations. In the way that the Empire State Building is the tangible zenith of Art Deco, *The Price Is Right* studio is the finest example of fat, glittery, fabulous '70s design and should be preserved.

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FAMILY CHANNEL, 8:00 P.M.

Some nights, when the grim truth of life is peeled away for me, I hug my legs, rock back and forth, and through tears I whisper, "Please, God. I wish Mike Myers had never been born. Please, God. Make him go away. Please, God."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

HEALTH MATTERS

UCSD-TV, 3:00 A.M.

Stuff between my teeth has come to my attention. All it took was one article entitled "The Dangers of Neglecting to Floss," and I run waxed string between my teeth every two hours. Another article about brushing the back of your tongue to do away with bad breath came my way. Now I stand at the sink with a brush halfway to my spleen; I cough, gag, and weep until my roommates rush in to make sure I'm all right. I pray I never read an article on keeping toenails trim. I'd be footless before week's end.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

CRAZY AS HELL (2002)

SHOWTIME, 3:40 A.M.

The word insane is abused. My ears hurt when I hear it. You know what's insane? Dressing your neighbor's cat up like the Queen of England and trying to get a blumpkin from her. You know what's NOT insane? (A) How much foam is in your latte; (B) How much liquor you drank this weekend; (C) Deals on new convertibles. Those things are all well within the spectrum of normal human behavior.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

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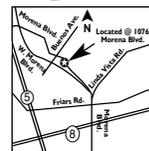
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“With the end of humans what will happen to the gorilla?”

By John Brizzolara

Maman died today. Or yesterday maybe, I don't know. I got a telegram from the home: "Mother deceased. Funeral tomorrow. Faithfully yours." That doesn't mean anything. Maybe it was yesterday.

— Albert Camus,
The Stranger

Actually it was three months ago, my mother's death, I mean. I just found out about it on Friday. No one in my family would tell me. They thought, I suppose, I would be so sad I would drink myself to death. I had thought about it for years and wondered how I would feel. Whatever it was, it wasn't much. I stayed in that night though. I thought that was, at least, something. Like Camus's Monsieur Meursault, I guess I thought it didn't have anything to do with me.

I should cry though, if for no other reason than, if like Monsieur M., I kill an Arab, then I might get off.

I had two ideas for columns this past Friday. Rather, the Specialist had them. She comes up with most of the ideas. I am often given Plan A and Plan B. This week was no exception.

I went to Balboa Park with a newspaper clipping, "Interational Awards Exhibition of work by talented regional artists...Young Artists' Gallery showcases work from regional schools, grades K-12..." Kids' art would be great. I was

in the mood for kids' art. But there was some mistake. The exhibit had closed or maybe hadn't appeared yet, so I wandered around the park with a disposable "Wedding Camera" (\$5.99).

I took a picture of a butterfly, some guy in what looked like a kind of opera costume, a Spanish cavalier maybe, and a guy in a gorilla suit who refused to say anything. He just held a sign that read, "With the end of humans what will happen to the gorilla?" Something like that anyway. Next to him was a large easel-like stand with blank sheets of paper and the word, "Questions?" I couldn't think of any one particular question so I walked on toward the fountain.

I sat down and smoked, brought out a paperback (*The Alienist* by Caleb Carr) but didn't read it. A boy, say, six or seven, with a perfectly formed head stared at me. I don't think he ever saw anybody light a pipe before. He looked like me when I was that age. We stared at each other for a while.

Plan B was the auction at the Salvation Army. Every weekday morning (that includes Friday), washing machines, ovens, computer monitors, and hairdryers are auctioned off, mostly, said one Salvation Army guy, to people from Mexico. The gatekeeper at the auction wouldn't let me in. Another guy told me I had to see the Major before taking any pictures or asking any questions. He led me into a building through a maze of corridors and into an office waiting room. I read *Entertainment* magazine and my book for nearly half an hour while I waited for Major Doug Williams's permission to witness the auction. I lost interest in the whole thing and left.

"Gentlemen of the jury, the day after his mother's death, this man was out...and going to the movies, a comedy for laughs. I have nothing further to say."

— The Stranger

On Saturday I went over to the Specialist's house. We watched *School of Rock*, which she had taken out of the library. It was a lot funnier than I thought it was going to be. We had cake and ice cream after a salad.

Sunday was the Hillcrest Book Fair. I bought *The Lost Get-Back Boogie* by James Lee Burke and two copies of an old novel of mine, long out of print. It all cost about ten dollars. I have friends in the book business. I saw poet Steve Kowitz and Jim Miller, contributor to *Under the Perfect Sun* and *Sunshine Noir*. Miller



read and seemed to be suggesting that San Diego might not be as fine, all together, as it's cracked up to be. I've had that same feeling sometimes.

The director [of the home] then looked down at the tips of his shoes and said that I hadn't wanted to see Maman, that I hadn't cried once...

— The Stranger

The last time I saw my mother was a few years ago. I was helping her move from her house in rural Illinois to a home in Chicago. I met the director (or whatever he was called) of the home. I cried back then, but he didn't see me.

She fell down in her apartment, and while she had one of those I've-fallen-and-I-can't-get-up devices, it was hooked up to her phone and she hadn't paid her bill. I thought that could easily happen to me. We were a lot alike, I guess.

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