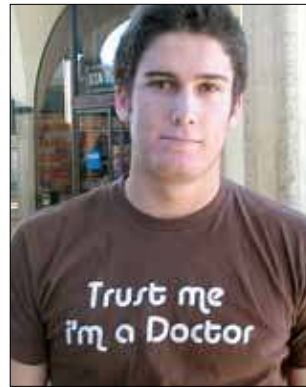


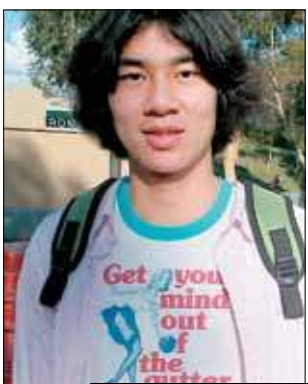
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Duke and Rich Saudis

This letter is in response to the item titled "Kingdom-Sized Junkets," in the June 23 City Lights feature of the Reader.

It is very sad to read that Randy "Duke" Cunningham, once a Navy combat pilot who served his country courageously and honorably in Vietnam, may have sold out his country to defense contractors and rich, influential Saudis as a Congressional Representative. Our government representatives must do everything possible to avoid even the appearance of impropriety. Accepting an excessive price for his home and living accommodations from a defense contractor, whose proposals for work he is supposed to evaluate honestly, and also all-expense-paid trips from rich Saudis — regardless of what all the facts may ultimately suggest — appears very improper and brings to mind such descriptive terms as "conflict of interest," "influence peddling," and "bribery." At a time when we need government representatives who will work with defense contractors to negotiate the best arrangements for producing products and services for our national defense and who will work to root out terrorism, and to bring about much-needed reform in countries like Saudi Arabia, Mr. Cunningham instead chose to barter his influence for big bucks from defense contractors and rich Saudis. Before he made decisions to take money from defense contractors and influential Saudis, perhaps Mr. Cunningham should have considered the good advice in Matthew 16:26: "What will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but loses his soul?"

Clarence Wall
via e-mail

Define Likable

Diary of a Diva: I enjoy the column and would like to comment on this particular one ("The Chameleon Effect," June 23) in which her first sentence is "I am likable." She then relates: "Questions such as, 'Do you have personalized license plates?' and 'Are you likely to strike up a conversation in an elevator?' were all answered in the affirmative."

I say "likable" is not the same as "outgoing." (Or "obnoxious.") When I see a vanity plate, I consider it a strike against the person. Bumper stickers give me a heads-up: "You don't want to know me." Talking in an elevator? I hope you have something good to say — I'm already distracted from my thoughts by the Muzak.

Name Withheld
Via e-mail

Misted Clarity

This is a message to Brizzolara on the advent of finding out about his mother's death ("T.G.I.F." (June 23), which by the way was a terrific piece. It occurs to me the chance to dream and recall all dreams lost in pursuance; memories so vivid and clean they stand stark, like black and white photographs on grade five paper, so high in contrast there are no shades of gray. I will miss this clarity.

The piece, and the Albert Camus *Stranger* addendums, meant a lot to me too. I tell you, I'm pretty misted up, but I couldn't resist. Forgive me.

Ledterman
North Park

Hairy Accuracy

The author of the June 18 piece on mustaches ("Mustache") doesn't seem to know a great many mustachios are internationally organized. In the early 20th Century a fellow named I. Yamaguchi, who built and owned the famous Fujiya Hotel near Mount Fuji, Japan, founded the International Mustache Association and created a museum to display outstanding and unique mustaches plus artifacts and paraphernalia used to create them.

The author, Deirdre Lickona, seemed to grasp the fact the creation and care of mustaches is an issue of importance and demands full and

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Let them eat TV Ex-Nevada high-roller **Steve Francis**, who has vowed to spend what it takes



Steve Francis

to get elected, is not your usual candidate for mayor. In addition to the million dollars or so of personal money he's expected to dump into the race, the health-care executive has been hitting up a raft of his former Rancho Santa Fe neighbors for campaign cash. They include developer **Bob Buie** and wife **Pam**; builder **Harry Collins**; contractor **Dick Doan**; and failed Home S&L magnate **Kim Fletcher** and wife **Marilyn**. Maybe the most unique set of Francis donors are affiliated with an San Diego-based outfit called WealthTV, which describes itself as "a new 24/7 high-definition cable television network devoted to taking viewers on a journey of how wealth is achieved, used and enjoyed."

Launched last year, the channel features such shows as *Envy* ("Shot around the globe, *Envy* is what you want — hip, sexy, and funny. A magazine format featuring stars, cars, bars, destinations, and fast living."); *The Best of Everything* ("Enjoy the very best of everything as we journey to luxurious and exotic destinations around the globe with **Marc Cummings**, a modern day renaissance man."); *Private Jets* ("Few people ever experience what it is like to fly 'better' than first class. Viewers find out in WealthTV's exclusive series on private jets."); *What to Wear* ("Find out what the hottest fashions are as we visit with top designers from around the world."); *WOW* ("What do Beverly Hills, Aspen, La



Marc Cummings

Jolla, & the Hamptons all have in common? All these communities offer a unique and highly sought after lifestyle."); and *Let's Shop* ("Host Cheryl Gillespie will take you around the world from the Chang Tea Shop in Shanghai to the finest boutiques on Rodeo Drive"). The channel is the brainchild of **Robert Herring, Sr.**, its president, who over the past year has funded an eclectic set of political causes. Last October, WealthTV sent out a news release announcing it had coughed up \$15,000 to pay for a Del Mar appearance by anti-Bush documentarian **Michael Moore** after Cal State San Marcos bumped him on political grounds. Then this March, Herring garnered national headlines by offering \$1 million to the husband of comatose Floridian **Terri Schiavo** if he would turn custody over to her parents rather than pull her feeding tube. "I've been following the Terri Schiavo case for the last couple of years, watching it on TV," Herring, who made his own big money in electronic circuit boards, told reporters. "If you read what doctors say today, her brain cells are repairing and are in better condition now than they were."



Michael Moore

he went on leave to run for mayor last month, Sanders was president of Virtual.

Power to the eaters This just in from

Fernando Suarez del Solar, the Escondido anti-war activist who set up a peace scholarship fund after his son was killed in Iraq while on duty with the Marines: Pacific Bakery, a donor to the cause, says Trader Joe's has dropped some of the company's products. Suarez urges backers to "Purchase the SPELT WHITE CINNAMON RAISIN BREAD as often as possible in the coming weeks at Trader Joe's... Tell them in your own words that you want to buy Pacific Bakery Kamut White Bread AND Spelt White Cinnamon Raisin Bread from Trader Joe's. Be sure to specify those two breads only." ...

The son of **John Moores**, the downtown property czar and Padres owner, is himself a budding movie mogul, at least to judge from the buzz in the blogs. "I'm continuing to work on *The Thief*, a project produced by John Moores, Jr.," writes jazz singer **Lorraine Feather**. "**Joe Church**, of *Lion King* fame, is doing the orchestrations. Our first songs were recorded, with a 20-piece orchestra and a dozen ace Broadway singers, in March. The next round is coming up in late June." Like his formerly Democratic dad, 41-year-old Moores, Jr., is a faithful giver to the cause of GOP governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**.



Fernando Suarez

Evade and conquer The Coalition to

Keep San Diego Working, the shadowy political committee that sent out thousands of hit pieces against city councilwoman **Donna Frye** in the waning hours of last year's mayoral race without disclosing who paid for them, has taken a new tack. According to filings with the Federal Elections Commission, the group, which calls itself KEEP PAC, has morphed into a so-called 527 committee, which under federal law can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money on campaigns as long as it doesn't directly coordinate with candidates. Before filing with the feds, the committee was registered with California's Secretary of State. The group's purpose, according to its federal filing, dated March 31, is "to contribute to candidates and measures that support employment opportunities"... Trustees at the San Diego Unified School district have tossed out yet another pet project of departed superintendent **Alan Bersin**. The "Public Education Leadership Project" involved junkets by members of Bersin's inner circle back to his alma mater Harvard, at an annual cost of \$30,000. Bersin had promised to pay for the trips from his so-called superintendent's fund, a cash trove donated by unnamed backers, but never turned over the money.



Donna Frye

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— Matt Potter

Top Cop's Problem Pal

By Matt Potter and Don Bauder

Gerald R. "Jerry" Sanders and William Robert "Bob" Bradley are friends and business associates. Each faces problems.

Sanders's potential woes are voluntary: he wants to be mayor of a financially ailing city, San Diego. Bradley's are

life International, and stashed the loot in offshore tax havens.

Both Sanders, San Diego's ex-chief of police, and Bradley,



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Gerald Sanders

involuntary: he is fighting charges that he skimmed money from a troubled company he co-founded, Metabo-

a onetime tow-truck operator, own 10 percent of a small venture capital firm, Virtual Capital of California. Until

he went on leave to run for mayor last month, Sanders was president of Virtual.

Sanders's campaign website advertises that he has honed his executive skills in the private sector by nurturing high-tech startups and developing homeland security technology. He has boasted of his positions as president and chief operating officer of Virtual, such as when he is listed with Chargers Champions, a so-called leadership team for the footballers, including the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce's Jessie J. Knight Jr., former schools superintendent Alan Bersin, Economic Development Corp. president Julie Meier-Wright, and the team's Dean Spanos.

Headquartered in downtown's Symphony Towers, the firm was set up in 2000 to search for promising technologies to license and commercialize. But reality has fallen far short of the promise: more than five years after it was founded, Virtual has yet to close one single licensing deal and has never made money.

If that's not bad enough news for Sanders, being remotely connected with a player in one of San Diego's juiciest drug, tax, and business scandals can't be helpful to a politician who would be mayor. Although he blasts city hall's "culture of secrecy" and calls for "increased accountability" and "transparent government," Sanders

Neal Obermeyer



refused to be interviewed for this story.

For his part, Bradley has maintained a low profile. "I've heard through the grapevine that Bob isn't happy with the investment," says local banker and entrepreneur Tom Stickel, Virtual's founder and Sanders's best friend. Stickel says he doesn't even have a current phone number or address for Bradley who by all accounts made a massive fortune from his role in Metabolife.

After initially prospering, Metabolife later got in legal hot water for selling a diet pill containing ephedra and then allegedly lying about the number of complaints the company had received about the drug's dangerous side effects.

The troubles go back decades, rooted in the criminal drug-making histories of Metabolife's other two founders. In late 1988, Mike Ellis, an ex-National City cop, and Mike Blevins had been busted for making methamphetamine at a Rancho Santa Fe residence.

Blevins, who had a criminal record including drug offenses and battery against a police officer in 1973, was sentenced to five and a half years in prison. Because he cooperated with authorities, Ellis got five years of probation.

The company and its product went through several per-

mutations, and in 1995, Metabolife began selling a diet pill containing ephedra and caffeine. Ellis was president, Blevins vice president, and Bradley chief executive officer.

Stickel, who says he raised

police chief and now a backer of Sanders's mayoral bid. According to Stickel, Sanders became friendly with Bradley from his days as a cop. One reason for the chumminess is that Bradley formerly owned

Contacted by telephone late last week, Kolender declined to be interviewed but sent word through Glenn Revell, a captain in the sheriff's department, that he can't remember introducing Stickel to Bradley, although he does recall meeting Bradley at a social function several years ago, and he knew his father when he ran Bradley's Towing.

Kolender doesn't know anything about Virtual Capital and can't specifically remember meeting Blevins and Ellis, though he is aware of Metabolife's problems, according to Revell.

Stickel launched Virtual in 2000. Torrey Pines-based Titan Corp., then calling itself an incubator of high-tech firms, "wanted access to technology information being developed by the University of California," says Stickel. Titan chipped in some of its stock for 10 percent of Virtual's original capitalization.

Stickel used that as collateral for loans and set out to have a venture capital fund that would exploit U-Cal-developed technologies. He brought in investors such as Dr. John Littlejohn of Colorado Springs (10 percent), Richard Torykian of Wall Street's Lazard Freres (20 percent), Irvine's Les P. Barkley (5 percent), and V. Wayne Kennedy, retired senior vice



Bill Kolender



Michael Ellis



Tom Stickel



Ephedra-based diet pills

the money to finance Virtual, says he met Bradley through Sheriff Bill Kolender, former

Bradley's Towing, says Stickel. Police get to know towing companies.

president of business and finance of the U-Cal system (10 percent). Stickel has 25 percent, and Jonathon Vance, former chief financial officer, has 1 percent.

But shortly after Virtual got off the ground, the dot-com and NASDAQ bubbles burst. With a war looming and tech no longer titillating Wall Street, Titan went back to being almost entirely in the defense business. "Titan lost interest but is still an investor," says Stickel.

In August of 2002, Sanders resigned as chief executive officer of United Way of San Diego and joined Virtual as

president with ten percent ownership. Two months later, Bradley put his money in the pot through a Las Vegas real estate transaction.

As his investment, Bradley put up a piece of property in Las Vegas. "I looked at the property; it was a great piece of property," says Stickel, who believes Bradley had paid \$2.2 million for it. Stickel tried to borrow against the land unsuccessfully and later sold it for \$1.8 million in cash.

Bradley's investment came three years after word of Metabolife's founders' criminal pasts hit the headlines but preceded the November 23, 2003, *Reader* revelation that an Internal Revenue Service investigator filed an affidavit charging that Bradley had skimmed money from both Metabolife and the towing company, had stashed money in offshore tax havens, had kept two "off-the-books" accounts at a bank, cheated on his taxes, kept a million bucks in cash in his home, and took kickbacks from Metabolife's ad agency, among other things. According to the affidavit, Ellis and Blevins participated in similar activity.

When that news hit, Stickel says he went to his attorney "to make sure everything was right" with Bradley's investment in Virtual. He was satisfied that it was. Had he known about the affidavit

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when he took Bradley's investment, he still would have gone ahead. "I am not anti-Bob Bradley," says Stickel. "He hasn't been charged and convicted. If he gets that, I will have a different opinion." Both he and Littlejohn say Bradley is a passive investor who doesn't participate in meetings or telephone strategy sessions.

Overall for Virtual, "There are a certain set of investment goals we have not been able to reach at this point," says Littlejohn, a scientist and venture capitalist, pointing to "a dribble of success."

"It's a very good idea, but

ideas take time to develop," says Vance, who has left Virtual to join the San Diego office of Avondale Partners, an investment-banking firm.

Virtual is now pushing one idea: a device that can run over a bridge "and, like an X-ray, tell if there are structural problems," says Stickel. It was developed at U-Cal's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Virtual's scorecard since 2000: "Investors haven't made or lost anything," says Stickel.

According to the statement of economic interest that Sanders filed upon becoming a candidate, his Virtual stake is worth between \$10,000 and \$100,000, and he received less than \$500 from the ven-

ture during the last year.

It's been more of a roller coaster ride for Bradley, Ellis, and Blevins.

Last year Ellis and Metabolife were indicted for making false statements to the Food and Drug Administration in attempting to cover up 14,000 complaints (including heart attacks, strokes, seizures, and deaths) between 1997 and 2002. The next court hearing is in September. The food and drug agency banned ephedra last year, but a federal judge in Utah overturned the ban this April. That matter is up in the air.

Metabolife, selling its products through multilevel marketing — a variation on a pyramid scheme — chalked

up \$1 billion in sales in 1999 but is now down to a shadow of its former self as it fights civil lawsuits that could break it. According to papers on file in Bradley's pending divorce, his second, Metabolife could be sold.

The Metabolife saga began in the fall of 1988. "On or about June 30, 1988, an anonymous caller advised that Mike Blevins, who is believed to have been involved with Colombian cocaine traffickers, has recently moved to San Diego from the San Francisco area and is currently living with Mike Ellis" in a San Diego-area condo, Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Peter Shepp wrote in an affidavit dated October 27, 1988.

Soon, the FBI swooped down and busted Blevins and Ellis on charges of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. The agents said they found lab equipment and chemicals capable of manufacturing 50 pounds of meth.

Internal Revenue Service agent Thomas Fox reported that during a search of a home that Ellis and Blevins had rented, there was an address book with phone numbers of drug figures including that of Chicago mobster Sam Sarcinelli.

Once behind bars, Blevins began to help the feds, using his extensive knowledge of the West Coast's drug underground. "Mr. Blevins has been very cooperative with law

enforcement since his first arrest," wrote U.S. Marshall James J. Molinari in a November 1995 pitch for clemency on Blevins's behalf.

"I came in contact with Blevins in 1989 while commanding the Narcotics Division of the San Francisco Police Department," wrote Molinari. "Mr. Blevins provided information and assistance that led to the dismantling of a major drug-trafficking network operating in the San Francisco Bay Area."

After Blevins got out of prison and Ellis completed his probation, a federal judge in San Diego allowed them to resume working together and agreed to seal their records.

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The result was the new Metabolife miracle pill.

Millions of dollars poured into the company as desperate dieters lined up at mall kiosks across the country to plunk down \$50 or more for the ephedra-laden elixir. According to the divorce papers, Bradley was making \$30 million a year.

In San Diego, Padres announcer Ted Leitner extolled Metabolife's virtues over the airwaves. The company courted the Beautiful People: on July 25, 2000 — 14 months after news of the founders' criminal pasts had surfaced — Metabolife, Qualcomm, Wells Fargo, John and Becky Moores, the Padres, and Alliance Pharmaceuticals sponsored a charity dinner at the Hyatt Regency that a *Union-Tribune* society writer called "a love-fest." Bradley was a celebrity guest.

The company also gave to politicians. But complaints of ill effects piled up. The Food and Drug Administration

began looking into ephedra's safety. Metabolife was hit with lawsuits. On July 2, 2002, agents of the Internal Revenue Service raided the office of a former Metabolife outside accountant, Michael Compton. They raided Blevins's Rancho Santa Fe home.

An affidavit filed three days later by IRS agent Thomas Martinez charged that Bradley, Ellis, and Blevins were siphoning money out of Metabolife and evading taxes through offshore trusts. Bradley appeared to be the main helmsman steering the money headed offshore, according to the affidavit, which charged that Metabolife failed to account for \$93.7 million in deposits between 1996 and 1999 in its corporate tax returns.

According to the affidavit, former employees, including a chief financial officer, charged that during 1997 and 1998, "Ellis, Bradley, and Blevins were skimming large amounts of cash from the operations [before the cash receipts were deposited into the corporation's bank accounts]. [The former

CFO] explained that the three principals were able to siphon off the cash because the company's accounting was closely controlled by Bradley."

Jeff Anderman, the former CFO, "added that Bradley had bragged about setting up a bank account in Switzerland to hide the cash skimmed from the corporation." Anderman "stated that Ellis, Bradley, and Blevins believed they could make money untraceable by using a web of limited liability corporations set up by the owners."

A footnote added, "Amazingly, Metabolife's banking statements were sent not to corporate headquarters but directly to Bradley's personal residence. This practice continued up to and including January 1999. Subsequently, the statements were sent to Metabolife corporate headquarters."

A former in-house counsel named Ken Dix said that the three founders skimmed cash from the will-call counter, according to the affidavit. Dix said Ellis and Bradley paid for their houses and other items with cash. "According to Dix,

Bradley hated to pay taxes, and Metabolife maintained multiple sets of books to disguise its true financial activities. Dix also stated that all three owners had offshore bank accounts — Bradley in Switzerland and Ellis and Blevins in the Cayman Islands."

Compton, who committed suicide in late 2003, told one person "that he had prepared Bradley's personal and business tax returns. These returns included Bradley's Towing, Inc. — a towing company located at 6980 Mission Gorge Road #C, San Diego, CA. According to Compton, Bradley was also skimming large amounts of cash that he received through the sale of cars by Bradley's Towing."

According to the affidavit, Compton told Anderman that Bradley was skimming cash from the towing business and that it was not declared for tax purposes.

Compton asked a lawyer if he would have criminal liability "based on his knowingly preparing corporate tax returns which did not reveal all of the cash received by either Metabolife or Bradley's

Towing," according to the affidavit. The lawyer said he might.

"A review of information from the Treasury Enforcement Computer System reveals that both Bradley and Ellis did, in fact, travel to the Cayman Islands in December 1997," says the affidavit. "These records show that Bradley traveled to Europe in November 1998."

The Internal Revenue Service hasn't made an official charge on the alleged financial finaglings of Bradley, Ellis, and Blevins. The affidavit is the only document it has released publicly.

In current divorce proceedings, Bradley's wife, Beatriz L. Bradley, is zeroing in on his real estate holdings and other investments, including Virtual Capital.

An aide to Beatriz Bradley's lawyer says that she is being denied access to Metabolife's books and records, as well as Bradley's personal accounts. Income-producing assets, such as rentals, are being sold. Real estate has been transferred to C corporations, or corporations whose profits are taxed separate from their

owners. This means that the corporation would get the income and not Bradley, says the aide.

She says it is impossible to understand Bradley's income without analyzing books and records of Metabolife and the Bradley Foundation. "We also understand the IRS seized a great deal of records from both Metabolife and Mr. Bradley personally," says the aide. "Mr. Bradley also has many trusts and has an ownership and/or financial interest in at least five foreign corporations. I personally feel that I may never get complete access or cooperation relating to Mr. Bradley's financial affairs."

Accountant Jean Goddard, doing work for his wife's attorney, noted that expenses had been blacked out in certain personal banking records. She was told that certain foreign trusts were no longer active. She expressed skepticism.

Goddard, on behalf of Mrs. Bradley's attorney, was doing the due diligence that Virtual Capital should have done. ■

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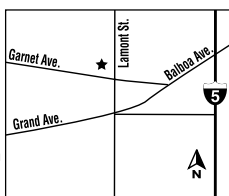
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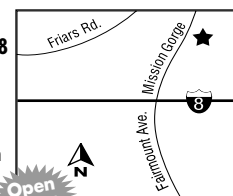
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Mr. Alice:

I walk my dogs. A lot. Which takes me around a lot of different neighborhoods. On my walks I see, on occasion (not particularly commonly, but enough to make me wonder WTF??) a sealed bottle or jar of clear liquid, presumably water, placed in people's yards, usually but not exclusively near a tree trunk. Sometimes there are as many as three or four in what clearly must be strategic points throughout the yard. They never seem to move or to be less empty (they are invariably full, or very near to being full). Sometimes they are in full sunlight, sometimes in shade. I have seen them on grass, in dirt, under palm trees, under pine trees. Are they some sort of bizarre offering to erstwhile horticultural spirits? A shabby DIY ant trap? Or just really cool yard decor?

— Jason in Kensington

Just when you think the world has survived one more blockhead urban legend, it pops up again. This one was all the rage 30 years ago. Could hardly take a step in any suburban nabe without tripping on a lawn full of water bottles. It took maybe 15 years for people to figure out the things were useless, and for 10 years or so we've been relatively bottle free. But apparently the phenomenon has now mutated from urban legend to ancient wisdom. The elves have seen a suspicious number of jugs sprouting from the landscape lately; obviously a new generation of suckers has taken up the cause.

But here's a question for Jason. Do you notice your dogs cringing in fear as they pass these decorated lawns? No? Not surprised. More likely they're snickering. So for you newbies just catching up with the water bottles, people who put them on their lawns believe they will keep dogs (and perhaps cats, too) from pooping on the grass. Investigators of all legends urban have collected a variety of explanations for how this is supposed to work (the reflections in the water scares them, the jugs scare them, they smell funny to them...), none of which hold much water. Many people have some pretty funny stories about how the bottles become targets for pooping pooches, not objects of fear. The phenomenon pops up around the globe, mostly in English-speaking countries; maybe the idea just sounds too preposterous when translated into French or Greek and they never fell for it. And we'll store this answer away for future reference, 30 years from now, when lawn water bottles are new again and the questions flow in.

Hey, Matt:

I've laid awake an entire afternoon wondering about this. In North Park, if you're going south on Alabama, there's a sign at the Howard intersection that says "No right turn, 1AM-5AM." Are there hamster races down the street in the middle of the night? What the hell?

— Turning over in my sleep, North Park

No hamsters that I've heard of, but ya never know.... This sign is one of several erected years ago to "respond to neighborhood complaints," according to the police department. They were a little coy about the whole situation, but it turns out that when the neighborhood bars clear out circa one a.m., the cruising begins. Strollers and drivers circling the blocks looking for hookups. The signs were meant to disrupt that activity. At least in that location.

Heymatt:

In today's world we have an atomic clock in Ft. Collins, Colorado, that keeps time within 14 millionths of a second of the earth's rotation, and we have clocks and watches that receive a radio signal from the atomic clock. So how, back in 1850, did people know in California that their clocks were three hours behind New York, or did they really care? Did some old fart banker just say my watch has the right time and everyone believed him?

— Stutz, San Diego

If the old fart banker also owned a railroad, then maybe yeah. For the average walking-around citizen in the mid-1800s, local time (based on the position of the sun, basically), was all that mattered. Precise time didn't drive people's lives the way it does today. The factory whistle blew, you went to work. The church bell rang, you went to services. Who cares what people 100 miles away were doing? The only group that started to get all balled up by the free-form time system was railroaders, especially when the smaller, local rails became linked into larger, longer systems. One small company in the 1860s solved the problem by declaring the station clock in the company's home city the standard for all their schedules. Employees had to coordinate their watches by that clock every day. But that still left the nationwide system pretty fragmented. A railroad passenger riding from the northeast to the southwest coasts would have to reset his watch 20 times. In the early 1880s, a brain trust of railroaders got together and invented what we now call Standard Time and divided the country into time zones. The rest of us whined and complained, but you see how much good it did us.

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Eugene Ellis

San Diego's Top DUI Attorney Speaks Out on the DUI Enigma

and what to do if you're stopped for drunk driving

About the author. In 6 months I will have been practicing in San Diego courts for 30 long years. During the last 23 of those years (1982 to 2005) I have limited my practice to successfully defending people accused of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. The following article was originally written by me 15 years ago. Over time I have added to it; but before you read it, allow me to tell you a short story to demonstrate the awesome power of the "truth." I was in court waiting for a trial department to open so I could start my client's DUI trial. I decided to stop in and listen to another DUI jury trial already in progress until I was called into my courtroom.

They were just picking a jury, so I quietly sat in the back of the courtroom. After a couple moments of questioning the prospective jury panel, the prosecutor asked each member of the potential jury, to my amazement, if they had ever read an article by a local DUI attorney in the San Diego Reader. In other words, if the jury admitted to reading the article you will read below, they would be booted by that DA. Should you admit to having read this article if asked? That is between you and your conscience.

The DUI Enigma and the Social Drinkers' Guide: PART ONE. The following is the opinion of the author and is not intended to give legal advice to any specific person. The reader is advised to seek legal counsel if prosecuted for DUI. This information is of general nature intended for readers age 21 or older and is based on California law.

Let's start with some basics. Driving while under the influence of alcohol or any other drug is antisocial behavior. The horror caused by the death or maiming of a loved one by a "drunk driver" is unthinkable. The pain caused by such an incident scars forever not only the victims but the drinking driver, who is usually a decent, law-abiding citizen. No sane person would want such a thing to happen, not even one time.

However, what if elected officials use this terrible blight on society as an excuse to whip the general public into a frenzy and to capitalize on the human misery flowing from this carnage, only for the purpose of getting votes in the next election? And what if other effective remedies to the Driving Under the Influence problem are ignored deliberately? Finally, what if the liquor and restaurant industries pay big bucks into the political coffers of these same elected officials or chapters of MADD to lobby against legislation directed at the liquor and restaurant industries' contribution to the problem?

"Control" is the key word. You will not wipe out DUI any more than you will wipe out any other disease. But a healthy body is a body in "control," and the same applies to a healthy society. Let's look at some facts. There is little doubt the 0.08 percent blood alcohol law is window dressing and avoids the real issues. The fact is 0.08 percent is so low a blood alcohol level that local police officers have told me they cannot possibly tell the difference between 0.07 percent and 0.08 percent based on objective symptoms during the roadside sobriety test. Consequently, if you admit to having had a drink or if the officer smells alcohol on your breath, you are going downtown for further tests, no matter how you do on the field sobriety test or roadside breath test. The foremost authority in the world on DUI, A. W. Jones from Sweden, refers to them as "monkey tests" and of no value in DUI testing.

So, why do these embarrassing roadside tests at all? Don't do them is my answer; don't ever take the so-called field sobriety test. First of all, it is not a sobriety test. It is a coordination test, and many people who clearly are not under the influence of alcohol simply are not coordinated. That's a fact. If they want to use a coordination test to measure sobriety, they should require you to take a similar test once each year to provide a baseline from which to measure your performance at roadside.

Secondly, the tests are subjective and the officer can conclude you failed even if you are the most coordinated person in the world. He later will tell the jury at trial that you did poorly to prove he was right in arresting you and bringing you downtown for further testing. Once downtown, your blood alcohol level may have increased and may, in fact, be 0.16 percent (over double the legal limit) or higher at that later point in time. Depending upon when you had

your last food and drink of alcohol, however, you easily could have been 0.04 percent, 0.06 percent, or 0.07 percent blood alcohol level at the time you were driving. The only blood alcohol level that is relevant or important under the code is the blood alcohol level at the time of driving. The fact you are determined to be 0.08 percent or more at a later point in time does not automatically make you guilty of breaking the law, under CVC Section 23152B.

Furthermore, any conclusion to be drawn from a blood alcohol level assumes the machine is measuring accurately, which often times is not the case. In order to challenge the blood alcohol level, it becomes necessary to retain a competent attorney to point this out to the jury and to show the arresting officer is not an objective, detached third-party witness. He wants to see a conviction to vindicate his decision to arrest. Obviously, the officer will exaggerate and distort in order to prove his point, and he is able to do so because very few of the field sobriety tests truly are objective. Which raises another question: Instead of ordering the accused to recite the alphabet while the officer writes into the police record the alleged results, why not allow the accused to actually write the alphabet out in his own hand? This would be direct evidence of the accused's ability to demonstrate his dexterity and hand coordination directly to the jury. Taxpayers have purchased expensive video and audio taping equipment for our law enforcement agencies, but those agencies rarely use the equipment in driving under the influence cases, thereby denying the jury firsthand evidence of the accused's actual state of sobriety. Instead, the officer simply testifies before the jury about how badly the accused did on one test. He actually is telling the jury, "Trust me. I have no motive to lie. If I say he did badly, that should be enough for you." When I asked a local television moderator to question the police about what happened to those 16 expensive video cameras donated to the San Diego Police Department by Aetna Insurance and which the local newspapers touted as the "doom of drunk drivers," the local police person said, "They are all broke." Right! And I just saw Elvis last week, too.

The fact is the officer does have a motive to lie, and, sadly, stretching the truth to gain a conviction seems to be the rule, rather than the exception. A retiring CHP officer recently interviewed for an investigator position with my firm told me he could double his annual salary by \$50,000 working overtime making court appearances in DUI cases. He lamented that he disliked working nights because it required him to ride with a partner. This veteran CHP officer explained that if he stopped a suspected DUI and formed the opinion following the field sobriety test that the driver was not DUI, very often his patrol partner, eager for overtime, would say, "If you don't take him downtown, I will."

A local San Diego Police officer bragged to a pretty girl he was arresting that he would make \$90,000 this year, \$40,000 of that in overtime for arresting DUIs. Doesn't a \$40,000 or \$50,000 increase in one's annual salary provide a motive to lie about performance on a field sobriety test? And in court the prosecutor will fight like a tiger to keep me from telling you, the juror, about that; and sadly, all too often, the judge will back up the prosecutor and keep me from telling you this critically important officer bias.

Ask your friends who were jurors on DUI cases if they ever heard anyone tell them in trial this critically important information. Because it is your word against the officer's, and the DA tells the jury, "My officer has no reason to lie," and the judge will not allow me to tell the jury about bias or even to inquire properly through discovery just what the officer's DUI "bounty money" is for this year, I think it is time someone told you before you become jurors what I am not allowed to tell you in the courthouse. Now do you start to see why that prosecutor wanted to throw anyone off the jury who had read my article?

Thank you for reading so far. This is part one of a three-part series. If you think this is hard hitting, parts two and three will knock your socks off. These will not be released till early next year. Meanwhile, for more general information about DUI in San Diego, go to my website, www.mrdui.com. Thank you, Eugene Ellis.

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

What's Up?

Let's browse magazine-rack sports publications, see what's new. The usual way of going about this is to slog over to the chain bookstore nearest your kitchen (Barnes and Noble, on this occasion), order a café latté, and take a position before their 30-foot magazine rack. Purists will seek out sports magazines that have no connection to football, baseball, basketball, golf, hockey, or NASCAR.

And, yes, right away, my eyes lock on *Tactical Knives*, a bimonthly from Harris Publications. The photo on the cover shows a lethal 11-inch, open-blade knife alongside the caption: *First Look. Combat Ready! MOD's Nightwing on Duty Now.* The cover also promotes *New Sigarms Sigtack Knives* and *Escrime Folding Dagger Upgrade*. And here, on page four, is a message from Steven Dick, editor-in-chief. I'm drawn to it by a photograph of three folding knives. The caption reads, "There are many reasons why a person might enjoy carrying one of the French folders besides extreme edge retention." I attempt to guess the many reasons: Reason (1), weight; Reason (2), manly good looks; Reason (3), there is no reason three...I'm stumped. This causes me to suck air and read Mr. Dick's column, wherein I learn that when shopping for a knife always ask, "What is the Rockwell hardness?" And if I don't hear an answer of 54, 55, or higher, then it's time to slit the bastard's throat.

I spy a full-page ad calling me to the NTOA Tactical Operations Conference at the Las Vegas Hilton, where I'll be able to take seminars in "Cell Extraction for Resistant Prisoners in a Custody Facility," "Suicide Bombers," "Low Light Shooting," plus, of course, the Awards Banquet.

Feeling better, I turn to a luscious photographic representation of the Nightwing knife, spread over two pages like a naked hooker reclining on a chaise lounge. The headline says, "MOD's new Allen Elishevitz Blade Is Ideal For Real Life Needs Of The Modern Combat Soldier." The author, Leroy Thompson, has killer opening lines: "I like Masters of Defense (MOD) knives quite a bit, to the extent that I carry a Small Tactical Fighter model with me virtually all of the time. I also use the heavy-duty COD Folder as well as the automatic version and the fixed blade Mark V ATAC."

These people are out there, walking their dogs, driving on public highways, standing in the Vons checkout line, even as I write this.

I pick up a copy of *Automatic*, which is

headquartered in Encinitas. It's a glossy-cover mag dealing with skateboarding. I like some of the articles, particularly "Stranded & Beaten in Tucson 48," but it's the department "Forward" that turned me into a fan. Rather than the normal unreadable dreck found in the usual editor's message to readers, we have "Once again I find myself apologizing for the content of the last issue. I really don't know how the whole 'Inner Child' theme came to be, but right from the get go I realized that it was probably one of the most retarded ideas we have ever actually gone through with. By the time we recognized how bad an idea it really was, it was too late to turn back. We are total retards." I vow to subscribe.

Kiteworld is a magazine about kiteboarding. Cover says, "Learn to Grab Like a Pro! Nuclear and Tail Grab Guides Inside." This is another 100-page-plus glossy, published bimonthly in Encinitas. The following stories are promoted on the cover: "Vari the Wave Slayer. Vari Defies Death Amid Monstrous Waves." "The KGB Bible. All You Need to Know Before Buying your Landboard." Inside, ads hawk expensive sunglasses, Protest Novastar flip-flops, Oxbow Disco Palm T-shirts, brands and products I've never heard of. Looks like a winner.

Finally, I have in hand the second issue of *SLY*, Sylvester Stallone's magazine, at least to the extent he's listed as editorial director, a position of indeterminate responsibilities. *SLY* is published by Weider Publications, which is, I'm sure you'll want to know, a subsidiary of American Media Inc., the enterprise that owns the following quality magazines: *National Enquirer*, *Star*, *The Globe*, *Weekly World News*.

SLY is a big, thick, glossy. Very few ads. Lots of what they call WARMUP pages on topics of wine, cigars, diet, entertainment, interviews, DVD reviews, movie reviews, book reviews...*whoa*, better rein in here. By movie reviews, I mean a 63-word discussion of *The Limey*; by book reviews, I mean a 58-word review of *The Wood and Canvas Canoe*. Still, there are feature articles, some not written or inspired by Mr. Stallone. Of eight features, half were about or by Stallone. Now add Stallone's Editor's Letter, his replies on the Letters-to-the-Editor pages, and an omnipotent presence throughout the magazine by way of his various health, nutritional, and book advertisements, and you can see why the magazine is modestly named.

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Weekly giving: not given
Singles program: no
Dress: casual
Diversity: white
Worship: multiple times and locations
Length of reviewed service: 2½ hours
Website: www.thirddaychurches.com

Third Day Churches is a house church movement founded in San Diego that has since spread to eight countries. Gary Goodell birthed the idea in 2001 from 34 years of ministry experience that spans 12 independent charismatic churches. "I wanted to experiment with the size, location, and way people do church," said Goodell about these churches that meet in people's homes. "We don't always preach or teach. Some evenings are question-and-answer, worship, or even silence. We want to rethink the form of church in this new millennium. Christ died before the resurrection. We need to let a part of the church die." Goodell said these new forms of church will have a better chance to reach this generation. "I believe we are going to see a great turning of the hearts of this generation to God."

Valerie Thatcher, who facilitates a home group with her husband in the University Towne Centre area, says, "Our normal meeting, if you can call it that, is a potluck feast and time to hang out and talk. Usually we have worship and do whatever God wants us to do. Sometimes someone shares a word from the Bible, people pray in tongues, we pray over people, or someone might prophesy." Last Wednesday, Thatcher said that God showed her a prophecy. "Last week, I saw Him say the word 'pleasure'. I saw a picture of God dancing with me. God wanted to show us how pleased He was of us." Thatcher's home group, which was started with 4 or 5 people, has grown to over 20. Thatcher said a lot of people are drawn to their Wednesday-night study from traditional churches. "They want more. They come here and there is more joy and freedom for people to worship God. Our churches are not about a coming to a meeting, they are about relationships."

The local home churches gather once a month for a celebration service. At these services, the groups worship God, and on occasion, a speaker is brought in. Last week, the Third Day Churches brought in Graham Cooke to speak at a three-day conference on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Cooke, Gary Goodell, and another pastor sat on couches in the front of the La Mesa Assemblies of God sanctuary. Several hundred people filled the sanctuary to hear Cooke speak about a new form of church, centered on relationships and

prophecy. Goodell said Cooke had come two years earlier to speak, and on the Saturday-night event, there was "prophecy, thunder, and pounding."

"The church in the west is living in some sort of bizarre alternative universe. A large part of the evangelical church is Pharisaical. The church is set up to keep people in place," said Cooke as he reclined on a couch. Cooke believes the church is what keeps people from God. "The church is missing it. What we are doing is largely irrelevant to a whole bunch of people." Cooke suggested that God may not answer people's prayers for revival because God doesn't want to birth new Christians into the current church. "For God to come, it must be done on earth as it is in heaven. What is it that will persuade heaven to come to us? One thing God cannot deny is when he sees people living in unity. He has to come," Cooke said the church must move from a "functional paradigm," based on business and systems, to a "relational paradigm."

Graham Cooke spoke about the role of

prophecy in the Church. "Any church that disavows the prophetic is cutting off their future. A church will have to resort to programs to keep people. A church that doesn't have any vision of where they are going outside of a mission statement is freaky," said Cooke. "The ear was the organ of the modern church; people wanted to hear if Christianity was truth. The eye is the organ for today.... People want to see something. The church needs to return to our supernatural roots of signs, wonders, and miracles.... This world is tailor-made for Christians. Yet, two-thirds of the church doesn't believe in the prophetic while one-half of non-Christians believe in the prophetic. This is why non-Christians go to psychics. If [a Christian] can heal someone or tell someone what is going to happen and it does, a person will believe in God." Cooke wrote a book, *Developing Your Prophetic Gifting*, to help train prophets

for this new generation. Through this book and Cooke's Schools of Prophecy, Cooke said "It takes about 12 years to make a good prophet."

After the Thursday-night session, people gathered around a resource table with Cooke's books for sale. I spoke to Jennifer, who attends Maranatha in San Diego, but attended the event through the invitation of her friends. "They told me about Graham Cooke — that I had to come and hear him. I am always interested in hearing new ideas," Jennifer says most of her Christian friends in the Calvary movement would be uncomfortable with the idea of people that prophesy about the future. "A lot of red flags go up in me when I hear about it."

Gary Goodell said he sees more people who believe in prophecy and other supernatural gifts. "We are getting toward the end times," said Gary Goodell. "God has promised us a harvest. Christ is coming back. He isn't going to return for a beat-up church but a glorious bride."

— Drew Goodmanson

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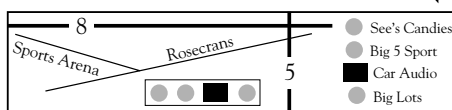
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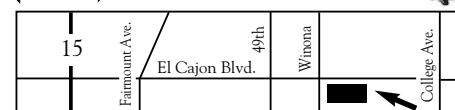
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Dear Saffron,

Last week I got an anonymous letter stating that my brother's wife is being unfaithful! There was no return address. The postmark is San Diego. The writer said he or she works with my brother and his spouse and that he or she knew for a fact that his wife was going out on him. My brother and his wife are both employed by a huge company here in town, which I won't name, so that doesn't narrow down who this letter sender might be in any helpful way. I don't know how this person got my name and address and why it was sent to me. The letter contains basic, common-knowledge-type facts about my brother and his wife, things anyone at their company might know, but I can't tell if the charges are true. The person writing offers no specifics or proof. I'm not crazy about my brother's wife, but I don't want false accusations to get aired if this is some kind of mean joke or crazy conjecture. I am torn and nervous about what to do with this letter. Toss it? Show it to my brother?

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Dear Speak No Evil,

I can see how you'd be unsettled by this strange, unsigned letter. Put it away someplace safe, where no one is going to stumble across it. Since there isn't any evidence presented, and the letter writer isn't willing to identify him- or herself and communicate with your brother or his wife openly, I think that you should keep this missive to yourself for now. As you say, you don't want to make accusations based on vague charges from an unknown source whose veracity you have no way of evaluating. The letter writer might have ulterior motives for making these claims, and you don't want to be responsible for causing unnecessary havoc in your brother's marriage. Sit tight. I have a feeling that more will be revealed.

Dear Saffron,

My question is: How come women are not attracted to "nice guys," but only to macho punks who use and abuse them?

A GENTLEMAN FROM CORONADO

Dear Gentleman,

Yours isn't the first letter I've received asking this question. I can only say that while some women, if they are damaged, self-hating, or too young to know better — if they had mean dads, or harbor rescue fantasies about "saving" macho punks with their redemptive love — might be attracted solely to bad boys. However, I think those women are in the minority. I know plenty of kind, interesting, intelligent, and accomplished

females who do like nice, considerate, soulful guys with a sense of humor — and claim to be always on the lookout for same. Perhaps you're trying to find love in the wrong places? Are there some terrific women in the vicinity you've been overlooking?

Dear Saffron,

That response you got about the person who had an unknown someone pounding on their door in the middle of the night has to be the stupidest thing I've ever read. The responder took you to task for telling the original letter writer that they did the right thing by keeping the door closed, calling the cops, and telling the woman yelling on the other side of the door that help was on the way. The last line of the response letter, which said that one must always open the door to a stranger no matter what the circumstances or the hour, was especially ridiculous: "If you want to kill me, that's fine — I died knowing that I did what is good and right in my heart." I hope this person doesn't have any family or friends who care about them because this person is not thinking about how they might feel if something terrible happened. Letting a stranger into your house in the middle of the night is not "good and right." It's reckless. Helping someone out of a bind is one thing, helping them to take advantage of you or your person is quite another, and encouraging others to let strangers into their houses is another still. Be kind, be sweet, but don't be stupid.


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Instant oatmeal is no good," said my dad during our Father's Day chat. "It's like wallpaper paste, gooey, yuck," he said. He is an expert on oatmeal. For most of his 80 years, he has eaten old-fashioned rolled oats for breakfast, out of the cooking pot, standing over the sink. "It sticks with you," he would lecture us kids. "It'll keep you satisfied until lunch."

His wisdom has certainly stuck with me. I want a heartier breakfast in this house; an hour after eating cold cereal, my kids are looking for more grub. We used to scarf a lot of eggs, but husband Patrick and I tested high for cholesterol recently. I've heard oatmeal helps reduce cholesterol, and the times I've taken the ten minutes to make old-fashioned oats, Patrick and the kids have loved it. But I am looking for the quick breakfast. I had to find out if there is any instant oatmeal that is as good as the old-fashioned.

I started my search online, trying to hammer down the different varieties.

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What about the boxes that read "steel-cut"? "These are groats that have been chopped into small pieces. They're chewier than rolled oats" (foodsubs.com).

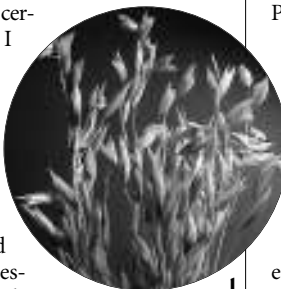
Groats? I was feeling quite ignorant on the oatmeal front. "Oat groats (or whole oats)," this also from foodsubs.com, "are minimally processed — only the outer hull is removed."

Armed with this info, I hit Ralphs, Trader Joe's, and Whole Foods and bought all the regular-flavored instant oatmeal brands they offered. If a brand didn't carry the regular flavor oatmeal, I picked up the brown sugar flavor. And I also threw in two canisters of quick oats. Since they only take a minute, I wanted to compare them with their instant counterparts.

Patrick and I sat down to some steaming bowls of oats. We prepared most by adding boiling water, the others in the microwave. No reason to dirty a pot with stovetop cooking — it's ease that I'm after. Erewhon Organic Instant Oatmeal (\$3.29 for eight packets at Whole Foods) was near flavorless, and it ranked the worst in texture. "It comes out like cookie dough; one big glob of oatmeal," Patrick complained.

Nature's Path Organic Instant Hot Oatmeal (\$3.49 for eight packets at Whole Foods) looked like rolled oats but Patrick didn't like the texture. "Though it has good oatsy flavor, the texture is too pasty. It reminds me of the Elmer's paste we used in grammar school."

Arrowhead Mills Instant organic from steel-cut oats (\$3.59 for ten packets at Whole



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"It's like regurgitated oatmeal, and nobody likes that."

Foods) was a keeper, with perfect chewy texture and a strong oats taste. "Though I never find the flavor to be as rich as the rolled oats, as far as instant varieties go, this one is good," Patrick remarked.

We both also liked Mother's Instant Oatmeal (\$1.99 for eight servings at Whole Foods), which burst with the grainy flavor, though I was not thrilled that it didn't come in individual packets. When it comes to instant, who wants to drag out the measuring cup?

Ralphs store brand regular flavor instant oatmeal (two boxes of 12 packets each for \$7.00) was too sticky. "I'm licking it off the back of my teeth," noted Patrick. "Though the flavor is good, it's an annoying eating experience."

"I'm lost without the directions on this packet," I said, searching for the box of Trader Joe's Oatmeal Complete (\$2.99 for eight packets). The oatmeal cooked up a pasty, sticky mess. Not worth the work.

Quaker Instant Oatmeal (\$4.59 for 12 packets at Ralphs) suffered from chalky texture. "Tastes like wet flour," said Patrick. We put that in the useless pile.

"This must be good," chuckled my Irish husband, picking up the box of McCann's Instant Irish Oatmeal (\$2.69

for ten packets at Trader Joe's). But we were both disappointed. "It's like regurgitated oatmeal, and nobody likes that," I joked. Patrick was too busy trying to pick the gluey oatmeal paste off his molars to laugh. We set it aside as well.

Our last two oatmeal boxes had brown maple flavoring. Kashi Heart to Heart (\$2.99 for eight packets at Trader Joe's) tasted like yams. "I can't get past the artificial aftertaste," I noticed.

Take Heart by Quaker Oats (\$4.59 for eight packets at Ralphs) was like candy. "I can only taste sugar," moaned Patrick. "The kids would be on a wicked sugar high after a bowl of this," he added.

Finally we whipped up the two Quick Oats bowls for comparison purposes. They took less than minutes each to cook in the microwave, similar to the instant varieties, and I was curious about the taste difference. "Now this is what I want to smell," sniffed Patrick, nose to the bowl of Ralphs Quick Oats (\$3.00 for 18 ounces). "The flavor is not quite as rich as the old-fashioned oats, but it's pleasant and oatsy," he stated.

The Quaker Oats one-minute oats (\$3.29 for 18 ounces at Ralphs) was also a keeper. "It's got the earthy, grainy aroma, and a bit of a chew to it, and a clean aftertaste," noted Patrick. "I still like my old-fashioned oats better, but if I have to eat instant, this will work."

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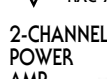
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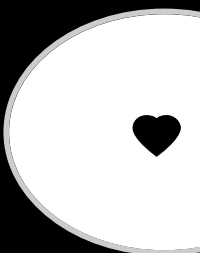
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

I love the fair; flora and fauna, livestock and agriculture...and Don Diego himself, wearing more makeup than the Fairest of the Fair.

But as I was saying, there are rabbits. There are dozens of the albinos and fox-red rabbits and sable-colored rabbits and rabbits with fur like Siamese cats. There are rabbits with upright ears, and lop-eared rabbits, and small rabbits with hardly any ears at all.

—“**STEP RIGHT UP, FOLKS!**” *Anne Hutchison, July 3, 1975*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Rosie returned to see Steve and me outside the van, our bags in hand. “You can’t do this to me!” she wailed.

I asked Steve if he felt we had done the right thing. “We’ll get to Washington before her,” he snarled.

“Why’s that?” I asked, almost afraid to hear the answer.

“Well,” he explained, “before we left, I pulled out all the lighting wires from under the dash. Before that, I cut through half the fan belt. She’ll be lucky to make it another hundred miles with no oil. I checked it at the station before Winchester.”

—“**BOUND FOR BOSTON,**” *R.W. Bell, Jr., July 3, 1980*

Twenty Years Ago

One day in 1982 Ruby Mae Brown, owner of Kelly’s Pet Hotel, was driving south on I-5 near Balboa Avenue when she spotted a dog wandering on an embankment. She pulled off the freeway, approached the dog, an aging pug, and talked to it. The pug had no tags. Brown knew the law required you to transport such animals to the county Animal Control Department, where, unless they are quickly adopted, they will be destroyed. She looked around her — no one in sight — then took the pug in her arms and carried it to her car.

—“**THE DOG WARS,**” *Stephen Meyer, July 3, 1985*

Fifteen Years Ago

One ER nurse asked me if the shooter was in custody. I told her I didn’t know, that officers at the scene were handling that; I was here for the prognosis part. She flicked his finger and said, “Looks like another dirtbag’s gonna bite the dust.” I looked at the man’s eyes. They were open. I looked at the cardiac monitor. His heart was beating. I wondered if the wounded man heard her call him a “dirtbag.”

—CITY LIGHTS: “**A COP’S QUESTIONS,**” *Dennis Johnson, July 5, 1990*



Bill Clinton

Ten Years Ago

Mr. Jackson’s new double LP, released last Tuesday to eager fans, is an unbalanced narcissist’s attempt to portray himself as victim as well as victor.

Lyrical refrain from “They Don’t Care About Us”: “Jew me, sue me, kick me, kike me.” M.J. says his song about shyster moneygrubbers is “misunderstood.” Funny, the Nation of Islam doesn’t “misunderstand,” neither does the American Nazi Party. It is only the Simon Wiesenthal Center that “misunderstands.”

One would think that M.J., fending off child-molestation charges with a reported \$35 million payoff, might back away from strange disclosures, but then you have his wife telling Diane Sawyer that children follow M.J. into the bathroom as a matter of course.

—HELLA. *Adam Parfrey, June 29, 1995*

Five Years Ago

President Bill Clinton’s soft-money fundraising dinner for the Democratic National Committee here last Thursday night was reported to have raked in about \$600,000. A big chunk of the cash came from some of California’s newest political fat cats: Indian tribes with gambling operations. Ponytailed, business-suited tribal representatives were spotted entering Bertrand at Mister A’s, site of the event. According to a transcript later released by the White House, Clinton paid them due homage. “I also would like to thank the leaders of the Barona and Viejas tribes for their support and for the example they’re setting.”

—CITY LIGHTS: “**IT’S THE INDIANS, STUPID,**” *Matt Potter, June 29, 2000*

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POKER 101

by Josh Board

I was at a party once with local author and radio personality Richard Lederer. He told us that his son Howard (nicknamed "the Professor") is a professional poker player, as is his daughter, Annie Duke (she won a few million in a tournament recently). Now I can't watch a poker game on TV without seeing them.

All this poker on TV has ruined my poker group. We used to play games like No Peekie, Baseball, Seven-Card Stud, Cincinnati, Pig in a Poke, Omaha, King Low, Acey-Deucey, Guts, and Five-Card Draw. But TV only airs Texas Hold 'Em tournaments, and when my friend Joe got a new set of poker chips for his birthday, he decided he'd host a Hold 'Em game. It was a \$25 buy-in. We were handed five pages of instructions at the door.

"What's this?" one guy asked. The questions and confusion continued through the night. We couldn't figure out the betting, which is different from regular poker. Luckily I lost all my chips early and didn't have to spend the night learning. I found out later that the guy who kept folding won some cash with that strategy. (He was the same guy asking the Poker 101 questions: "What



is higher, a flush or straight?")

The next poker game I went to was in Pacific Beach. A guy I had met at a previous party invited me. It turned out to be another Texas Hold 'Em game. I groaned, but this one was only a \$5 buy-in. The guy running the game said, "Yeah, we used to play a variety of games, but this is what we do now."

The good thing about this group was that everyone understood the betting. And there

"We were handed five pages of instructions at the door."

were some interesting conversations. One guy was complaining about using up his two-week free membership at 24 Hour Fitness and now being bugged about buying a membership. Everyone had suggestions on



how to deal with pushy salespeople.

One guy was munching on nachos he bought at Alberto's the night before. He offered us some, but leftover nachos just didn't sound appetizing. When

he burped, the guy sitting next to him said, "This may sound gross, but that burp smelled good."

When a new deck was opened and shuffled, one player commented, "These cards are



like girls on roofies — quiet and bendable."

One guy who showed up late said he just quit his office job. He said, "I watched *Office Space* over the weekend. I guess it had an influence on my decision." (It is one of the best comedies that I've seen in years, but I didn't think people would do things like smash a copier or flip off their boss after watching it.)

Two guys showed up late. One of them was about 6'7". I asked him if he played basketball. He told me he had been playing college ball but got burned out and quit. We talked

about various tournaments we played in growing up. His stories were better than mine. He was on a traveling team, so he went to places like Japan. The farthest my team ever traveled was to the Hilltop Tournament in Chula Vista.

His best story involved Tom Hanks. "My coach lived on the same street as Hanks. [Our coach] had his own court we practiced on, and Hanks's kids would come over. Well, we had gotten hold of a *Hustler* magazine and were looking at it. We showed his daughter, who was around our age — 13. Her younger sister was 5. We didn't show her. The phone rang an hour later and Tom Hanks wanted us to go over to his house. It was just me and another guy who were still there. We walked up to his place. There were statues and a fountain. He had an Oscar on his piano."

Was it for *Forrest Gump*?

"No. *Forrest Gump* came out a month later. Anyway, he sat us down and my friend started crying. He was so nice to us. He explained things about pornography and how our curiosity was normal. He was so friendly and nice while he lectured us."

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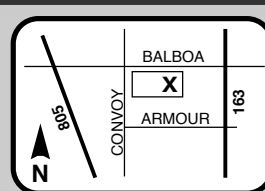
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looking young guy showed up. He got a phone call on his cell from a girl he was dating. He later tried to send her a text message. He sent it and then started freaking out. He was jumping up and down, saying, "I can't believe I just did that! I sent that to the wrong girl! It's an old girlfriend." He was pacing, contemplating his dilemma. Finally, another guy said, "Give me your phone." He explained what he would do, and it worked perfectly. He called her saying that this guy left his cell phone at a party, that he had found it and was randomly text messaging people. The old girlfriend seemed to buy it.

The next day I went to a poker party in Chula Vista. A guy named David invited me. David works at UCSD but is going into the military soon. And military guys take their poker seriously. It was a \$60 buy-in. (Note to self: find out from accountants if my buy-in is a tax write-off.) Trophies were awarded for first, second, and third place. The first player out even got a booby prize. First place also got their name on a plaque that had all the previous winners' names. It reminded me of an Employee-of-the-Month plaque.

They have these games every few months. Tammy, the hostess, really did a great job organizing. She made food and ordered out (a huge pizza), and she served lots of drinks.

One guy brought cigars for everyone.

There was a group of guys talking about fishing. I stayed away from them.

Tammy told me about her days in radio at 92.5 FM.

A few guys were telling poker stories from previous games and informing me of each player's nickname. When one guy told me about losing a game with a really good hand, another quickly said, "That reminds me of a joke: What's worse than a finger in your chili at Wendy's? A hand in your pants at Neverland."

I grabbed some Chinese chicken salad that

Tammy had made. I glanced over the variety of candy (including chocolate decks of cards), and I saw there was also fruit. That's one food group usually absent from poker games.

Before the game started, Tammy made some announcements. She ended by asking Leo if he wanted to say something. He stood and said, "I'm pregnant."

Leo went on to explain that players should let each other know as soon as possible about future tournaments.

Although these guys were more serious than my poker buddies, I saw some similarities. There were side bets made. And players were allowed to fold when a bet wasn't made, or was just checked (that's a freebie).

A couple of guys showed up late. I asked Tammy what would happen. "Their blinds are taken if they are late, but they can still get in."

One of the late guys was told he was playing at table two. He asked which table that was, and David said, "There's only two tables. You can't figure it out?"

There was a brief period of time where everyone took a break. Some went to the bathroom. Others went out for a few puffs on a cigar.

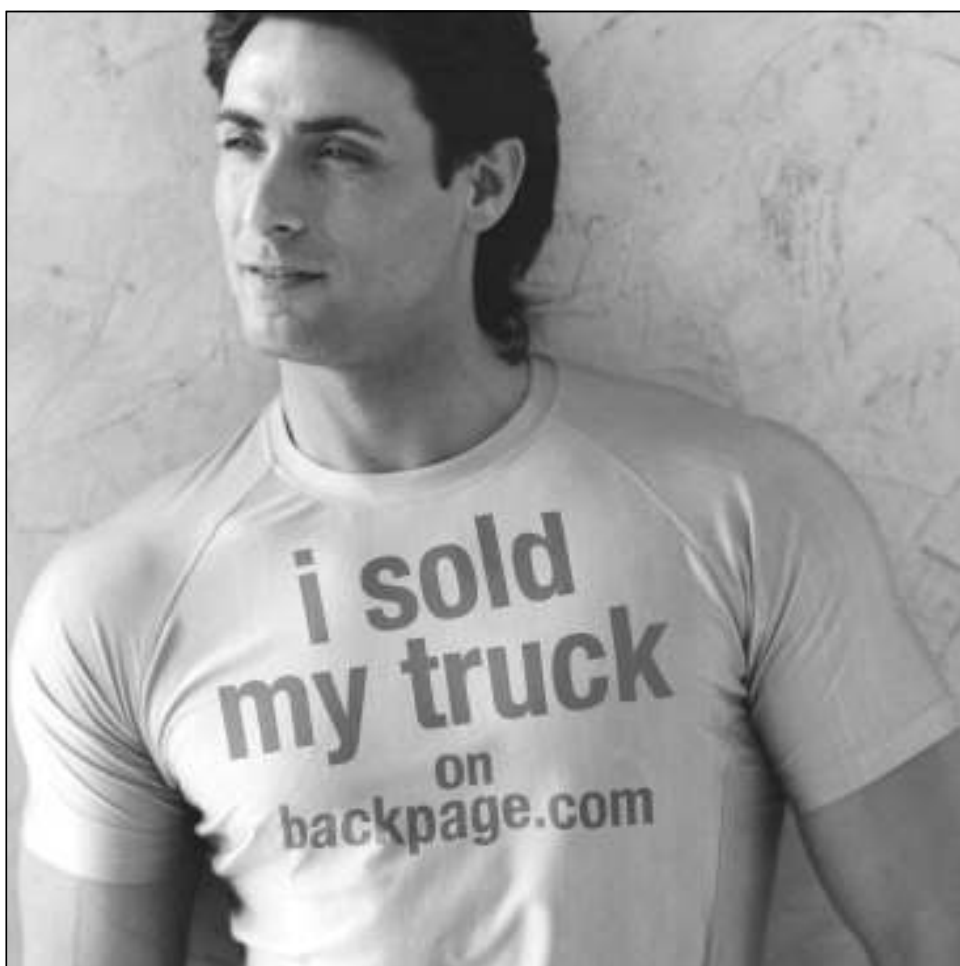
I talked to a paint contractor who ran marathons. He told me he hurt his back and hasn't been running much.

I talked to a guy who wasn't playing. His son was in the game. "I'm just not familiar enough with the rules yet," he explained.

It was fun watching these guys play. But poker is like baseball or fishing, kind of boring to watch. They're more fun when you're in the game. (Note to IRS: I was joking earlier — all my write-offs are legitimate.) ■

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Silent Stalkers

That is your trick, your bit of filthy magic: invisibility, and the anaesthetic power to deaden my attention in your direction.

— D.H. Lawrence

You won't believe what happened to me today," said Jenny, setting aside her laptop, ready to take a break from her web-design homework.

"Try me," I said, ending an hourlong session of catching waves of online links to meet my sister's eyes.

"I was almost in a car accident. It felt like someone was holding a gun to my head!" If there's one thing we learned from our New York born-and-bred, Irish and Italian parents, it's that each story must begin with dramatic flair.

Jenny explained that she had been driving in her car when she noticed a spider making its way across the inside of her windshield.

"Suddenly, the road was no longer there," she said. "It was either the spider or me, Barb. The spider. Or *me*. I did what I had to do." Here she paused for dramatic effect as I sat forward, anticipating the worst. "I squashed it with the palm of my hand."

Squashing a bug with one's bare hand may not

sound like a big deal to a lot of people. But for my sister, whose reaction to spiders squares perfectly with the definition of arachnophobia — an *abnormal* fear of the arachnids (a.k.a. "spiders") — having to come into physical contact with the insect as she killed it is the mental equivalent to someone cutting off his own arm to free himself from the large boulder that has him otherwise pegged for certain death.

There is a couch at my mother's house that Jenny refuses to sit on because she once saw a spider on one of its cushions. When we were children, she did not sleep in her own room for years for the same reason. I am not exaggerating — she spent *years* sharing beds in other rooms or crashing on a "safe" couch.

These days, Jenny arms herself with her bug-killer (an old broom handle that allows

her to kill eight-legged creatures from afar). She takes her time inspecting a room, leaving no corner or crevice unscrutinized, before she can relax enough to settle into the area. She stays vigilant to avoid the more surreptitious of spiders, those that never show themselves but manage to leave behind bite marks. "A spider bite is evidence that a spider was on you, *and you didn't know it*," Jenny says, the way a newscaster might announce the newly discovered toxicity and potential threat of death harbored in what had previously been considered a harmless household item.

With no brothers in the family, my sisters and I were never drawn to creepy-crawly things — bugs were freaky, not fascinating. When confronted with anything possessing six or more legs (roly-polies and ladybugs excluded on the basis of cuteness), we screamed bloody murder until Daddy came to the rescue. I wonder sometimes if there are deeper psychological reasons for the women in my family to be so...girly. Why, for example, should a feather-light sensation upon our skin inspire in each of us gyrations worthy of the top prize in a jitterbug contest? We are all afflicted with an obsessive, sometimes debilitating aversion to these tiny tormenters.

"You are tens of thousands of times larger than that bug," David pointed out to me during one of my standoffs with a mosquito in the bedroom. "You being afraid of a tiny bug would be like Godzilla being afraid of people!"

"Wasn't it 'people' who eventually destroyed Godzilla?"

"No, that was Mothra."

"Anyway, you don't understand," I said.

"There is no way I can think about anything else until I know that it's dead."

My sister Jane explained my predicament best when she said, "If there's a mosquito in the room, you know it's just going to suck on you all night. How can you sleep knowing that?" When I was a child living on the East Coast, mosquito bites formed giant circular welts that covered my body. Apparently, I am hyperallergic to the saliva they inject into my skin right before they drink up. My mother became accustomed to drenching her daughters with layers of bug repellent before we went out, then coating us with calamine lotion upon our return, our itchy redness proof that no repellent is 100 percent effective.

"I'm turning out the light," David threatened. I stood in the corner of the room, certain I saw movement from the corner of my eye.

"I absolutely cannot sleep until I find it," I said. "And you know how cranky I get when I don't sleep well." As I waited for a glimpse of a slow-moving speck, I thought back to one late night when I was six and we were living in Alaska. Dad was out of town, as one in the Navy often is. There was a mosquito in my mother's room, and she rallied her daughters, including a few of us who had been sleeping.

"Help me find it, girls," she said. "We can all go back to bed after it's dead." The scariest thing in the world might be the buzzing sound of a mosquito by your ear in a dark room.

We never thought there was anything

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wrong with the way we reacted to these microscopic monsters. That was until our men. My sisters and I have learned to downplay our heebie-jeebies around our partners, who consider our responses to insects irrational. After first learning of our distaste for bugs, each of our men independently decided that it was of vital interest that we should know the "eight-spider rule." This rule states that an average human, in a lifetime, will ingest approximately eight spiders while asleep.

"Sometimes I wake up coughing because I breathed weird or something, and when that happens, I'm, like, was that because I just ate a spider?" Heather shared this with me recently after I bitched to her about David's habit of repeating the eight-spider rule every time I make him kill one. Heather learned about the rule from her husband Sean, shortly after they began dating.

Jenny is aware of the rule thanks to Brad, but she prefers to live in denial by refusing to think about it. I can't blame her. Who wants to imagine all those legs crawling down your throat and settling in your stomach? Just thinking about it kills my appetite and gives me the chills. Sean kills bugs for Heather without complaining, just as Simon kills them for Jane. Though I don't know for sure, I imagine that Brad has adjusted to hourly inspections and exterminations for his phobia-ridden girlfriend.

That leaves David, who acts as if God himself has called on him to teach me how to deal with my "psychological issue" with bugs. If I hear "Get over it, it's just a bug," one more time, I may

end up explaining to a uniformed officer how, exactly, David came by that flyswatter-shaped welt on his face.

It may very well be "just a bug." But I can't control my quickened heartbeat, my shortness of breath, and the lasting itchiness that occurs when I must deal with a freaky-looking beast with wings and mandibles. Until someone develops a drug that numbs our reaction to bugs, the girly-girls of my family will have to come up with more clever ways to avoid them. I'm still waiting for an answer from NASA regarding my inquiry as to whether or not we've discovered an inhabitable, insect-free planet; it was my last resort and, if everything goes according to plan, it will make a great birthday present for Jenny. ■

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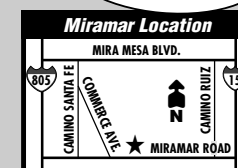
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Guenevere Miramontes
12
Student
Sherman Heights

I like this shirt because it says, "I love nerds." I like



Guenevere Miramontes

nerds, so what better shirt could I have? My last boyfriend wasn't a nerd; I had to dump him because he got too jealous [of my liking nerds]. I think guys like this shirt because it lets them know they have a chance because I like all kinds of people. I get nerds coming up to me when I'm wearing this, and I also get a lot of poseurs trying to pretend they're nerds so they can talk to me.

Margaret Buppo
12
Student
Redwood Village

I really like Disney, and it says, "I'm Grumpy" beneath the picture of the dwarf from *Snow*



Margaret Buppo

White. Tinkerbell is my favorite Disney character, but this shirt is cool because people try to hug me when I'm wearing it. I let both girls and guys hug me if they're nice to me.

Justin Roberts
27
Building Engineer
Mission Valley

I was at Fenway Park, and I figured that this shirt sums up the feeling



Justin Roberts

that you get when you're in Boston. I've been against the Yankees ever since they decided to try and buy baseball and the championship, although it doesn't seem to be working right now. There are a lot of Boston fans who always give me a "Yeah" when they see it. Some guy was driving by me the other day and was hanging out the side of his car screaming and swearing at me. That kind of thing is the most fun part about this shirt.

Monica Spoon
18
Student/Waitress
Imperial Beach

There are a lot of shirts out there for blondes,



Monica Spoon

and this is the first shirt that I saw for redheads. I had to get it. My friends laugh at it, but that's really about all the attention that I get when wearing it. I haven't gotten any strange guys

coming up to me asking if I like it hot. I don't even think about it when I put it on; I'm the kind of person who could care less how people react.

Emily Hibbern
22
Student
Mission Beach

I express my feelings about voting with this shirt. I don't think anybody can really read this shirt when I walk by, so they don't see that it says, "I like to get it on with boys who vote." It



Emily Hibbern

can be weird when I notice guys reading it, because it makes them stare. The best thing about it is that it's comfy.

Fernando Rizzo
25
Student
Ocean Beach

I enjoy the irony based



Fernando Rizzo

on mixing piety and democracy. It's a mockery of various authorities with one simple shirt. There's something to be said about the separation of church and state, but who wouldn't vote for Jesus? I'm not sure if ladies like the shirt; I usually don't get a second look when I'm wearing it.

Chris Carnegie
21
Assistant Stage Manager
La Mesa



Chris Carnegie

More than anything, I needed a brown shirt. I thought it was funny when I saw it; the randomness of it caught my attention. I haven't really gotten any comments on the shirt. My friends think it's a cute shirt.

Hichan Yasmimb
30
Clerk
La Mesa

I got this shirt because I thought it was pretty funny. Where I work, we sell shirts with similar sayings. I got into talking with people about their T-shirt ideas and paying them



Hichan Yasmimb

when their ideas sell. People usually just look at my shirt and tell me that they understand what it's like to have a job that they don't necessarily associate with.

Sandy George
24
Graduate Student
Kearny Mesa

I got this shirt at a store called Vagabond, in Austin, Texas. I was going to school there, and one day I was wearing a shirt to class and I hated it. It was an



Sandy George

orange tank top, and I didn't realize that I hated it because I was showing too much cleavage. So I went into Vagabond and took the other shirt off in the middle of the store and put this one on.

Paula Johns
36
Drama Teacher
Allied Gardens

I have this shirt because my husband says that I'm the slowest moun-



Paula Johns

tain biker in the world. [The shirt] says, "Behold the Turtle." Down the sleeve of the shirt, it reads, "He only makes progress when he sticks his neck out." People always look at my shirt and say, "You have turtles." Most people just ask to read my sleeve. I don't really worry about conversation starters, but I guess this shirt could work.

Jody Patterson
26
Student
Spring Valley



Jody Patterson

Part of the reason I got this shirt is that you really can't drink beer for breakfast; it's more appropriate for dinner. I'd be lying if I said that

When

I hadn't drank beer at least once for breakfast, but I usually try to wait until the cocktail hour. It happens when I go into stores; the people behind the counter usually say things like, "I could go for a beer right now," or "It's beer o'clock and I'm buying."

Gavin Bogart 18 Student Del Mar

My sister actually bought me this shirt. I think she got it for me because she thought it would be a good way to



Gavin Bogart

start talking to the ladies. It's a good ice-breaker to pick up chicks. Usually when I wear this shirt, it makes girls want me that much more. They tend to get all excited that I'm a doctor; I have to have my game face on when I'm wearing this shirt because people will start talking to me about it.

David Di Veroli 21 Student University Heights

I like that this shirt celebrates the old-school Nintendo. It takes me back to when I used to play the original video



David Di Veroli

games. When I wear this shirt, I usually get quite a few comments on it. Most people think it's pretty cool that the shirt says, "Keep it real," because it's a nod to the original Nintendo; the original of anything tends to be the best. Already the first Nintendo brings back the feeling for people when they were younger, because there's that sense of nostalgia.

Kim Ball 26 Graduate Student Clairemont

My roommate gave me this shirt; we're on a dance team together, and she likes the whole '80s aerobics theme. This is actually the first time that I've ever worn



Kim Ball

this shirt, so I'm not sure whether people will say anything about it. It's a good idea, though:

"Have fun. Be fit. Aerobicize!" I wouldn't be surprised if every now and then somebody noticed what it said, but it wouldn't surprise me if no one cared at all.

Florien Mauch 23 Student University Heights

First of all, this kind of shirt is cheap, and second of all, I like the phrase "For luck, rub my belly." I'm from Germany, so it seems like a very American kind of shirt. I don't think it



Florien Mauch

makes me look any more American. When I wear it back in Germany, I'll wear it and show off that I wear cool American clothing. A couple times people have told me that they like my shirt, but they never come up to me and ask to rub my stomach. I mean, if a beautiful girl wanted to rub my belly, I would let her.

Adriana Chiu 19 Student University Heights

Of course I got this shirt because I'm awesome — hello? I think it's just a funny shirt.



Adriana Chiu

Who wouldn't want to rock this? A friend of mine said she was going to burn this shirt. She thought she was being funny, but I don't think she's jealous. My friends are pretty awesome too. I don't really get too many snappy comments on it except "Nice shirt."

John Alves 32 Business Owner Escondido

This is an awesome shirt because laundry is for suckers, so why not have a shirt that says, "Wear it till it stinks"? Everyone asks me where I got it, because it's a cool saying. There isn't one day that I go out that



John Alves

someone doesn't stop me and ask me where I got this shirt or comment on it. A lot of

guys tell me, "That's me" or "I know someone like that." It evokes a response no matter where you're at or who you're with.

Jason Friend 21 Music Store Employee College Area

The color was what originally attracted me to this shirt. I've never actually been to Maine, and it happened that the logo and slogan were there. A lot of people ask me if I have crabs because the shirt



Jason Friend

says, "We also got crabs." It's not really a good place to begin a conversation because I usually just say, "No, I do not have crabs." That's pretty much the start and finish of the conversation.

Tonya Yohana 31 Bartender Carlsbad

The shirt I'm wearing is from my work. It has fingers crossed, like I'm telling a lie, and below that, it reads, "I'm not that kind of girl." I'm really not that kind of girl, so the slogan is true even though the implication is that I'm



Tonya Yohana

a liar. When I'm wearing it outside of work, people ask me about it all the time. Usually sleazier guys ask me whether I really am that kind of girl. I'm pretty straight to the point telling them that I'm not.

Wes Bellford 25 Construction Normal Heights

I've been coming to the bar where they sell these shirts for as long as I've been of legal drinking age. The fact that the sweater says, "After last night, I'll never drink again" is icing on the cake. People tend to find it funny; it's pretty much how I feel every Sunday morning. That's



Wes Bellford

my day of rest, when I chill and try to get my energy back up for the coming week.

Shirts Talk

Brian Montell
24
Bartender/Cook
Mission Beach

This is the first shirt that my boss gave me. Maybe he was trying to say that I'm a bad influence. It might be because I'm from Boston that I tend to get a little loud and rowdy. I'm the new guy at the bar where I work, and I've already been 86'ed a couple times. I've never heard anyone say anything bad about shirts like these. People for the most part just want to know where they can buy their own.



Brian Montell



Mary-Mundy Marsh



Leah Williams



Joe Cooper

Mary-Mundy Marsh
25
Retail
North Park

I wear the "Sluts Rock" shirt because of the irony: sluts don't rock. Men are the ones who comment the most on this shirt. It's typical to get a "Hell, yeah" or "Rock on, I agree."



Michelle Beard



Tawny Prezac



Jeremiah Shaw



Lorrie Ruggiero

They're all ready for the high fives and ass slaps. I wear this shirt for the same reason that I might wear a "Blondes have more fun" shirt, that being, I'm not and it's untrue.

Leah Williams
18
Retail
La Mesa
My shirt is awesome because it says, "Instant slut, just add alcohol." I like that this shirt applies to most women, or at

least the ones I've seen after a few cocktails. My parents would think this shirt is cool; they don't have any problem with me wearing shirts that have jokes about sex. I haven't gotten to see if this shirt works, but I

hope guys buy me free drinks when they see it. It's hard, though, because guys get the wrong idea too easily.
Joe Cooper
23
Barista
Valencia Park

Michelle Beard
21
Retail
Downtown San Diego
I have this shirt because I like to be licked. It says, "Lick Me," so I thought it would be pretty self-explanatory. When I'm

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wearing this shirt, people try and lick me. I've gotten pretty quick at dodging the lick, if you know what I mean. I get a lot of homeless guys trying to talk to me; maybe they think I taste like candy, and they probably haven't eaten in a while. I'm always ready to be licked, so I don't think too much about the shirt when I put it on.

Tawny Prezac **19** **Student** **Mission Valley**

I have this shirt because I've lived in California my whole life, and I think that it [the state] is a definite part of me. It's a pretty random shirt, because it's not a brand and I'm not sure if it's even a slogan; it's more of a state of mind. I've never really had anyone comment on it, but it's also cool that I've never seen anyone else wearing a shirt that says "California Soul." It makes my shirt more original.

Sal Guieda **27** **Plumber** **Mission Beach**

At construction sites, there are workers from all over, and some of them have mullets. You also have to wear red shirts on the construction site, and since this shirt also says "Cut the mullet," I can send a message at the same time. If someone takes it to heart, I could see them getting upset. But you gotta be thick-skinned, because guys are gonna be busting balls on the construction site.

Jeremiah Shaw **27** **Headhunter** **Pacific Beach**

I was in New York, and I got this at the Big Kmart in the East Village. It was, like, eight bucks, and I needed a gray shirt. Everywhere I go, people make comments on it. It says, "How to get a date," and then below that, "Give her a cheesy line,

buy her a drink, and if all else fails, beg." People laugh 'cause it's a pretty stupid shirt. Some girls might be offended about the "giving a drink" line; a couple girls have laughed and bought me drinks.

Jolyn Pinneta
23
Receptionist
Pacific Beach
This shirt looked really cute, so I bought it. Since it says, "I'll trade you my boyfriend for a beer," I usually get guys asking

me, "What kind of beer do you want?" My boyfriend was the one who told me to get it; he thought it was really great. When my boyfriend's not with me, I tell guys that I won't trade my boyfriend for

just any old beer.

Lorrie Ruggiero **22** **Entrepreneur** **Pacific Beach**

It says, "...like rabbits." It means that I do something like rabbits. I gener-

ally don't get many comments on it, even though it is blatantly sexual in nature. I think most people just see a picture of Bugs Bunny and don't pay attention to the words, because it's a phrase you kind of have

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to think about. My friends think it's a good shirt for me, although I'm not sure what they're trying to imply.

Jacob Krieger
21
Construction
University Heights

I used to live in Arizona, and then I moved to Missouri and I saw this shirt for sale and I thought it was ironic. The shirt says, "Arizona: it's not that hot..." It really is that hot though, but no one in Missouri understood that the way I did. No one really said anything to me about it. I think people look at me and think, "Wow, just another lame shirt that somebody spent money on." It's still cool that I actually lived in Arizona, and I'm not just wearing this shirt for some dumb excuse like the color.



Jacob Krieger



Natalie Cobb



Kate Geissinger



Rebecca Shaffers

Kate Geissinger
18
Receptionist
Rancho
San Diego

This shirt says, "Lick it up." I used to work with a friend of mine at an ice cream place, and she bought it for me because it reminded her of this song that always played while we were working. I haven't had any guys say anything creepy yet, but I did have a girl tell me that she liked my shirt.

Rebecca Shaffers
23
Student
La Jolla

One of my best friends had just gotten this shirt, and he gave it to me. He said that it was more my style. I catch people looking at it thinking, "Oh yeah, it's another 'Don't mess with Texas' shirt," and then they give it a double take and realize



Ida Walther



Kelsey Nasso



Nicole Touché



Chris Marick

Natalie Cobb
20
Retail
Hillcrest

I wear this shirt because drugs are bad. I want

everyone to know that I feel that way. It was only through experience that I could learn that valuable lesson; to think back to all the stuff I did

to learn that lesson the hard way. Besides, who really needs drugs when you have hugs? I mean, if I have someone to love, why would I need

to do drugs? Most people I've met who do drugs try to fill some void with the drug. That's why I say, "Kids, don't do crack."

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that it says “Kansas,” not “Texas.” I’ve never been to Kansas, but I’m sure they don’t want anybody messing with them either. I’ll be one of the first to help stick up for Kansas.

Ida Walther

22

Student

Linda Vista

I like this shirt because it’s a brand but the name implies that I’m not associated with a company. So many shirts have words that mean nothing to the people wearing them. I disassociate from cheesy brands by wearing something that’s simple yet speaks more with one word. Guys like to talk to me about this shirt because of the woman lying over the words. Sometimes people don’t notice the outline of the woman, and other times it’s what grabs the eye.

Kelsey Nasso

18



Sarah Domingo



Joe Ericson



Liz Barret



Paul Eisenhaber

that Bert looked like Jesus, but that was her reading too much of her own baggage into my shirt. I think she got more angry because I really didn’t pay much attention to what she was saying.

Chris Marick

19

Student

College Area

I got this shirt at a pre-screening of the movie *Napoleon Dynamite*. “Give me your tots” is a line from the movie. It’s probably my favorite line in the movie except for when he talks about the “liger”: an animal that’s half lion and half tiger. Sometimes people ask me if I have any Chap-Stick; other people ask me if I’m “Pedro’s cousin with all the sweet hookups.” I usually tell them, “Pedro offers you his protection,” but that’s only when Uncle Rico isn’t trying to ruin my life.



Joanne Henderson



David Long



Gregory Reynolds



John Stockle

Student College Area

The shirt says, “Everyone loves an Irish girl,” and being that I’m part Irish, it works out pretty well that I own this shirt. You gotta represent for the family. I tend to get a lot

of nods from other Irish folk who like my shirt; non-Irish people tend not to say anything about my shirt. I have another shirt that’s my favorite. It’s a picture of North Carolina and it reads, “We like being on top.”

Nicole Touché

19

Barista

College Area

I went to The Used concert a couple weeks ago, and the “Bert” from the “Bert is my Homeboy” on the shirt is the lead

singer of The Used. He dated Kelly Osbourne for a New York minute. I had some girl tell me that she didn’t like this shirt because she thought it looked too much like the “Jesus is my Homeboy” T-shirt. It offended her

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Sarah Domingo
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Student
La Mesa

I got this shirt in Hawaii. A lot of people look at it and think it's just saying "Hi." It's fun to have people saying hi to you as you walk around. I usually smile a lot too, so I don't think that the shirt is the only reason that people say hi to me.

Joe Ericson
24
Student
Pacific Beach

This shirt is from Spain. I studied abroad, and it's a good reminder of the time I spent there. People who speak Spanish sometimes give me strange looks because the last word on the shirt — "cachondeo" — has a different meaning in Mexican Spanish than it does in the Spanish from Spain. In Spain, this shirt means, "Right here is a big party animal." In Mexican Spanish, the



Amber Day



Robert Park-Hill



Leah Martinez



Alex Ramos



Wilson Stowsky



Lauren



Lauren Taggart



Jenn Kelly

meaning is more like "Right here's a man who's unfaithful." You might say something is lost in translation.

Liz Barret
24
Waitress/

Student
Mission Hills

I've been a brunette my entire life, so when I saw this shirt at a thrift store, I had to get it. One Halloween I went as a blonde, and it was fun too, but I realized

that I got a lot of attention that wasn't for my intelligence. Other brunettes like to tell me "Rock on" when I'm wearing this shirt, but no blondes give me dirty looks or anything.

Paul Eisenhaber
22
Student
Mission Beach

A friend from home sent me this shirt. This shirt says "lifeguard" in German. There's a popular song in Germany about a

guy named Paul, whose occupation is a lifeguard. My friends thought it fit for me to wear this because my name is Paul, although I'm not really a lifeguard. But I am German, and it is a very good song, so I don't mind explaining to people what my shirt means.

Joanne Henderson
28
Student
La Mesa

I have this shirt because I'm from Texas; I got it when I still lived there. Originally the saying had to do with littering. By "not messing with Texas," it was one of those sayings like "Put litter in its place" or "Pitch in." Luckily, nobody really associates Bush with this shirt, even though I support him. People usually get that I'm from Texas.

David Long
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Student
College Area

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I gave blood a couple months back and I got this shirt. The phrase "Got Blood" is kind of morbid, but it's for a good cause. Whenever I'm available to give blood, I do. There are a lot of "got" shirts out there, so people don't notice this shirt much.

Gregory Reynolds
24

Artist Hillcrest

A friend of mine is a clothing distributor, and he gets me shirts that he thinks match my style. This shirt is for a skater and says "Kids skate," but I normally wear shirts for bands. My friend thought this shirt suited me because of this tattoo that I have with a skull to commemorate a great folk-rock guitarist who died. I think people are scared to say anything to me really about my shirt.

John Stockle
22
Pressman Peñasquitos

It's my girlfriend's shirt. She got it to wear to her last job because people were always interrupting her when she was working. Her boss told her she couldn't wear it, because they were pretty strict about what she could wear.

Amber Day
22
Student/Retail La Mesa

Like the shirt says, I actually danced on the bar at Coyote Ugly in Las Vegas. I wanted to remember the experience, so I bought the shirt. It'd be lame if someone bought the shirt without dancing on the bar; you shouldn't just buy it. People ask me when I wear this shirt if I really danced on the bar. The answer is yes.

Robert Park-Hill
18

Student La Mesa
I was chilling at my friend's house and my clothes smelled, so my friend gave me this to wear. I wasn't even sure what it says. Now I know it says, "People too weak to follow their own dreams always find a way to discourage others." It's a pretty deep statement, bordering on philosophy. You got to admire people who have vision.

Leah Martinez
19
Retail El Cajon

Everyone loves Tony Montana; *Scarface* has to be one of my favorite movies of all time. Guys tend to recognize Al Pacino on my shirt more often than girls do. Most guys think it's pretty cool that I'm the kind of girl who appreciates a good gangster movie.

Alex Ramos
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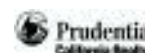
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Cook Chula Vista

A lot of my friends have shirts like this one, so I got it. I don't usually make many decisions on my own about what I'm going to wear. If I get something that I don't show to someone else first, my friends make fun of me. I had this shirt with a cow on it, and every time I wore it, my friends would make fun of me when I wasn't there.

Wilson Stowsky
23
Student
South Park

It says, "Ho-ho-kun New Jersey." No one really mistakes it for anything even though it has the word "Ho." A friend of mine from Ho-ho-kun gave it to me. People who comment on it are usually from New Jersey and ask me if I am. To tell you the truth, I'd never even heard of Ho-ho-kun

before I got this shirt.

Lauren
20
Waitress
Encinitas

I have brown hair, and I have that girl-next-door quality about me. I'm a firm believer that brunettes have more fun. [Wearing this shirt] I want people to think that I'm a nice, wholesome girl. I guess you might say that I have a little bad girl in me.

Lauren Taggart
18
Office Clerk
El Cajon

I thought this shirt was ridiculous when I saw it, so I bought it. I have green eyes, but I'm not one of those girls who calls themselves a princess. My friends wouldn't call me a diva or anything like that. It's a little ironic that I wear this shirt, because there are girls out there who think that they're the

queen of the world.

Jenn Kelly
30
Cocktail Waitress
Ocean Beach

It happened that I was shopping and this shirt caught my eye. No one really asks me about being “Miss Understood”; I think people make up their own mind about the meaning of the shirt and how it relates to me. I hear people say, “Miss Understood?” Then they laugh and say something like, “Oh, that’s understandable.”

Anna Sanders
24
Student
Pacific Beach

What more do I need to say than “This is not my shirt”? Okay, I’m not what you might call a “bad girl,” but I like to have fun. A good girl wouldn’t jump out of an airplane, party in VIP rooms with musicians

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and athletes, or study law, but I do. If a guy wants to talk to me, he’s got to have something better to say than ask me about my shirt.

Lysette Orozco
23
Food
Server/Student
Pacific Beach

Jesus on a T-shirt is a great idea. No one should have a problem with Jesus being my homeboy. People should ask themselves why Jesus isn’t their homeboy. Are they not down with the Lord? Do they not give a big shout out to the Savior? I’m all about people hollering at Jesus when they have a problem. If He doesn’t holler back, it’s not ’cause He ain’t feeling it; it’s because He wants His people to know that if they don’t start something, there won’t be nothing.

Harry Carver
25
Internet Gaming
El Cajon

I got this shirt because I didn’t think that many people had them. The next thing you know, that no-talent-ass clown Hilary Duff does a video where she has a bunch of guys wearing a shirt like this to get back at her ex-boyfriend. After that video came out, friends would see me wearing this shirt and ask me if it was me that they saw the other day on *TRL*.

Matt Brown
32
Senior QA
Engineer
North Park

I bought it a few years ago for a party because I wanted to wear something that would break the ice. The funny thing is, I bought it before I got married, so my wife doesn’t know I have it. People have told me, “Well, I don’t like you either,” or “You hear voices too,” trying to sound clever — but everybody says the same thing.

David Wilhelm
28
IT QA Analyst
Clairemont

A guy has got to wear a shirt, so I thought, why not this one? The “introvert” part happens to be true. Most people usually say

something like “Nice shirt” or politely chuckle. Occasionally someone takes it as a challenge to make me do something weird — kind of like trying to make a mime talk, I guess — but that doesn’t seem to work as well as

they plan. It’s not like you can force someone into public speaking, especially if you just met. One person asked me if I was advertising a new type of cologne. I hope they were kidding, because I laughed a little bit.

Miguel Cabrera
28
Quality
Management
North Park

It is who I am [an Italian stallion]. I saw it and I loved it. It’s a good conversation

starter. I’m always being asked if I’m Italian. Once a girl told me to prove it. Around me, I hear people muttering “Italian stallion” under their breaths and I know who they’re talking about.

Ronda Hoegenigman
32
Engineer
University Heights

It was a part of my softball uniform; it was the jersey for a team I played on a couple years ago. Everybody on the team had one because it was intimidating. It didn't really work because the team went 4 and 16 that season. When I wear it now, people cower in fear, and other women are always wanting to know where to get one.

Dana Weinberger
31
Scientist
University Heights

It belonged to a friend's mother. I grew up in California, so it's appropriate. I'm a California girl at heart, but maybe not the girl on my shirt. It's a great shirt to go running in. I don't really get any comments, maybe a laugh here and there. It's funny because the pro-



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Dana Weinberger

portions of the woman are pretty silly.

Rachel McVey
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IT Analyst
Clairemont

It represents my fears. I'm afraid of clowns,

public bathrooms, and giant Christmas nutcrackers. People who dress in clown costumes scare me because they appear happy and look jolly, but in fact you can't be sure who's sweating profusely

under there. Anyone who tries to push happiness on you — i.e., Santa and the Easter Bunny — hide who they really are inside. I knew this really creepy guy who earned extra cash as a Santa at Christmas. He

had these nasty Fire Marshall Bill teeth, and his perversions were unsettling. I wore this shirt to the airport and received a lot of stares and nods of empathy. Don't get me started on garden gnomes.

Neal Butcher
28
Business Analyst
Pacific Beach

My girlfriend knows that I'm a huge fan of fried dough, and she let it slip around her dad that I was a fan of the Krispy Kreme. Her dad got me this shirt for Christmas, and it's good for things like cleaning the house, grocery shopping, building model airplanes, driving miniature train sets, and waxing my stick before dropping into some tasty waves.

Howard Harvey
81
Retired
Pacific Beach

It was given to me by a buddy of mine who I've known for 50 years. Before I retired, I worked as a design engineer for an airline, but I wasn't too scary to work with. I don't really get anyone wondering if I'm a danger to society. It's just a joke.

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Carlos Gutierrez
54

Barber
Pacific Beach

I thought this shirt looked good. It's funny that it explains how to break up with a girlfriend. It says to pick up the phone, leave a message on the answering machine, and go back to watching television. I mostly get guys laughing at it. If only it could be that easy.

Gary Bobson
28

Dentist
New York

One of my friends gave me this shirt. The scenario, as I see it, was that he's busting my balls. Every time I put on this loud shirt, people are going to look at me and then see the word "stalker" across the front. It's something that's a little different. Girls like a guy who's original.

Steffany Smith
19

Retail
Ramona

I like what it says on the back: "I would die tonight for my beliefs." What it says on the front — "No Innocent Victim" — is the name of the band. They do hardcore screamer music, where you can't really understand what the lead singer is saying. Hardcore music has to do with the band's choice to be straight edge, meaning they don't drink or take drugs. No Innocent Victim tends to be considered more like worship music. Some people think my shirt is cool, and other people just kind of nod their heads. It makes me wonder what a person's beliefs are when they nod their head and smile.

Lidta Inthilath
18
Retail

Escondido

My boyfriend always makes fun of me for how stupid I am, so this shirt reminds me of him. It doesn't hurt my feelings, though. It's not really a joke between us; I'm always acting stupid. It's funny. People sometimes call me smarty-pants, but usually they just make fun of me. They never ask me multiplication tables, long division, or nuclear masses from the periodic table.

Chiu Lee
21
Student
La Jolla

I was in New York, and I wanted something to remind me of my trip. A lot of people want to know if I've actually been to New York or if I bought the shirt in California. Once this random lady totally yelled at me, "Hey! I love New York too!" I got the idea that she was look-



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ing at my shirt when she said that.

Ken Liu
19
Student
La Jolla

I got this shirt as a gift. My buddy gave me this shirt because he knows that I'm a bowler. I wear this shirt bowling, and I get a lot of looks from other bowlers, and a lot of them want to know where I got it. Sometimes girls comment on it, but not really. The worst is when I'm wearing it and I actually bowl a gutter ball, because then everybody I'm with tells me, "Get your mind out of the gutter."



Rachel McVey



Neal Butcher



Howard Harvey



Carlos Gutierrez

ambiguous; some people think that it might infer sex, because no one watches movies at the drive-in. Ain't nothing wrong with people getting it on.

Dal Gillcrest
22
Military
Miramar

The movie *Dazed and Confused* is a classic, and this shirt goes along with my appreciation of the movie. My parents didn't understand what this shirt meant when they saw it. I get a lot of guys coming up to me with quotes like, "I love them high school girls. I get older, they stay the same age." The other thing people tend to say to me is "Hey, man, you got a joint...it'd be a lot cooler if you did."



Gary Bobson



Steffany Smith



Lidia Inthilath



Chiu Lee

Kavic Ishmary
21
Student
La Jolla

It's a band shirt, and I like the band. "At the Drive-In": they were an

indie band before they broke up. If people come up to me and have

something to say about my shirt, they usually know the music. It was a

pretty small group, and they're broken up now. The name is pretty

Rawley Johnson
21
Military
Del Mar

My girlfriend gave me this shirt because I normally wear a lot of these kinds of shirts. As long as I'm wearing it, I guess it means that she's allowing me to let my hair down, because the shirt says, "This is my party shirt." My favorite shirt that I used to wear all the time said, "Don't be jealous, not everyone can be me."

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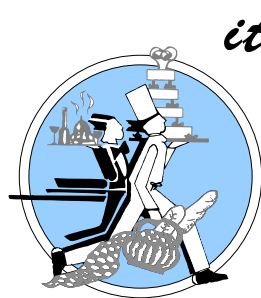
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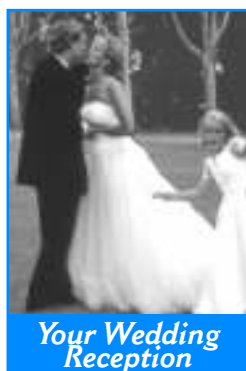
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Matt Monte
23

Mechanic
Pacific Beach

I'm from Northern California, so I'm just representing for the NorCal now that I'm living in the SoCal. People don't really ask me about my shirt, but I still hear them talking. It's usually SoCal people talking smack, so of course they don't say it to my face; people from SoCal aren't up close and personal. I've never had words with anyone over wearing this shirt, because nobody down here is worth my words. Up north, these shirts and sweaters are hotter than Chargers jerseys during playoffs — when you see all the wannabe fans come out of the woodwork.

Andrew Unyi
22

Tire Installer
Pacific Beach

I love surfing, and I



Ken Liu



Kavic Ishmary



Dal Gillcrest



Rawley Johnson



Matt Monte



Andrew Unyi



Linda Tobi



Aunae Moore

think this shirt speaks about the freedom you find surfing. People often ask me if I've surfed naked, and the answer is yes. It's not a good idea for reasons relating to the wax on the surfboard. Shrinkage is

going to happen regardless, but wax chafes when it rubs against bare skin. When I did it, a few drinks and a bet were involved. It comes down to the freedom of the sport and being able to let it all out.

Linda Tobi
26
QA Analyst
Scripps Ranch
I'm pregnant. It's true — I have nothing to wear. It's perfect. When I saw it, I had to have it. People laugh, and then they

look down at my stomach. I don't get any wiseass comments because I think most people know better than to mess with a pregnant woman.

Aunae Moore

23
Pharmacy Tech
National City

It pertains to my personality and my qualities. I'm young, I have lots of goals, and I'm very independent. It shows my confidence. Boys like to ask me what it means. Guys like to start conversations with me in order to find out whether I'm naughty or nice.

Jogene Lagasby
21

Bus Driver
Chula Vista

I like how you can read what my shirt says and even though it's not written correctly, you still understand that it says, "Hooked on phonics done good for me." I've never gotten any negative comments on it. No one's ever come up to me all pissed off because they've used Hooked on Phonics. I hope no one ever does.

Steffany Ricker
22
Student
Pacific Beach

I like the slogan. Boys come and talk to me when I'm wearing it. It says, "I like my cocktails

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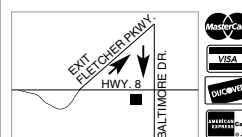
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like I like my men: Strong and sweet." Guys say, "Nice shirt." When a guy is creepy and I don't want to talk to him, I'll tell him, "Yeah, well, my boyfriend likes this shirt too."

John Bushar
29
Architect
Pacific Beach

I grew up in Connecticut, so I feel like I'm showing love for the East Coast when I wear this shirt. I wouldn't say that I'm representing New York: we all represent New York. When I wore this shirt before 9/11, no one said anything or thought twice. Now, there's that awareness, and we all support New York.

Christian Thames
33
Construction
Pacific Beach

A friend bought this for me today, because I usually wear pink Izod polo shirts. My neighbors all seem to be narcs, so this shirt fits because it says, "Neighborhood Watch: We'll get you suckas."

Steffany Love
22

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Teacher
Clairemont

I got it from an ex-roommate. She had the same one, and I always liked it, so she got me one. I'm a very, very small percentage Irish, but I think that everyone can be Irish, like on St. Patty's Day. People sometimes ask me where I got this shirt. I tell them, "I stole it."

Meg Riley
22
Unemployed
Pacific Beach

I'm a big fan of the Tootsie Roll Pop. The world may never know how many licks it takes to get to the middle of a Tootsie Roll Pop. It has nothing to do with how many licks it takes to get to the middle of a Blow Pop. Some people think this shirt is kind of perverted, but I don't. I'm a wholesome girl.

Zack Price
16
Retail
Rancho Bernardo
I wear the "Jesus Freak" shirt in order to show people my belief in Jesus Christ and my love for Him. [Christian music group] DC Talk had a song called "Jesus Freak," where they say that they don't care if people call them Jesus freaks; they don't care because it's true. People call me a freak when I wear this

shirt and try to make fun of me and give me a hard time about being Christian. But I respond to them with love and pour hot coals on their head.

Marie Abesamis
23
Account
Coordinator
Bankers Hill

My group of friends, we call ourselves the Ponies. One night we were all drunk, walking down the

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street in Pacific Beach, and I told my friend, "Let's gallop, like a pony, like a pony, like a pony." And from then on, we've always called ourselves the Ponies. The shirt says, "Ponies are Pretty," and all of my friends have one. We'll call each other Ponies when we're in public, and guys will be, like, "Pony?"

Sometimes when we're dancing together, all of us girls will pull each other's hair and start slapping each other like ponies.

Maria Mello
23
New Graduate Recruitment Specialist
Pacific Beach

My father bought it for me. It says, "It's all about me." He was visiting San



Jogene Lagasby



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John Bushar



Christian Thames



Steffany Love



Meg Riley



Zack Price



Marie Abesamis



Maria Mello



Brian Bonelli

Francisco and he saw this shirt and he said, "It's perfect for you. I thought

of you when I saw it." I like it because it's real simple: a black tank top with white writing. The first time I wore it, I thought it was harmless.

I was in a bar, and some guy pointed at my shirt and said, "That's your problem." I was completely appalled. A friend of mine wore this shirt

another time, and she got similar responses.

Brian Bonelli
22
Student

Mission Beach
I dig the Asian characters because they seem to represent so much while maintaining a purity in their simplicity. This shirt says, "Good fortune," but I don't wear it for myself; I like that other people read it and walk away with a positivity that they might not have had. There're a lot of opportunities that we have in the course of our days to change other people's lives for the better without making grandiose efforts. I wish you good fortune. ■

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On Saturday, May 14, El Capitan High School hosted its 2005 prom at the Bahia Resort Hotel on West Mission Bay Drive. The theme of the extravaganza, which I learned from a greeting-card-sized invitation, was “The Glitz.”

I arrived at the Bahia Hotel at around 8:30 p.m. with my date. There were no decorations on the building’s façade, so I wasn’t sure it was the site of the prom. Upon entering, however, I was directed to a room that eliminated my uncertainties. Though not elaborately decorated, the room was beautiful. Above my head were chandeliers. White cloths covered the tables, each one of which had a lovely flower arrangement and chocolates. Desserts and beverages were served on either side of the room. The dance floor, in the center of the room, was small, so we used the rest of the room to dance. By far, hip-hop music dominated the evening, but nobody complained; it’s easy and fun to dance to. There were stand-out dancers, as there are at every dance. They received compliments from peers and teachers.

The crowd was well-behaved the whole time, though there were bouts of goofiness; a few guys took off their shirts and jackets and danced around with only their vests on. This act, however, was not drastic enough to bring the scorn of teacher chaperones. Everyone I saw appeared to be having a wonderful time.

It seemed like prom was over before it began. I arrived, danced, and, before I knew it, everyone was heading to their cars either to return home or commence their after-prom agendas. Some people went bowling, some went to have late dinners or snacks, and others went to spend the night at the houses of friends. Despite the success or failure of after-party plans, everyone returned to school on Monday with positive comments to share. It was a wonderful night.

— Dara Arikian,
El Capitan H.S.

Point Loma High School’s prom, held at Paradise Point Resort on May 21, had as a theme “A Sunset to Remember.” I was surprised how classy prom was compared to how I envisioned it. There weren’t too many decorations, but there was a lot of food: desserts, fruit, smoothies, and all-you-can-drink sodas. The desserts looked good, but I didn’t eat any. I must have drank four or five sodas because the dance floor was so hot. We had the same DJ we’d had for our winter formal, but he wasn’t as good at prom. The music could have been better; too much corny dance music. He played Gwen Stefani’s “Holla Back Girl” song more than once.

My boyfriend wore a white tux, and I thought he would stand out, but a lot of guys wore all white. I really liked my dress; it was blue silk and the hem reached to the floor. Everyone looked so good dressed up, which was one of my favorite aspects of the night.

Many people spent around \$500 for the night, which seems crazy. As much as that sounds, I spent about \$300, and I cut corners by not taking a limo and eating take-out food at my house with friends.

Many people got in trouble for “dirty” dancing. The vice principal and the secretary at my school constantly bothered people about the way they danced. There were people who had had some drinks before prom, but no one acted out of hand. At our last formal dance, many students got caught drinking; I think that eliminated problems at prom.

My favorite part of prom was dancing with my boyfriend. Dances have never been of high importance to me, and I don’t think it would have been very fun if I had gone with someone who wasn’t special to me.

— Honora Swanson Bober,
Point Loma H.S.



Students from my high school donned ball gowns, tuxedos, formal dresses, and suits for our May 21 prom at the Marriott near UTC. The second floor was dedicated to prom and bidding farewell to the class of 2005.

In the ballroom, a wooden dance floor had been placed by the DJ booth. Round tables lined the right and left sides of the room, and pink, white, and black balloons decorated the backs of the chairs. On our way to a table on the left side of the room, we passed the buffet that was against the back wall. Placed on the table were sandwiches and a type of food that closely resembled a pizza pocket. The dessert table held angel food cake, strawberries, bananas, marshmallows, and a chocolate fondue. The angel food cake was moist, the strawberries fresh; the bananas, notorious for turning brown, did so.

Roses provided elegance to the tables. Table settings included cloth napkins that had been folded into fans. The one table decoration that wouldn’t have been missed was the silk rose petals.

It took a while for the dance floor to become occupied; so many students showed up after we did. Once the floor got full, the only

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thing that dispersed the dancers was a slow song placed between two fast songs. The music — rap, salsa, slow ballads — played throughout the night. The DJ replayed most of the songs. A couple of his favorites were “Pop It Like It’s Hot” (I think that’s what it’s called!) and that song that talks about going from “the windows to the walls.”

The king and queen were crowned (he wore a tuxedo, she wore a pink gown that had just the right amount of puff in the skirt), the music played on, and at the stroke of midnight, all of the dancers returned from the dance floor and collected their belongings. While I prepared to leave, I was talking to a fellow editor of my school newspaper. I said, “I can’t believe it is over.” She said, “I know. Now all we have left to do is graduation,” and it sank in that the last party of our high school career was over.

— Christina Chovan,
Mission Bay H.S.

As senior year comes to a close, there’s more and more pressure for my friends and me to do everything perfectly. All the senior-year festivities are supposed to go off without a hitch; after all, these are the times we’re supposed to treasure forever. So, when prom rolled around, we set out to make it something we’d always remember.

Getting to that special night wasn’t easy. A female friend of mine, who has successfully organized our group for dances and parties in the past, drafted a potential limousine list — including who would go with who — in April. This seemed a safe thing to do; since none of our friends were dating anyone, she wanted this to be an occasion that was “about the group.” When a bunch of our male friends decided that this infringed on their right to plan their senior prom, they drafted a plan to rent an RV and hire one of their older brothers to drive it.

After a month of panicked conversations between the girls over who would be asking who, the guys asked their dates. The group was almost identical to the one my friend had envisioned; the exception being that most of the dates were scrambled up. With the dance fast

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approaching, the guys surrendered control to the girls to find a 24-person limousine, a restaurant, and an after-party. These girls did a remarkable job, and from the restaurant (Il Fornaio), to the dance (Loews Coronado), everything went perfectly.

Then came the after-party at the home of one of the girls in our limo. Our 24 people had multiplied to somewhere in the 30s, and the chaos that characterized the previous few weeks culminated in a wild party. Although I hit the bed (or floor, in this case) a few hours in, our party was full of Person A hooking up with Person B's prom date, Person C trying to hook up with Person D (who wasn't into girls), Person E shouting at Person F about the tension between them, and Persons G, H, and I crying together about our upcoming graduation.

— Matt Franks,
Torrey Pines H.S.

Prom is supposed to be the culmination of high school students' senior year. However, the event for my Hilltop High

class (held at the Loews Coronado on May 14) failed to impress many. Once you arrived, you waited in line to get checked in, only to wait in another line for security. Once inside the venue, you had to wait in another line to take prom photos. By the time most people made it into the hall, it was almost nine o'clock. The decorations were scarce; they consisted of beautiful centerpieces and little star confetti on the tables.

The emphasis of most dances is, appropriately, the dancing. The DJ at this year's prom stunk; besides the music being a major disappointment, there were three seconds in between songs. This seems like a lifetime when dancing. That wasn't the only flaw, though. He repeated songs such as Ciara's "1,2 Step" and played two consecutive songs by the same artist. Even without the blunders, the music wasn't my style at all. This resulted in a sore back because I was sitting in the uncomfortable chairs most of the night instead of dancing.

The waiting, the decor,

and the DJ didn't impress me, but one thing did: the food. Food is usually neglected at Hilltop's dances. Not at this prom, though. There were the underappreciated fruits and vegetables and the overlooked finger sandwiches, but what stood out were the desserts. There were cheesecakes, chocolate cakes, and tarts but my favorite part was the ice cream sundae bar. The array of toppings were the cherry on top of the food offerings (pun

intended).

Looking back at prom, it wasn't the best dance ever, nor did it meet my expectations. However, I am glad that I got to experience it. The times that were had before and after prom with my friends are now priceless memories. They almost make up for the most expensive (\$100 after dinner, tickets, and pictures) waste of time ever.

— John Twilla,
Hilltop H.S. ■

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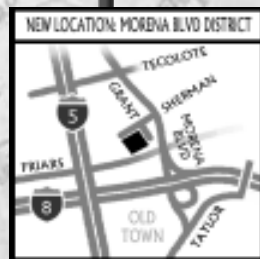
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The fact that J. David succeeded as long as it did is a powerful argument for strong government regulation of the marketplace. The fact that J. David completely eluded federal and state regulators is an equally powerful argument that government regulation is a waste of time and money.

Picture Luciano Pavarotti whipping the competition in the 220-yard hurdles at the Olympics. Or Boy George stiff-arming and bowling over the defense of the Los Angeles Raiders. Now you have an idea of what J. David did to federal and state regulatory agencies: It ran past them and over them. To accomplish the heroics, Dominelli had expert downfield blocking from his lawyers and accountants. Dubious moves abounded, but nobody dropped a handkerchief until it was too late — at least for many investors.

J. David's first brush with the regulators came in 1981 after a money-finder sent a sales brochure into the state of Missouri. Authorities

in that state questioned whether the offerings were registered as securities. (Under the law, a "security" is basically an investment contract in which the profits result from the management expertise of people other than the investor.)

Missouri took action against J. David, which hired Abramson & Fox, a prestigious Chicago law firm, as counsel. Soon Missouri tipped off California, and the California Department of Corporations was questioning Carl Duncan, an Abramson & Fox attorney (and former SEC official) about the J. David sales contract. Beginning in mid-1981, Duncan and George Crawford, corporations counsel of the California Department of Corporations, exchanged long letters outlining their positions on the question.

In July 1981 Dominelli promised he would sell no more commodity programs until the matter was resolved. While the barrister and the bureaucrat were engaged in their bombastic correspondence, Dominelli was just shifting gears: With Hoover and Yarry, he was plotting a new sales strategy — and he wasn't telling Duncan about it.

Crawford and Duncan agreed that J. David's selling of conventional commodity partnerships



was not in compliance with applicable state and federal securities laws, and more than a year later, in late 1982, J. David was forced to make an expensive rescission agreement. In effect, Dominelli had to give his investors their money back, if they wanted it.

This was the same period that Dominelli ran afoul of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). After a mid-1982 examination, the CFTC questioned whether Dominelli was correctly segregating clients' funds from corporate funds. It noted that J. David failed to file annual reports of certain trading pools and did not keep adequate daily records of commodity interest transactions. The CFTC also pointed to a number of accounting deficiencies.

Duncan admitted most of the irregulari-

ties and in a letter of September 29, 1982, pleaded with the CFTC supervisor, "Since its [inception], J. David & Company has sought to comply with both the spirit and the specifics of applicable CFTC regulations. While the spirit has been met, in all candor the detail has not been met in every instance. Much of the deficiencies outlined herein arose because of insufficient operational follow-up and confusion as to the specificity expected by the CFTC during the period... Significant efforts recently have been taken to remedy such difficulties." Duncan asked that no staff action be taken against J. David, stressing that "no irreparable public harm has resulted" from J. David's inadequate accounting procedures. He promised that Dominelli would "remedy the deficiencies," and after all, he pointed out, Dominelli

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had not been selling his commodity programs since July 1981.

Duncan apparently believed all that. But Dominelli was plunging ahead.

The seed? A lawyer's casual remark to Dominelli that if he truly wanted to be free of regulation, he should operate exclusively in interbank foreign currency trading. The result? Dominelli was preparing to enter that business, no matter what Duncan was telling governmental bodies.

The foreign currency market is an ancient market. As long as human beings have been doing business across national borders, there has been trading in national currencies. Until this century, the external values of currencies were normally expressed in gold or silver. But there were problems: When a country had to finance a war, it had to find more gold or it would run out of money

and therefore out of weapons. And so in wartime, countries temporarily went off the gold standard and had nothing backing up their currencies. This held the potential for chaos.

In 1944, in an attempt to stabilize the situation, the world adopted the Bretton Woods system. All currencies would henceforth be valued in terms of the U.S. dollar, which would be valued in terms of gold. Other currencies would trade in very narrow, fixed ranges relative to one another. One important feature of the system: Anytime a country collected 35 U.S. dollars, it could turn them back to the U.S. for one ounce of gold.

For years after World War II, there was a shortage of U.S. dollars abroad, known as "the dollar gap." But then the U.S. kept sending more and more U.S. dollars overseas, as its companies bought up foreign assets,

its people traveled heavily in nations with cheap currencies, and it financed overseas military operations, as in Vietnam. The gap became a glut. Foreign countries were gobbling up American gold — in fact, overseas governments had more dollars than the U.S. had gold. Foreign central banks, brokers, commercial banks, individuals, and corporations all held piles of dollars. They looked for places to earn interest on those dollars, but the U.S. had artificially low interest rates: The Federal Reserve limited the rate offered by savings institutions. And it was illegal to pay interest on checking accounts.

As a result, the phenomenon known as the "Eurodollar market" mushroomed. A Eurodollar is nothing more than a dollar on deposit in a bank outside the U.S. The Eurodollar market started as a kind of dol-

lar market in exile. With all those dollars looking for an interest-paying home, American banks saw a chance to expand the market. They set up shell banks or subsidiaries with skeleton staffs in Caribbean tax havens. These "banks" were primarily accounting vehicles to permit the big banks to create Eurodollars without regulation by the U.S., without having to meet U.S. reserve requirements (keeping some dollars on hand to back up those lent out) or pay equivalent U.S. taxes. Most importantly, Eurodollar deposits could earn the interest that by law could not be paid by domestic banks.

By the early 1970s, the dollar glut became an acute danger to the U.S. economy. On August 15, 1971, President Nixon declared that the U.S. would no longer sell gold to foreign governments in exchange for dollars. With the gold backing gone, all curren-

cies were free to "float": to trade against another currency at whatever price a person was willing to pay.

It was a marvelous opportunity for speculators. Why fool with stocks and bonds and puts and calls and wheat and pork bellies and gold and platinum when you could just speculate in, say, the French franc against the Swiss franc or the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar? The currency trading market exploded.

As huge as it has become, interbank trading filters into a pretty small bottle. At its center are the world's largest private banks, such as Chase Manhattan, Citibank, and Bank of America. The banks place orders for large and small corporations, governments, and other institutions that have to swap currencies. For example, the Milwaukee brewery selling its beer in France doesn't want to be paid

in the French franc. (It's hard to pay for a sandwich with a French franc in Milwaukee.) So the French importer agrees to pay the Milwaukee brewery in U.S. dollars, and a bank turns his francs into dollars. There are dealers (such as brokerage firms) that do business through the big money-center banks, but essentially the world's biggest banks do the trading.

Banks and interbank pros would like us to believe that most foreign exchange trades are strictly for business purposes. But that's nonsense. High rollers all over the world — individuals, institutions, and the banks themselves — speculate on currencies. (Two big banks, New York's Franklin National and West Germany's Bankhaus I.D. Herstatt, collapsed in 1974 as a result of injudicious foreign currency gambling. The banks are doing less speculating now, but institutions and indi-

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or Cambridge, fellows with thick glasses, vested suits, and idiosyncrasies that are tolerated because these guys are, after all, geniuses.

"Jerry fit right in with the image of the interbank trader," says one of his former salesmen.

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A few months later, someone — probably Yarry — suggested that J. David start using

its "bank." So Dominelli and Hoover paid \$870 to send two employees to a seminar at which Schneider expatiated on the wonders of having one's own offshore shell bank. Schneider defines his merchandise in this way: "An offshore bank is a corporation organized and licensed under the banking laws of a foreign jurisdiction which is conducive to conducting international financial transactions with minimal tax, banking, and security regulations."

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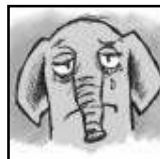
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tends that his company, WFI Corp., is aboveboard and that he even checks out clients for criminal backgrounds. But Schneider himself has a criminal background: In 1972 he pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$200,000 in telephone equipment. He spent 60 days in jail. Los Angeles officials later sued Schneider for failing to substantiate claims he made in *Wall Street Journal* ads. He paid \$2500 and agreed to stop the misleading advertising.

Dominelli completed the paperwork for the bank in September 1981. He owned 225,000 shares, Hoover 45,000, and Yarry, who became managing director, 30,000. It was christened J. David Banking, and Parin Columna, the handyman and factotum who would loom large in later adventures, put up beautiful glass partitions etched with the bank's name outside Yarry's office.

J. David Banking was to be the means through which J. David's customers reportedly traded in interbank. The U.S. government would be told that all of the firm's foreign currency

transactions were taking place via Montserrat.

Eventually Dominelli, Hoover, and Yarry planned to do all their secret, unaudited investing in the unregulated foreign currency market. This covert activity would be the source of the hush-hush funds coming from "the magic checkbook" and "Dominelli Airlines." The existing regulated commodity pools would be folded into interbank or closed out. The only J. David activities that would be regulated would be the diversified operations such as J. David Securities.

In the transition, Dominelli used the Montserrat bank for some accounting hocus-pocus with the existing commodity partnerships. In 1982 the accounting firm of Laventhol & Horwath was working on the books of a J. David commodity pool; the accountant wrote in his notes, "Due to a Montserrat statute relevant to bank confidentiality, the records of J. David Banking could not be examined."

Because of the Montserrat law — and just as Dominelli

wanted — J. David Banking had no auditor. On the last day of 1981, according to the internal document, all of the partnership's funds were transferred to the bank and thus could not be audited.

Not to worry. Laventhol & Horwath could hire Norman Nouskajian, one of J. David's lawyers. He would peek at the books of the Montserrat bank, thus skirting Montserrat's prohibition. Nouskajian took the peek and reported his findings to Laventhol & Horwath. The accounting firm, in pronouncing everything in order, did not tell the CFTC that it had taken this dubious detour — called a "scope limitation" in accounting parlance — in its pursuit of truth. It gave the commodity pool a "clean" opinion on the basis of information supplied by J. David's own lawyer.

To make it all official, Dominelli wrote a letter to Laventhol & Horwath and stated formally, "Under a Montserrat statute relevant to bank confidentiality, transactions between the Partnership and J. David Banking

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While this was going on with the existing pools, Dominelli's salesmen were aggressively bringing in money for the interbank pool, which was paying its investors returns of 4 percent a month. Soon the San Diego newspapers and the *Los Angeles Times* started taking a look at J. David. The reclusive Dominelli said almost nothing, but Hoover gabbed with the reporters and Yarry talked openly about the company's rapid ascent. By late 1982 all the major dailies had done J. David stories.

Consequently, the California Department of Corporations got interested again. George Crawford wrote Carl Duncan anew and demanded to know if Dominelli was selling securities, as he promised he wouldn't. At this point, Duncan was letting his unhappiness be known. So Dominelli turned the matter over to Rogers & Wells, one of the nation's larger law firms, which was then working on other matters for J. David. Rogers & Wells handles Wall Street's giant Merrill Lynch and is famous for its securities expertise. The prestigious firm is headed by William P. Rogers, former Secretary of State, who worked on the J. David account.

The firm's lawyers studied Dominelli's situation thoroughly. They evidently concluded that J. David was selling securities illegally in California. On January 21, 1983, a group of Rogers & Wells lawyers met with Dominelli, Yarry, Hoover, and Fred Storm, an in-house attorney.

Storm served as amanuensis. His notes record Don Augustine, an attorney at the local office of Rogers & Wells, asking Dominelli, "Why did you embark on your course of action in accepting [client] 'pooled' accounts in California in apparent violation of law?" The lawyers explained that there would be little problem if the securities had been sold only to foreign-

ers. (The fact was, though, that they were being sold almost exclusively to Californians through the La Jolla office.)

The lawyers further explained that there were both civil and criminal consequences of selling unregistered securi-

ties. They warned that if authorities later concluded that the Montreal "bank" was being used to help investors conceal assets, the owners — Dominelli, Hoover, and Yarry — could be charged with aiding and abetting tax evasion or tax fraud. Augustine asked

Dominelli if he knew what a Ponzi scheme was. They all discussed the ugly rumors about J. David in San Diego and that Dominelli's salespeople — Yarry in particular — were not registered brokers/dealers.

Dominelli responded by

telling the lawyers, "You'll just have to trust me." Despite their many doubts, the Rogers & Wells lawyers apparently did trust him, or at least concluded that Dominelli's situation could be rescued if he did certain things — most importantly, immediately

stopped the sales of interbank within California.

Then they plotted how to handle the inquiry from the Department of Corporations. "How do we handle containment of the issue?" asked one lawyer.

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The consensus of barristers was "Don't reply in writing. Go up to L.A. and talk about the [Department of Corporations] investigation," according to Storm's notes.

Then, Augustine made it official in a hand-delivered letter to Dominelli: Dominelli was selling securities illegally and had to stop. But Augustine assured Dominelli, "While there may be past violations of the California securities laws which may create civil liability, we have no intention of discussing these matters with Mr. Crawford."

Augustine went up to Los Angeles to talk with Crawford. In an internal memorandum, Augustine later related how he told Crawford that J. David operated with "individual discretionary accounts"—accounts in which both U.S. and foreign investors could call their own shots, with only advisory help

from Dominelli through the Montserrat "bank." According to the memorandum, Crawford then opined that Dominelli's interbank contracts "were not a security but rather, as far as California was concerned, a commodity and it was the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, under the Commodities Exchange Act, which had exclusive jurisdiction."

The Rogers & Wells lawyers donned blinders. Augustine wrote an internal memorandum to Nouskajian and noted, "I do not believe it is appropriate for any member of our law firm in their capacities as attorneys to become aware of the names of the individuals who have accounts with [J. David Banking]." See no evil, hear no evil.

Under penalty of perjury, Dominelli signed a remarkable document shot full of dubious assertions. For example, Dominelli

asseverated, "At this time [J. David Banking] is not accepting any accounts from other than non-resident aliens of the United States." But even after Rogers & Wells told him in January that selling interbank to Americans was illegal, Dominelli had never stopped the marketing practice. In the document, Dominelli also contended that his customers got access to the sanctum on interbank traders through the Montserrat brass-plate "bank"—an absurd statement. Dominelli said that he only made trading "recommendations" to the officers of his Montserrat "bank," who would then decide whether Dominelli's customers would follow the advice. Such a setup would have been a cumbersome arrangement indeed for the split-second buying and selling that characterize interbank! Actually, Dominelli had told his customers that *he* did the trading for them—that *he* had the trading discretion. The document also maintained that Dominelli's bank had an "independent" board of directors. That, too, was nonsense. Yarry

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headed the bank, and the “independent” board members were cronies of the Montserrat lawyer in whose office the brass plate hung.

Augustine then forwarded Dominelli’s sworn statement to Crawford. In an official letter, Crawford wrote, “In view of Mr. Dominelli’s undertaking, twice-repeated, to comply with the state’s securities laws, we anticipate no further action will be necessary to enforce the state’s securities laws.” So the interbank contracts, though clearly securities, were suddenly declared to be commodities, and they went unregistered. J. David continued selling them to Americans, and Rogers & Wells continued representing J. David. After the collapse, the CFTC claimed that it had never had jurisdiction over the matter.

“The state of California was very foolish,” complains a J. David lawyer who advised Dominelli that he was in fact dealing in securities that had to be registered.

George Crawford would later stonewall. Asked why the Department of Corporations

had not ruled that Dominelli was selling securities, Crawford replied, “We will have no comment to avoid prejudicing the effect of further litigation.” His unusual argument was that the Department of Corporations is empowered to be cocounsel in prosecution of certain offenders and that if he discussed why his department didn’t move in on Dominelli, it would harm the department’s possible role in future prosecution.

With the Department of Corporations taken care of, J. David brass had cause to celebrate. But the cork was barely out of the champagne bottle when employees were tipped off to more trouble. Parin Columna took down the glass panel outside Yarry’s office with the J. David Banking sign on it. Sure enough, another agency had raised its head: the California Banking Department. What was this J. David Banking? Was it doing business in California? If it was doing any business at all in the state — not just banking business — it had to register, said the Banking Department. But

Yarry assured an examiner from the Banking Department that no deposits were taken in La Jolla. And Dominelli, through Rogers & Wells, told the state that the company did no business in California — that all its customers were foreigners and no business whatsoever was conducted within the state, that everything happened on Montserrat and in J. David’s London office. Again, this was complete nonsense. The American investors in J. David made out checks to J. David Banking and normally turned them over to J. David at its La Jolla headquarters. Investors were told the checks were sent to Great Britain and endorsed there.

One San Diego law firm, pressing a claim against a minor J. David functionary, apprised the Banking Department investigator that J. David collected funds in La Jolla. The Banking Department also knew of a lawsuit filed against J. David by a former money-finder who had plied his trade within California. But J. David’s lead bank, San Diego’s First National, dutifully wrote the Banking Department



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that all checks written to J. David Banking in the previous month had been endorsed by signatories overseas and that the statements were sent to Montserrat.

For still-unexplained reasons the Banking Department retreated. "We made an investigation of J. David Banking in 1983 and we were unable to determine that [it] was doing business in the state," says Alida Buchanan, the Banking Department counsel. Had the department known that J. David routinely accepted deposits in La Jolla, it would have ruled differently, she allows, "but we didn't have that information."

Some observers are very critical of the state regulators, and rightly so. "The lies [by Dominelli] to the state regulators were transparent," says a prominent San Diego attorney. "Virtually any on-site investigation, check of customer lists, or

the like would have exposed the whole thing. Interviews with ex-employees, or even honest current employees, would have done the same. At the state level, I wonder if political influence — or worse — might have been involved. But I have absolutely no evidence."

The federal government stumbled, too. The Treasury Department was suspicious but believed it had no authority. Evidence suggests the SEC conducted a formal probe of J. David's interbank in the 1982-1983 period but closed it. (Later, the agency admitted having destroyed its J. David file.) It definitely launched an investigation *after* the collapse. The IRS, of course, was regularly checking into J. David, but if it found anything amiss, it never made it public until more than a year after J. David's downfall.

The FBI got in early. When

John Shockey, investigator for the Comptroller of the Currency, became suspicious of J. David in early 1983, he passed on information to the San Diego branch of the FBI, which had already received complaints from ex-employees of the firm. An investigator interviewed a number of people connected with J. David. Several told the agent it was a Ponzi scheme. One agent said to an ex-employee, "It looks like a Ponzi scheme and smells like a Ponzi scheme." But, he continued, "I don't want to be responsible for tearing down a viable business."

Dominelli was aware of the FBI investigation and, at one point in the fall of 1983, emerged from his office to assure employees, "They're just looking for drug money."

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investigator Roger Dodd through the posh J. David office. "Dodd said they were the most beautiful offices he had ever seen," the former employee remembers. On January 15, he says, the FBI closed the case—only to reopen it a few weeks later when the company collapsed.

The FBI tells a different story. It couldn't believe the 40–50 percent annual returns and the three straight winning years with only one losing month, and it had received complaints from two former employees, "but we didn't have a victim," says an FBI official. That, he contends, prevented the FBI from taking certain legal steps. It never officially closed the case, "but came close," he admits, in early 1984. As for Dominelli's "drug money" statement, he says that the FBI was not looking for drug money prior to the firm's collapse but that it later investigated possible drug-money laundering.

One high-level federal official believes there is more to why the FBI didn't move fast: Dominelli and Hoover had so many powerful political friends that the FBI, which is often sensitive to political criticism, was too cautious in pursuing the case.

Other public and private institutions were told about what was happening at J. David but did nothing. The experience of the Oklahoma investor who had pulled out his money is eloquent. He called the San Diego reporters who were in the midst of their preliminary investigations of J. David in 1982. Alas, little of what he told them got into print. He called the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the SEC and was informed by both that interbank trading was unregulated. He called the National Futures Association, a private watchdog group then being formed, which let him know that the only action it could take would be to terminate J. David's membership in the group. He called the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations and spilled his story. He was given a polite hearing and nothing more. He called a producer of TV's *60 Minutes* but couldn't interest anyone. Sighed the Oklahoman at the time, "This guy is pulling a scam. Doesn't anybody give a damn?"

The federal government *did* give a damn, it turns out. On July 21, 1980, the United States of America moved decisively

against J. David "Jerry" Dominelli. It sued him for \$2,313.41 for having defaulted on two student loans in 1968 and 1969. But except for that \$2,000 and change, the federal government felt it had no authority.


Occasionally word leaked out of the J. David inner circle that there were regulatory strains. For example, Edith Reid, the head of Reid-Smith (the firm pooling small investors' funds to reach Dominelli's \$50,000

minimum), picked up whispers in late 1983 that J. David was not cooperating with regulatory agencies. She got a polite note from Gary H. Wiles of Wiles, Circuit & Tremblay, a law firm representing J. David. "You expressed

your concerns to Michael Clark of this firm concerning the purported failure of J. David Co. to cooperate with regulatory agencies," wrote Wiles. He then ticked off recent satisfactory tests. The National Association of Securi-

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only "minor technical difficulties." (The NFA would later claim, however, that it wasn't permitted to look into J. David.) The SEC and CFTC were also performing routine annual audits, and J. David was not concerned. "Based on the foregoing, it appears that this company is in a business that is perhaps more highly regulated than any other usual business pursuit and there is no evidence whatsoever to date of any failure of the company to comply with audit requirements or to furnish

information to the auditing or investigating agencies," said Wiles.

Wiles was missing the point. It was true that the SEC, CFTC, NASD, and other public and private regulatory groups *had* looked at J. David. But, in the main, they had officially looked at only those parts of the organization that were operating in *regulated* markets, such as J. David Securities and J. David Mercantile. But this was just a small portion of J. David. The big apple — rotten to its core — was the interbank for-

eign-currency trading fund. It was audited by no one — not a government agency, not a private regulatory body, nor even anyone inside J. David. As San Diego lawyer Michael Aguirre succinctly observes, "Dominelli represented self-deregulation." ■

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"I see the hood open on the Mustang; this girl — about 20 — is poking around under the hood. Then I notice the guy, about the same age, sitting in the front seat. He's just sitting there, not doing anything." At this point, a tone of bemused wonder begins to creep into the speaker's voice. "I say to the older guy, 'Well, maybe the three of us can push it.' He gets in back and gets ready to push, and the young guy, he's not even getting out of his seat — like we're going to push him and the girl up the hill and around the corner."

"So I go around to his side and say,

'Hey, could you get out and help us push?' He doesn't say yes or no, he just shrugs his shoulders and opens the door and sort of stands in the open door, pushing on the doorjamb. The old guy and I are in back bustin' ass, bent over and heaving. It's clearly full effort for us, because it's pretty steep right there. So we're pushing as hard as we can, and this guy's sort of just half-heartedly leaning on his doorjamb!" The wonder gives way to outright astonishment. "I couldn't believe my eyes. He could be seeing us bust our ass and still be too slow or too bashful or too whatever to imitate us?"



Bobby and Jason

Finally, "We get the Mustang up the hill and around the corner and park it. I'm sort of scratching my head over the guy's ineptness, but the old guy says to him, 'Hey, you got a real strong back there, buddy! Maybe you should think about professional athletics!'" He just starts ripping on him, and the thing is, the other guy's, like, 'Yeah, thanks.' He was too stupid to understand that the other guy was being sarcastic. The girl was really thankful and everything, but the guy...

"It was sort of an eye-opener for me. Driving home, I tried to figure out, 'How did that happen?' When I see a car on the side of the road, and I pull over to help push or whatever, my dad always comes to mind. I'm thinking the guy must not have had a dad or something. I couldn't believe it. This guy was the ultimate modern nonman. Totally unable to take control of a situation. Like, 'Who does that anymore?'" the storyteller whines, aping the slacker's tone. "My favorite part is the gal under the hood, and

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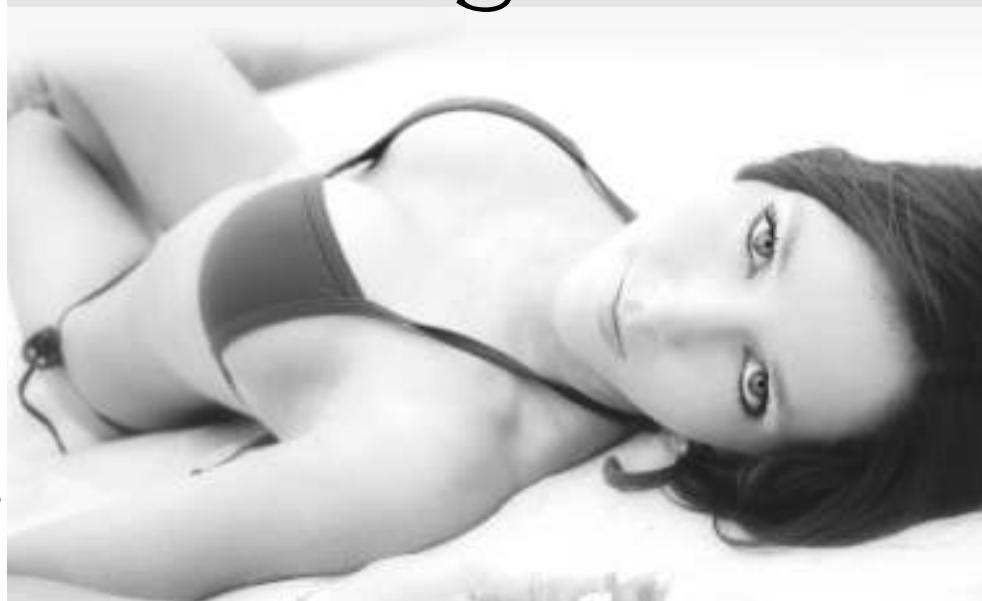
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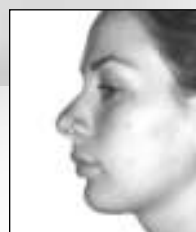
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possibly have been that long ago. For the storyteller, the incident went beyond seeking another path to fulfillment, beyond postmodern rejection of traditional gender roles, and into the realm of getting off your befuddled rump and coming to the aid of a damsel in distress.

Whither manhood? I wandered UCSD for an answer, wondering if the encultured, enriched La Jolla air would yield a different, more nuanced definition of a male than I might receive elsewhere. My first conversation is with Brian, a solid chunk of a man with wild blond hair and a heavy face. His comments are short and pointed. "A real man is someone who can provide for himself, take care of



Steve and Max

himself without other people." Is a real man macho? "Macho is the ego part of manhood, and when you get the ego, you're not really a man, you're just a jerk." What would he never do? "Go pick a fight with somebody, because that's stupid, that's showing off too much of an ego. If you get

a big head, it'll come back and bite you in the ass."

I ask Brian where he formed his idea of what a man is, half expecting to hear him say his father. But no. "My grandfather. He believes in his faith, carries that out all the time. He's a gentleman to everyone he ever meets. Never cusses



Danny and Matthew

or swears at anybody. Never picks a fight."

Jason and Bobby are more loquacious, more relaxed, more shrug-of-the-shoulders, grin and "bear" it.

Jason: "A real man? Well, there's two types..."

Bobby: "The old-school type or the new."

Jason: "The guy who's super chivalrous..."

Bobby: "Who has honor. The man today is more of a pimp."

Jason: "Yeah, and then there's the type you want your friends to be like. The real man; it's like, he goes to clubs and gets amazing and all that."

Bobby: "It depends on the age group — the man I want to be now, or the man I want to be like when I'm a father. A lot more responsibilities when you're older."

Jason: "When you're younger, you think being a man is how much booze you can drink and how many girls you can sleep with. I don't think you understand what it takes, supporting a family and having a job."

Wild oats aside, responsibility and sex have a tendency to overlap at any age — people are complicated that way, with or without the prospect of a shotgun wedding. What if a man gets a girl pregnant?

Jason: "It's pretty much up to her, I would think. Right now, the first option

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would probably be abortion."

Bobby: "That would be my choice, but I would have to respect her choice."

Jason: "Of course. But then, there's adoption and then there's you have the kid if you have to. But if you do, you don't back out of it. You accept it, and you pay for stuff and you help raise the kid. But I don't know, at this age — if I were older and I got a girl pregnant, then I might consider keeping it more, but I'm in school, I'm barely making ends meet...."

I want to get away from man's relations with women to his relations with the world he confronts, if he confronts it at all. I want to touch the tiny spark, enshrouded by the diminutive modern zeitgeist, that drives men to yearn for glory in battle, to achieve greatness, to secure fame that will preserve their memory through the centuries. It is a spark that burns for conquest of some

kind, even if it's just the corner office. What's worth fighting for?

Jason: "If anyone screwed my sister, I wouldn't hesitate to hit them. I never get in fights, but I'd snap. Or your parents..."

Bobby: "Anything you stand for, if it's being compromised in any way."

Bobby provides my second encounter with the manly grandfather. "He was more of a model for me than my dad was. I never was close to my dad, but my grandfather always gave me lectures of what my responsibilities were and how I should do good, how I should live my life. My dad was more like, learn from his mistakes, see what I don't like about him, and try not to be that way when I grow up."

"He's a hermit; he doesn't deal with emotions at all. My dad would rather not talk than talk. He just keeps it to himself. Some things you should keep in

if it's going to cause more harm than good, but I think talking about your emotions is better than keeping them in. He's a good guy, though."

I didn't ask Bobby if his grandfather dealt with his emotions; I wish I had. At first blush, responsibilities and doing good, the subjects of his lectures, speak to conduct rather than emotional health. And it's hard for me to imagine someone of Bobby's grandfather's generation warring against repression of grief. Granted, as each generation in a family becomes more prosperous and less concerned with simply keeping body and soul together, the battles become less exterior, less obvious. But is emotional well-being the great interior achievement, the work of civilized ages?

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on from up high. Max also looks to his grandfather for an example of manhood, because “he came from Mexico, and he grew up on the streets. He was basically a self-taught man and made himself into a really successful person, a chemical engineer. His parents - didn’t know about education; they were just going to have him work on the farm. He came over here, worked, supported my dad when he was going to college — he’s an engineer, too.”

Why do you think you look to your grandfather first, before your dad? “I think that’s because in our grandfather’s generation, times were a lot more difficult than in our generation or our fathers’ generation.” The dragon was still outside the door instead of within our breasts.

Steve answers another way. “I think that’s because you see your dad on a more personal level, see more of his screw-ups, all the little day-to-day things that happen. With your grandfather, it’s more, you see his reputation, what he’s already accomplished, whereas your dad might still be doing that.”

Accomplishment, reputation, triumph over adversity — these are the marks I expected to hear about. Max defines a man as “someone who just sicks up, just deals with life.” Steve adds that you become a man when you “realize it’s time to start getting it together, when you finally start taking care of your stuff.”

I suppose that in such a worldview, the danger to manhood comes when your stuff is already taken care of, and you’re sitting at home with the family. That’s the impression I’m left with after talking with Danny, Matthew, and Kevin. Danny hunts after generational differences thusly, tacitly eulogizing the spark I seek: “There aren’t real definers for what being a man is in this generation. At least the generation before us had going to war. Every generation’s had war. Our grand-

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Danny: "There are things associated with being a man, chivalry and courage and all that, but..."

Kevin: "I think those should be associated with a good person."

So is there no difference

between a good man and a good woman? "In an equal, ideal society, no," answers Kevin. "When it comes to relationships, I guess there has to be a difference, and a woman plays a woman's role, but I don't think I could define what a man is as opposed to a woman in an equal society. I think, growing up in a society of political correctness, we're being told that to be anything more, to be anything rugged and individualistic, is sometimes a bad thing. I mean, you have to be sensitive to all issues. There's no problem with that, but it's kind of changed the way we look at being a man. I don't think there's anything wrong with that, but it has taken away some sort of ideal that each person is supposed to be. Breaking down ideals is not a bad thing, but they've

been broken down over time to where everything's supposed to be equal now."

Does that leave you confused? "Definitely."

Danny comments, "Especially in the sense of chivalry. It's almost like being a gentleman is an insult to a woman now. A lot of times things like opening a door for a woman are seen as an admission that women are the weaker of the species or something, when, in fact, it's just courtesy. It's almost part of manners now."

Matthew: "I was at a party a month ago, and I opened a beer bottle for a girl, because I saw she was looking for something to open it, and I had a key chain with a cap opener on it. I didn't ask, I just reached over and opened it. She got upset with me; she thought I was trying to make a move on her or something. I was just trying to be polite."

Kevin: "I think men



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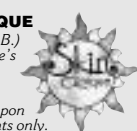
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are supposed to be, not more aggressive, but the people who instigate any type of move. That's what maleness is about, being the person who instigates things. But now the roles are being reversed, so the man can sometimes not know where to go. I don't mind it, but it does lead to confusing situations, where you're supposed to draw

the line between being a male and being a sensitive male. You haven't look at each situation."

And so we come back to sensitivity, to emotion, to the interior struggle for well-being. "It's not like you're going to sit around the locker room and be, like, 'Damn, I saw that French movie last night; it was so sad, I was crying in

the theater,'" says Danny. "Generically, that would be looked down upon as not manly, but I mean, lately, it's becoming more of 'fessing up to your emotions; actually being in touch with your emotions takes more courage."

When he hears this, Kevin backs off his refusal to define a man. "I think that's a good definition of

a man — if they can 'fess up to emotions. To totally dismiss them is two-dimensional. I think when I was younger, if I ever thought about a man's man, it would probably be my grandfather... He was very rugged and individualistic, but I saw that leading to someone who was very close-minded and not very sensitive to other people's

feelings.

"As I grew up — I still love him, of course — I see how that rugged individualism and trying to be a man led to problems in the family. Never expressing yourself until really, really late — that causes all sorts of family problems. We never knew how he felt.... That type of repression totally blows up on you,

leads to situations where families separate because of it, when they find out how the person always felt.

"You have to have the ability to confront other people. If you can't do that, that doesn't show much character. You don't have much character if you can't deal with fears like that. My dad was the total opposite of my grandfather, and that's

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why I ended up idolizing my dad a lot more, once I figured out that definition of a man."

Danny concurs. "That goes back to hiding emotions as a symbol of manhood, at least in our parents' generation and our parents' parents' generation. With my father, it's difficult for him to come to terms with his emotions, especially sadness, because he did have a rough childhood. You can see how at the time it was looked down upon to get your emotions out, and now it's kind of affecting him. So you see what was considered man-

hood before, and you realize that's not exactly where you'd like to be."

How exactly is it affecting him? What exactly is the problem? "I think part of what makes us human is to share our emotional states with other people. If you keep sadness or joy or something stuck inside, then it's like you're not really communicating with other people. You can't identify with other people. To me, that's part of being a man, I suppose: identifying with others and sympathizing with others' situations. If you never communicate with anyone, if you keep

everything to yourself, I would say you're not much of a man."

I get a variation on the theme of emotional well-being and openness when I ask a table full of women about what a real man does and doesn't do. They focus immediately on how men relate to themselves; in particular, how boyfriends relate to themselves. Carrie, gently grinning and demure, opens with "A real man - doesn't play games with girls, play games with their minds. A real man can talk honestly about feelings. He won't have to impress his friends somehow."

Several others comment; their thoughts are summed up by Michelle, the most forthright and brassy of the bunch, who fixes me with a matter-of-fact gaze from behind her lavender-tinted glasses: "They have to impress their friends so much, they can't be cool to you. When you're by yourself, they act like amazing people; every little thing is so wonderful. When they're with their friends, they don't even know you. They don't give a shit. They try to be cool." In the company of men, women suddenly become the embodiment of their

emotional lives and are consequently repressed. The battle for emotional honesty is lost — it is a secret these men do not share with one another.

I'm astounded that any woman would put up with such treatment, and to some extent, so are they. As Carrie says, they long for a man who, "if his friends are giving you a hard time about something, doesn't just stand there grinning like an idiot. He says, 'Guys, leave her alone,' or 'Back off,' or something." Still, there is a limit to emotional honesty — men are expected to maintain some

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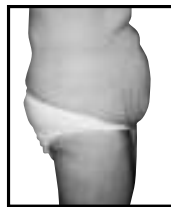
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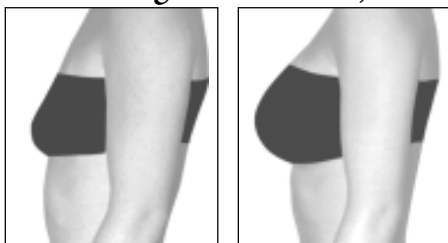
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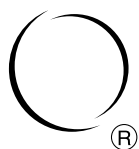
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emotion they desire from men, for some, suffering the suffering that is passion is still receptive, still — biologically, at least — feminine.

Elisabeth: “I think of my dad almost as a girl in a way. It’s weird, because he’s really tough and macho, but he’s very much sensitive like a girl. I mean, he won’t cry or anything like that — I saw him cry once in my entire life. He’s very religious, and my sister hired a stripper, so he cried over that.” Grief washes over, informs, consumes, acts upon the yielding soul.

Yet action is expected and counted on for security. Continues Elisabeth, “I feel safer when my dad’s in the house versus just my mom. Maybe it’s the stereotype. My dad’s a Marine, too, so that’s a little bit extra. But when my dad went away to war a while back, I was so scared to go home all the time. I didn’t like it. I didn’t feel safe, because

my mom was a scaredy-cat. Then, with my dad home, I could go to sleep better at night. Guys show no fear. Sometimes, I think women can get scared more; they’ll think about things like, ‘How can I get away?’ when the guy will just face it. Like, if somebody were coming into the house, they would just go and face them. A woman would escape or something.”

This is the balancing act for these men: to be courageous but not macho, to defend their women but not strut about like cocks in the barnyard, to be emotionally reserved yet emotionally honest, to carve out a masculine identity without an established societal structure. Whatever the challenges of this new, level playing field, men may still cling to certain of the old pillars. When I ask if the girls expect the guy to ask them out, the group answer is yes. Says Carrie, “I could never ask a guy

out. I don’t think it’s wrong for a woman to do if she wants, but, personally, I could never do it. I think it’s really hard for a guy to have to put his ego [on the line]; men’s egos are so fragile...”

Lilia adds, “You’re taking the same risk as a guy does.”

Someone asks if guys like to be asked out.

Michelle: “They love it! How flattering is that — a girl asks you out?”

“But what if he doesn’t want to go out with her?”

“I’m sure a girl wouldn’t ask a guy out unless she knew there was a chance.”

Andrea offers another difficulty. “If you start out with the initiative, asking for a date, that could imply that you’re going to be the independent one in the relationship right off the bat, and some guys are threatened by that.”

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Elizabeth: "I think it's kind of mutual." But then she adds, "I guess people always assume that guys know more about what they're doing than girls, and [often], they do, because they've done stuff earlier in life than most girls. Of course, there's always the girls they did it with, but..."

Michelle breaks in. "Getting back to the asking-someone-out thing — I feel more guys would say yes than girls, because in my experience, guys don't care what the girl looks like. If they know that she's into him, they know they'll be

able to get some easily. He knows that by the end of the night, she's into him, obviously, he'll get some. A girl's different. Most girls that I know, that's not the first thing on their mind."

What's a girl thinking when she says yes?

"We're going to go out, but I don't want it to be like, 'I have to get some.'"

While Michelle is talking about the man looking forward to sex, Carrie comments, "That's not a real-man quality." I ask her to explain. "A guy that will get together, hook up with any girl, no matter what she looks like, just because they

can get some — that's not a real-man quality. I think the guy should only be intimate — or even close to intimate — with somebody they really can see themselves caring about. Not just because they're thinking with their penises." Much ground has been given since the days when a man was expected to be intimate only with a woman he was prepared to be faithful to for life — now all that is required is that he can imagine some future emotional involvement. But there is still that feminine longing for some connection between love and sex, that expectation of

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entanglement.

But if sex is easy to get, why not get it? "I guess the guy needs to have an understanding of what the girl is thinking. You can tell if the girl's just into it for the physical aspect, or maybe she's trying to get to know him and see what can happen, and he's just looking at her, waiting and wondering when he'll get to have her clothes off. He needs to have respect for her feelings and what she might be interpreting..."

I feel the lowest common denominator in me rising, the imp that assumes the basest motivations and reasonings on everyone's part, especially the part of young men. What do you say to a guy who says, "If she lets me, what's the problem?"

"I think that's because some girls — and I think guys understand this — think that if they let a guy do...certain things, that he'll like her. That's just a thing that girls think in their heads.

That's why the next day, there's always, 'Why hasn't he called me yet?' Because girls don't learn that — we equate sex with love, and so we can't fathom how someone could be physical with someone and then not have any feeling for them at all."

But if girls know guys are like that, why do they give it up?

Michelle steps in. "Because they keep thinking, 'Maybe this one will be different.'" When I ask if any of the girls have had an experience with that different guy, the guy who calls after the one-night stand, loud voices disavow any actual experience in that department, although Michelle grants that "We've all had times where we've hooked up with a guy or whatever, and then he does call the next morning. But I don't think we're old enough to have that kind of situation" — outright sex. "I think of that as something you do in your 30s, like, you just sleep with people."

Some things I heard in my search for manhood's essence didn't seem all that different from the answers I might have gotten in other times and places. "Gentleman" still calls to mind a man of manners, a chivalrous man who holds doors and pays for dinner, as opposed to a man of a certain breeding and formation, for whom such mannerly activities are merely a symptom and not the thing itself. Manhood — whatever its emotional baggage — still means integrity, power to control one's circumstances, and courage, if not necessarily physical prowess. Gender roles, however assaulted in the imagination and understanding, are still in practical force. The man my Mustang-pushing storyteller grew wistful for may still be out there. ■

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Actually, I had about a dozen different pen names seems like they changed on every book. For a time I was known as Longjon Jones. And that, he admonishes me, is how I will identify him. If you use my [real] name, I'll hunt you down and turn your gizzard into a volleyball and kick you around the lot.

Jones, a particularly prolific East County novelist during the heyday of cheap sleaze paperback publishing in San Diego in the 1960s and '70s, is a frail, elderly man. I have no idea if he's joking or not.

"I was learning how to write, and somebody bugged me into the porn. It wasn't so bad then, [the books were] like some of the modern-day romances."

By "bad," I understand Jones to mean raunchy. Today's romance novels read pretty heavy, with captured women ravished by pirates or Vikings or unruly men of one sort or another.

"I take it back then the 'dirty' books were fairly soft-core by today's standards."

"I did 43 books of 'true love' and learned one hell of a lot about writing," says Jones. "Mostly that you had to sit down and do the pages every day. They were about 40,000 words

and paid from \$250 to \$400. I think Greenleaf paid more."

Jones wrote several books for the now-infamous San Diego-based porn publisher Greenleaf Classics — "before the editor got busted and did time" — but mainly he worked for a smaller cheap-paperback outfit, Surrey House.

"I remember that the FBI had cameras zooming in on the front door of the place and took pictures of everyone who came or went. A place to earn a little while you learn, I guess. I was doing other writing at the time as well."

Jones didn't socialize much with his porno-king colleagues, but he does recall going to one party attended by other pulp writers and Surrey's publisher. "Before I knew it the booze and the drugs and sex were flying around. I got out of there in a rush."



Jones had not found his calling in writing about the sins of the flesh. "I got busy with other things and edged away. I went straight on to westerns and detective novels and worked my way up."

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San Diego's curious history of sleaze publishing is almost forgotten now, but the biggest name in the business, Greenleaf Classics, operated out of Mission Valley. Greenleaf released more titles each month than its competitors

in Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, and New York, and many of their hack writers lived here, but they would seldom put their real names on the book covers.

"You have to understand, even after all this time, the brand can still stick to you and hurt you, and people in your life will look at you differently, they'll look *down* on you," one Hillcrest-based writer who also prefers to remain anonymous tells me, "and because of

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the social work I now do, I'm not sure I really want people to know that I used to be a smut scribbler. But I have to admit, at the time it was fun, it was really fun being M.J. Deer, among many others."

I ask him how many he'd used.

"A dozen. Usually the names were made up just as the books went to press, and that was out of my hands. I was just a work-for-hire type."

He hands me a beat-up, yellowed copy of a little book entitled *Flames of Desire*, published in 1963 by International Publishers in Hollywood. The cover depicts a man and a woman kissing and fondling in a convertible jalopy, but the story itself seems to be a high-fantasy, sword-and-sorcery adventure tale. I'm reminded of Kurt Vonnegut's character Kilgore Trout, the science-fiction writer who could only publish his strange little novels by disguising them as porno books.

She was blonde and plump with a creamy complexion, the first page starts, rosy cheeks and

cherry-red lips. Her breasts pushed against her blouse as though eager to get free.

I skipped a few pages and found: *The heat of the forge beat against Falmore's face as he bent over it, sending rivulets of sweat running down his steel-muscle arms and back...*

He hands me another book, *Asylum...or Hell!* by Ralph Brandon, also published in 1963 but by a different Hollywood outfit called Art Enterprises. "Scandalous abuses in private mental hospitals exposed!" reads the cover. "Sane men kept in padded cells for over-sexed mistresses! Shock treatment for revenge instead of therapy!"

I'm hooked. I open it, a few pages fall out. One of them reads: *A real man — and you wouldn't have been put in the harem if you weren't a real man — just naturally wants to grab a dame up, turn her over on his knee, and blistering her pretty little can when she tries bossing him around. You do that and we're both dead ducks.*

He says I can keep both; he doesn't need or even want them. "I have more copies in

storage somewhere anyway."

"You must have had fun writing this stuff."

"Yeah, I did. A lot. What the hell, eh? It was a paycheck."

He made \$400-\$500 a book, good money at the time, and by writing one or two a month he managed to put himself through SDSU. "We're talking a lot of books, kid."

And where'd he get the ideas for all those books?

"Fantasy, pure fantasy. I could work it all out on the page, so I became less frustrated."

Like Longjon Jones, he wrote for Greenleaf — "everyone did" — as well as Surrey House. "But that place was run by the Mafia, or fronted by Mafia money. There were a lot of shady characters involved, and I didn't care for too many of them." But also like Jones, he found the pleasures of the genre to be fleeting, and he's long since given up the sleaze and sin.

"What's the point? I write poetry now, and even with that I ask myself: What's the point? It's impossible to make a living as a writer — porn, poetry,

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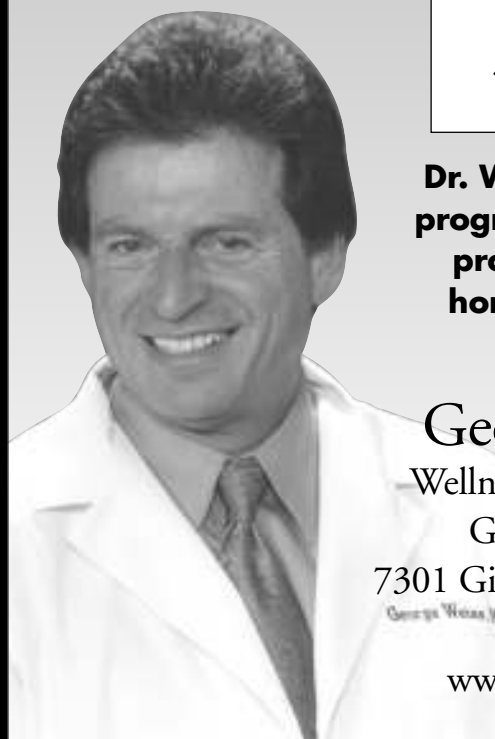
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romance, whatever. There are easier ways to make a buck."

It's a common complaint.

"Erotica, alas, does not pay the bills, not today," Norman Conquest informs me. Another pseudonym? Of course. But many in the literary community recognize Conquest as the alter ego of Derek Pell, a former Coronado resident whose precise whereabouts are now mysterious. He could be in London, he could be in New York, he could be in North Carolina; then again, he may very well still reside in Coronado, communicating via computer and cell phone. It all depends on which rumor you subscribe to.

"I do not, generally, work for traditional publishers of erotica," he says. "I recall being paid \$100 per text by *Libido Magazine*. I was commissioned by Barney Rosset [the founder of Grove Press] to write a novel for Blue Moon Books for \$1000. It was based on a screenplay I'd written. Kings Road wanted to make the film — they did that movie *The Big Easy*. It was called *Under-tow*. My agent negotiated a

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It was a quiet, sobering meeting for both of us. We were so removed from the rest of the world, out there by the dam, surrounded by huge ballooning trees that hid us from everything and everything from us. The parking lot was empty and, at that time of day, almost no traffic passed by on the road leading to Santee. Overhead, a PSA jet downthrottled and banked slowly, lining up for an abrupt landing in the heart of downtown San Diego. No cars passing by, no people, no secret surveillers lurking behind the foliage. We assumed there were no microphones or cameras. We were safe at least for the moment, and wouldn't be interrupted.

There was a noticeable Santa Ana wind blowing in from Anza Borrego and ruffling the lush branches of the huge river-bottom trees. The air itself was filled with the heady fragrance of yesterday's dreams unrealized and tomorrow's terrors unknown.



Robert Bonfils, Robert Speray, Earl Kemp

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\$200,000 sale, and during negotiations, the company declared bankruptcy. The book was never written."

"That has to hurt."

"I do Web design, photography, and paint houses to stay afloat."

In the 1970s, Conquest made decent money off a series

of books about Doktor Bey, a Victorian eccentric much like Jules Verne's Phileas Fogg whose adventures were depicted in oversized pages using collage and lit-

tle text.

"There was *Doktor Bey's Handbook of Strange Sex*. It was published by Avon Books and was my most successful title in that series. It sold out its first printing. About 40,000 copies were skulking in bookshops and earning me royalty checks. It was also reprinted in the U.K. and did well. Strangely enough, Avon did not reprint it as they squandered all their money on the advance for a piece of trash called *The Thorn Birds*."

In the mid- to late '90s, Conquest himself became a bit of a porn publisher.

"Ah yes...House Organ Books, a.k.a. HOB Press, published at an undisclosed location in Coronado! The magazine had a short, tragic life of two issues. Out of that came the Pocket Erotica Series. Thirteen books, of which only four were actually produced. Most notably, Pat Sanders's hysterical *The Little Cock That Could*, an absurdist classic that students at SDSU kept stashed in their backpacks. HOB also reprinted *Sartre's French Phrase Book*, which had

been originally published by Transient Press in Los Angeles. It's a smutty little satire that I'm quite proud of."

Conquest has a surer sense of the wellspring of his ideas than the unnameable Hillcrest author.

"My sexy wife," he says. "She is my inspiration, my muse. The walls of my studio are covered with photographs of her. I am perpetually aroused."

But Conquest's erotica has literary roots as well.

"The first 'doity book' I ever read was Terry Southern's *Candy*, so I associated erotica with humor early on. Then I read Miller's *Tropic of Cancer*. I found Durrell's *Justine* highly sexy. I think my true inspiration for porn writing was Marguerite Duras. Subtle, fluid, sensual. She inspired a series of texts and one early book of mine. Under another name [Derek Pell] I published a book called *X-Texts*, which parodied almost every classic and contemporary porn book, so I've read most everything in the genre. Today I'm more interested in visual erot-

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ica...a lot of wonderful books are coming from Germany."

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"Where did you hear that?"

"Around."

"You shouldn't listen to rumor and gossip."

He eventually allows that there was, in fact, a bit of trouble with the FBI and the U.S. Treasury Department, but not over any amorous artistic ventures. "I rubber stamped and scrawled on a dollar bill and mailed it to a friend as part of a 'mail art' project. An agent phoned me asking to speak to Norman Conquest. He asked me if I was responsible, and I said, 'Yes, what's the problem?' He said I'd committed the crime of defacing currency. He asked me how many bills I'd mailed. I told him that as a starving artist I could only afford to post one. He didn't find that funny. He said he would investigate further and get back to me. Thankfully he never did. Meanwhile, I stole a postal service poster from Grand Central and added a huge photograph I'd taken of the defaced dollar;

I altered the poster to read: 'WE DELIVER. SOMETIMES.'

"An obsession with the almighty dollar," he says with the proverbial sigh, "that's my definition of pornography."

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Greenleaf Classics was the biggest, most notorious printer of lurid literature during San Diego's pulp prime; its employees and other writers often referred to it as "The Porn Factory." At its height, Greenleaf was releasing 50 titles per month, eventually publishing more than 4000 in all.

The story of Greenleaf Classics goes back to 1950s Chicago and the hothouse flower that was science-fiction fandom. It starts with William L. Hamling, an Irish Catholic lad born in 1921 on Chicago's infamous South Side, a former altar boy whose faith was tested during his service in World War II. Gay Talese, in his 1980 bestselling history of the sexual revolution, *Thy Neighbor's Wife*, describes Hamling's growing disillusionment with the fixed stars of his

childhood:

"In the Army, [his] perspective changed; it was there that he saw the Church, in deference to the war, becoming less celestial, more nationalistic and permissive. Sins that had been called sins for centuries were suddenly no longer condemned as such by the Church...and when tons of pinup magazines were transported by the military up to the front as substitute stimulants for the womanless warriors, the Church, once so strict and censorial, was silent."

When Hamling got back to Chicago, the weight of his religious morality bore down on him less than it once had, and he soon began to write science fiction. He sold his first story, "War with Jupiter," a collaborative effort with Mark Reinsberg, to *Amazing Stories* in 1939. In 1940, he founded a fanzine called *Stardust*. He then got a job with Ziff-Davis Publications editing the pulps he had been writing for, working alongside a young Hugh Hefner who, like Hamling, had some lofty notions about branching out as an inde-

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FROM EARL KEMP’S MEMOIRS

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We sat there on some of the old stones that formed the dam itself, lugged there over great distances and slowly eased into place by the encouragement of the slaver’s cat-o’-nine-tales many decades earlier. Bill’s cologne clashed with the ambiance; too expensive. Now and then, one of us would toss a pebble at random into the river, watching ripples spiraling outward from the point of contact, reluctant to even speak.

The sound of the river water as it rushed and rippled over rocks and minor falls was a lullaby of total contentment. Sparrows and other birds flittered about overhead, chirping away happily. A hungry frog terrorized a school of minnows trying to hide amid an outcropping of reeds quite near the shoreline. The huge sycamores and oaks were at peak season, occasionally emitting gentle wafts of pollen like yellow clouds. Orange and black Monarchs fluttered through the pollen, trying to capture all they possibly could on their outstretched wings.

A lizard scurried through the dead leaves audibly just over to the left and paused to lap up a couple of grubworms. Two amorous dragonflies, united in coitus, flying together, buzzed past Hamling’s head. Idly he brushed at them, oblivious to their insect ecstasy.

It had been months since our indictment, and since I resigned from The Porno Factory and moved on without Hamling, so things were a bit strained between the two of us. Neither of us dared to

even approach the general direction of our mutual discontent, lest we both suffer permanent damage. Instead we lapsed into our last hurrah; we were there only to attend a funeral and to play “Taps” over the corpse of our fallen comrade...ourselves.

It was the last time Hamling and I were ever to meet on common ground to discuss our futures and what we might be able to do about them, if anything. In fact, memory tells me that this was not only the last but the very first time the two of us had ever done anything, went anywhere significant alone together, in twenty years. Office meetings and business lunches didn’t count, but I have no memory of the two of us ever eating alone either, as far as that goes. Years earlier there had been a planned trip to Tokyo together, but he canceled out at the very last minute because of some marital dispute. It was a great trip we had planned, too, first class all the way; a pity I had to go it alone.

We made plans for the upcoming trial, both of us agreeing that Stanley Fleishman was the only man for the job, for either of us. Hamling and his company would pay for my defense, of course, and I would have my own attorney, Louis Katz, but he would be answerable directly to Stanley and not to me. We created a few nonsense code words to cover wildly different eventualities that were designed to have meaning only for the two of us, and to initiate certain actions accordingly.

Then, with the business finished, the reasons for our meeting covered, Hamling slipped into a reminiscing mood unlike anything I

had ever known him to exhibit previously. He almost letdown to the point of humanity.

“I’m really tired of them,” he said, “and some of their actions.” “Who?” I asked, but I knew them well.

“Those sonsofbitches in Washington,” he said, “and here too, of course. Always, always sticking their hands out, demanding something. I don’t know if you know this or not,” he began, “but back in Evanston, in 1963, Pierre Sallinger came to the office one day, unannounced.”

I did know, of course, only I pretended I didn’t. Secret things always have ways of turning up and the bigger the secret, the quicker it’s shared.

“He told me he had come to see me at John Kennedy’s request. John, it seemed, was a bit concerned about the precarious legal position we were in with our books. Sallinger said that John said he could make sure all our troubles would go away for \$20,000.”

The suggestion, on its face alone, was ridiculous. Even in 1963, John Kennedy’s price would have been in the hundreds of thousands, if not a million.

“And you gave it to him, of course,” I said.

“Yes,” Bill said. “I phoned the bank. They wrapped the money in a tight bundle and delivered it to me right away. I handed the package to Sallinger and he grabbed it like a starving kid in a candy store and left immediately, clutching it under his arm inside his suit jacket.” ■

pendent magazine publisher.

In 1948 Hamling established Greenleaf Publishing in the basement of his house on Green-

leaf Street in Evanston, Illinois, pumping out science-fiction pulp rags like *Imagination* and *Imaginative Tales* (which fea-

tured an entire novel in each issue). But the science-fiction market was dwindling, and Hamling noticed that there was money

to be made in sex. The writer and critic Lynne Munroe summed up Hamling’s publishing strategy at the time: “He

wanted to get into the booming [soft-core porn] paperback market and sell books for men, books with flashy covers like

Midwood and Beacon were doing. Hamling worked out a contract with the Scott Meredith Agency. Meredith would sup-

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ply new manuscripts for paperback books from a team of writers. Each writer was contracted to churn out a book each month. The writers were paid a few hundred dollars per book. (Later some of the 'names' were paid \$1500 or more.) The books were sent to Hamling under pen names, the agency kept the authors' true identities secret. The adult book market was always precarious. There were always Senate hearings or lawsuits or vice raids involving these lurid little books. Of course, to try to avoid those lawsuits, the authors used euphemisms and suggested much more than they actually described. The books are very tame compared to what passes as adult literature today."

Renowned SF writer Robert Silverberg wrote an article in 1992 for *Penthouse Letters* entitled "My Life as a Pornographer," which depicts the scene at the time. "I was 24 years old when I stumbled, much to my surprise, into a career of writing sex novels," he recounts. "In 1958, as a result of a behind-the-scenes convulsion in the magazine-dis-

tribution business, the whole SF publishing world went belly up. A dozen or so magazines for which I had been writing regularly ceased publication overnight; and as for the tiny market for SF novels...it suddenly became so tight that unless you were one of the first-magnitude stars like Robert Heinlein or Isaac Asimov you were out of luck."

And work.

Super-agent Richard Curtis (who wrote a handful of smut books himself) represented a number of these authors: "When I worked at Scott Meredith Literary Agency, we handled a lot of soft-core sex novels. Most of the writers churned them out strictly for the money and as a means to hone their writing skills for more serious fiction. It was never assumed that sex novel writing was where you wanted to end your career, and many of the writers tried to have fun with the books. We even had a weekly card game attended by some of the writers, and over beer and pretzels we would compete for the most outrageous sex scenes." One particularly memorable

scenario took place on a surfboard.

Facing market pressures, Hamling began publishing *Rogue*, a lowbrow men's magazine not quite in the same neighborhood as *Playboy*, edited by an up-and-coming young writer named Harlan Ellison. In Stephen J. Gertz's 2004 book *An Amazing Kingdom of Thrills: American Pulp Erotica 1966-1973*, there is a chapter entitled "Earthlings Beware! A Galaxy of Porn in San Diego" that tells how Silverberg started writing soft-core titles under various pen names for Bedside and Midwood Books, which were making everyone involved a bit of profit. This was the cue for Hamling to launch Nightstand Books, where, along with Silverberg, many of today's big-name genre writers began penning the velvety lowdown: Marion Zimmer Bradley, Evan Hunter, Philip Jose Farmer, and Lawrence Sanders. Even Ellison wrote one (that he admits to), *Sex Gang*, under the name Paul Merchant (it's a rare find and fetches up to \$700 from collectors). Mr. Ellison also edited a

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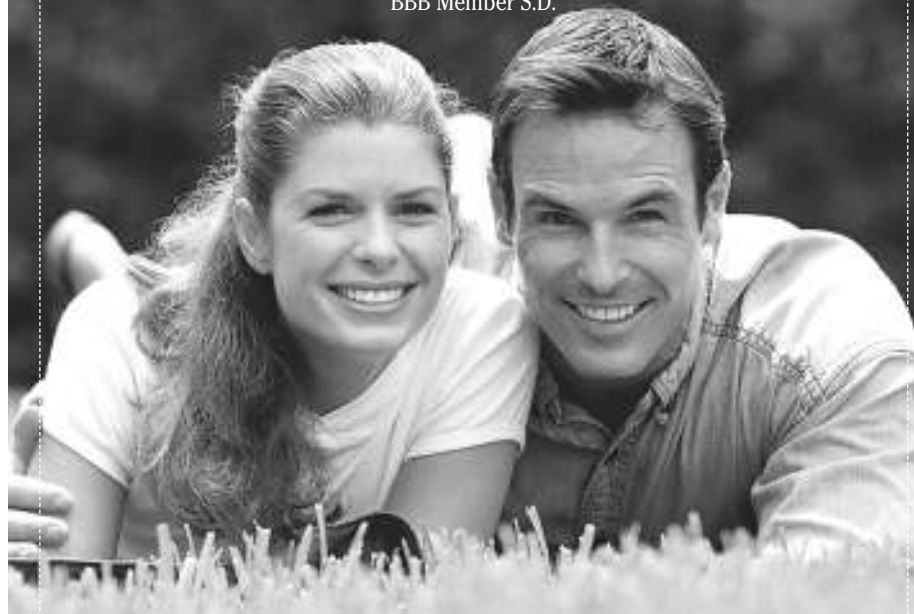
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more mainstream imprint for Greenleaf, Regency Books, which published his own *Memos from Purgatory* as well as former San Diegan Jim Thompson's classic crime noir, *The Grifters*.

Technically, however, these books and magazines were not published through Greenleaf per se but by a shell company called Blake Pharmaceuticals, a failed firm whose shares Hamling had purchased for pennies — such arrangements were necessary at the time, providing protection from the Chicago authorities.

When Ellison returned to New York to pursue his writing career, Earl Kemp, a familiar face in sci-fi fandom, replaced him. But Hamling was tired of paying off the cops and the city officials, and he soon decided it was time to get out of Dodge. He set his sights on San Diego.

"In 1964, William Hamling discovered California," Kemp recalls in the blog he's been keeping. "What he found was...an elite hideout for the elite, a fantasy in anyone's imagination. Here, everywhere he looked, he

saw someone he recognized, someone rich and famous and admired...the more he became addicted to California living, the less we saw of him around the Porno Factory in Evanston. Then, much to our dismay, he began making noises about changing the whole focus of the business and moving the operation totally to California, where morals were a great deal more relaxed than in Illinois, where the really beautiful people lived, and where the sun always shined. Along with this came his preliminary efforts at alerting certain key staff members to the eventuality of moving along with their jobs. I was one of them."

Once Hamling had decided definitively to move, he rented office space in an industrial complex at 5839 Mission Gorge Road (he later moved the company to 3511 Camino del Rio South).

"In 1964, Mission Valley was a bit out of the way, rustic and very agrarian," recalls Kemp. "In fact, dairies lined both sides of the road winding through the valley, and as you traversed the quiet, pastoral route, the aroma



of fresh cow shit followed you for miles of nothing but greenery, with almost no businesses in sight anywhere."

There were doctors and lawyers in that complex, and

none of them knew what their new neighbors were up to. Hamling set up a distribution arm called Reed Enterprises and a mail-order arm called Library Services. Greenleaf Classics was

a mere subsidiary, and the books were printed in Phoenix, Arizona, by an outfit that was in on the lurid but flourishing business.

Greenleaf would go on to create several imprints such as Ember Library (parody books of pop icons like James Bond) and Adonis Books (gay male erotica) that catered to ever-finer niche markets. The hundreds of covers designed by art director Robert Bonfils are now fiercely sought by eccentric collectors. (This past fall Adam Parfrey's Feral House published a book called *Sin-A-Rama*, which reproduces many of these paintings and illustrations.)

Hamling fancied himself a publisher of adult literature in the tradition of Barney Rosset at Grove Press and the infamous Maurice Girodias, whose Olympia Press first published Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita* and Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer*. (Girodias, however, did not have a favorable opinion of Greenleaf, or of other U.S. publishers such as Lancer Books that pirated many of Olympia's titles without paying a dime for them.

Olympia's books, banned and illegal to import and sell in the United States and England, were not protected under copyright law, making it difficult if not impossible to seek relief in the court system. Greenleaf issued unauthorized editions of Terry Southern's legendary *Candy* and Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer* and *Tropic of Capricorn* [in one edition, GC #210]. In his 1994 book *Venus Bound: The Erotic Voyage of the Olympia Press and Its Writers*, John de St. Jorre reports what Girodias had to say about all this: "Lancer are a bunch of odious boors...but Greenleaf!...they are the most cold-blooded, malevolent [people] I ever met...the Greenleaf people must take a beating such that they will at least stop stealing my property.")

Hamling also published a number of political books under the Greenleaf colophon. In 1963 he released Ben Hass's exposé *KKK*; in 1966, *The Truth about Vietnam: Report on U.S. Senate Hearings*; in 1971, *The Illustrated Presidential Report of the Commission on Obscenity and Pornog-*

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raphy. The last one was a reprint of the government report accompanied by lewd and shocking (for the times) illustrations that generously filled the pages.

J. Edgar Hoover sent his G-men after Greenleaf, which he had a personal loathing for—and he was not alone.

“At times there were as many as half a dozen competing agencies bugging the lines,” Kemp claims. “We could get nothing but police radio calls on our phones. I remember going out to a pay phone and calling the cops and demanding that they release at least one phone line for business purposes.”

Such persistent surveillance made for fairly unusual business meetings. The principals would gather silently around a typewriter set up on a table in the editorial office. One person would start the meeting by typing out whatever he wanted to discuss, and then he'd pass the typewriter along to someone else who would read what was there, add his comments, and pass the typewriter to yet another, and so it would go until every-

one had had his say. After the meeting, they would burn the typing paper, flush the ashes down the toilet, and throw away the typewriter ribbon far from the office.

“And in this way business got done,” Kemp says with amusement.

Despite the apparent government harassment, Greenleaf made plenty of money. Hamling had homes in Palm Springs, Julian, and Coronado; Kemp owned a large house in El Cajon and an even bigger one in Ajijic, Jalisco, along the Mexican playas where he played host to many writers in his stable. “Gallons of tequila, good Mexican pot, and lines of coke fuel[ed] the festivities,” according to Gertz. Kemp may have played gracious host, but he was also demanding of his authors. He didn't want just run-of-the-mill porn books—he wanted good story lines and even a sense of literature to balance the action between the sheets.

“He was efficient, a bit brusque and short with writers,” Longjon Jones says. “Maybe

that's because he didn't like my stuff so much.”

In 1966 Hamling was served a 25-count indictment out of Houston, Texas, for violating the federal criminal statutes of interstate transportation of obscene materials. The case was declared a mistrial, much to the chagrin of federal prosecutors, but Hamling was ecstatic, according to Kemp. “As he saw it, the courtroom battle that had begun more than 30 years before in the case of *United States v. One Book Called Ulysses*, resulting in a victory for the literary elite, had now ended in 1967 with a triumph for the man in the street.”

The man on the street rarely triumphs for long, however: the legal issues raised by the case resurfaced five years later. On March 5, 1971, Attorney General John Mitchell held a news conference on the steps of the Justice Department to announce the indictment of four Greenleaf Classics employees for alleged crimes associated with the “unauthorized” production of the book *The Illustrated Presidential Report of the Commission on Obscenity*

and Pornography. They faced a 20-count indictment. One count prosecuted the book on grounds of obscenity, another on knowingly distributing obscenity. The jury was hung on the obscenity issue, and the Justice Department tried a secondary strategy: 12 counts of violating post office prohibitions against sending sexual material through the mail. This had nothing to do with the actual book, but rather with mailing 55,000 copies of a brochure describing it that included a few sample illustrations. The legal wrangling became a mammoth national media event, not unlike the brouhaha surrounding the unsuccessful

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1461," wrote Judge Thompson in his ruling. Hamling received one year's imprisonment on the conspiracy count, and consecutive with that, concurrent terms of three years each on the remaining 11 counts plus a \$32,000 fine. Kemp — who had since resigned from Greenleaf — received one year and a day on the conspiracy count followed by concurrent terms of two years for each of the 11 counts. Hamling and Kemp were also sentenced to five-year probation terms following their respective release dates.

"I did not want to put those men in prison," Judge Thompson later told the press, according to Gertz. "I had to. An example had to be made."

The porno kings didn't go to the federal pen immediately — appeals were filed, going from the Ninth Circuit and eventually up to the Supreme Court. With Justice Rehnquist writing the majority opinion in *Hamling v. U.S.* in 1974 (Federal Code 48 U.S. 87[A1]), the Court upheld the convictions. Justice William O. Douglas, however, dissented,

offering this opinion: "What petitioners did was to supply the report with a glossary — not in dictionary terms but visually. Every item in the glossary depicted explicit sexual material within the meaning of that item as used in the report. Perhaps we should have no reports on obscenity. But embedded in the First Amendment is the philosophy that the people have the right to know. Sex is more important to some than to others, but it is of some importance to all. If officials may constitutionally report on obscenity, I see nothing in the First Amendment that allows us to bar the use of a glossary factually to illustrate what the report discusses."

In February 1976, Hamling and Kemp began serving their time at Terminal Island in Long Beach. "We spent three years and one day there," Kemp says. "This was (at the time) the federal 'legal bad-boy minimum.' As things were constructed then, convicted criminals were the personal possession of the judge who sentenced them for three months and one day. At three

months and two days, they become property of the Justice Department so the judge has only that much time, one day, to salvage that criminal from the Justice Department grist mill." Greenleaf continued publishing books until 1985, fronted by a shell company owned by Hamling's son-in-law, Jack Abey. Then production stopped. There is currently a website that offers e-book versions of select Greenleaf titles. Kemp doesn't know who is behind the site, since no one owns the copyright of these old books anymore, but he suspects Abey may have a hand in it.

Kemp now lives in Kingman, Arizona. Hamling lives in Palm Springs, while his ex-wife still resides in their Coronado home. They are no longer involved in the publishing business, although Kemp keeps himself busy with an online science-fiction fanzine that features chapters of his memoir about the golden era of pulp and porn.

One of Kemp's many local hacks, Jerry Murray, still lives in San Diego. He wrote for both Greenleaf and Surrey. "I think I

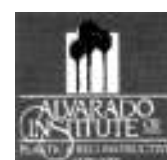
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wrote about 250 'doity books' in all," he says from his home in Pacific Beach, where he lives with his third wife. He went by Sam Diego, Lance Boyle, Ray Majors, Drs. Lance and Jill Boyle; by Joyce Morrissey when he penned cross-dressing books and by Murray Montague when he scribbled out "humorous gay novels."

Murray recalls those days with the kind of nostalgic affection one has for an old sweater.

"Earl assigned an ace photographer named Gary and me to write a series of illustrated paperbacks. I'd do a plot outline, send it to him in L.A. with a desired list of props and a shooting locale, he'd get what he could, plus the models (for 40 bucks for half a day) and my wife and I would drive up, where I'd direct the shooting and Gary would take 35mm and 2 1/4" photos of the naked models simulating sex. After a naked lunch, served by our wives, we'd hurry over to the next set and shoot another one. Then Gary would send me contact sheets, I'd tell him which ones to enlarge, and I'd write the book while refer-

encing its illustrations. Gary and I still laugh about some of the wacky shootings we did. He's very big in construction now."

Murray was paid \$600-\$2000 per title. He says his parodies of *Captains Courageous*, *Mutiny on the Bounty*, and *Moby Dick* were the most successful.

"Did the FBI have you under surveillance, too?"

"No," he says, "no law about writing the stuff, just publishing it."

Surrey House didn't stay afloat long.

"I was one of the original founders, and I lasted there perhaps a year and a half," Kemp says. "By that time I was already burned out on the business and still had the trial and prison staring me in the face. My heart was no longer in [it]. Also, there was much hanky-panky going around the fringes. After I left, Surrey rapidly went downhill with many Mafia connections. It is my understanding that they [the Mob] eventually took over completely and dumped all the staff."

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Today, the FBI and Justice Department have little if any interest in the publishers of dirty books—the plain brown bag has been replaced with a Borders bookstore logo. A genre now dubbed "literary erotica" has become a viable and strong market; the consumer can easily find the steamy section in the bookstore chains, featuring titles from Blue Moon, Carroll & Graf, Cleis Press, Black Lace, Pretty Things Press, and Chimera Books, all of which have wide national distributions, receive serious reviews in trade journals and newspapers, and are used in college courses. Anthologies of original short fiction seem to sell better than novels, and classic Victorian erotica that is in the public domain can often be found in multiple editions from several publishers. Larger companies such as Pocket, Penguin, St. Martin's, and Random House's Three Rivers Press have tested the market for contemporary literature of an amorous flavor, and some books have sold in the tens of thousands (although it should be noted that Earl Kemp told

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me the average Greenleaf title moved 100,000 units; this was due to the distributors placing at least two copies at every newspaper stand in the country). Bookspan in Garden City, New York, offers the Venus Book Club, which, according to the company's newsletter, has doubled its membership every year since its 1999 inception.

One shrewd fellow who has taken advantage of this boom is Thomas Roche. He recently moved from San Francisco to North County to change day jobs (since I spoke to him he has moved yet again, this time to New Orleans, telling me he loathed Carlsbad). For many years he wrote under the name N.T. Morley, producing a series of novels with titles like *The Limousine*, *The Librarian*, and *The Circle*, which were hot sellers for the now-defunct Masquerade Books, run by former Grove Press editor Richard Kasak. Masquerade was responsible for the bulk of mass-market quality smut in the 1990s. The three books mentioned have recently been reissued by the Venus Book

Club.

"I've been a medical editor, an advertising copywriter, magazine staff-writer, and marketing executive," he says, "so writing erotica isn't my main source of income. It's something I do in my off-hours for my own enjoyment. I've never needed to make a living writing porn; it's always been a hobby for me and a part of my kinky sex life. But the small amount of money I make is definitely a nice motivator to help me feel inspired to write when I'd rather go to sleep.

"I write a lot, but it rarely coalesces into a novel until I have a contract for one. The most I've ever received for an erotic novel is \$2000; the least is about \$200 (for a publisher who didn't pay an advance and only sold a few copies). I am not sure if I write porn 'for the money,' exactly, but I don't usually write erotic novels unless I get paid. Basically, I keep doing it when a publisher comes along and has money to offer, because while the money is very poor, I have it down to a science and I do enjoy it.

"Porn is, hands down, with-

out any remote competition, the worst paying of the major prose genres," he adds. "I say major prose genres, because poetry does pay much worse, and I am sure there is something out there that pays [even] worse. Unless you write nonfiction journalism on sex, or randomly get a major crossover hit (and I'm not even sure then), as I see it there is absolutely no chance — I cannot say this strongly enough for beginning erotica writers to understand — no chance whatsoever of making a living writing porn."

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If there are no longer any smut publishing empires located in San Diego, the city still plays host to a number of writers working in the field.

John Nash, for one, is a former Julian resident who now paints and writes erotica in Desert Hot Springs. "I'm only interested in your project if you can give me top-billing exposure!" he barks. "You ask neat questions," he adds, although he refuses to answer any because

"I have too much to say. So this won't serve either of us." Still, he continues: "I know as fact that I was the only painter/writer of porn in San Diego from the early '70s throughout the '80s. Ask anyone from that time. Ask Trevor Watson, Jim Bell — oh hell, I don't know who's still around. I know that I'm the only artist/writer that is pushing the true outrage buttons. I do it beautifully, lovingly. But I'm smart enough to do it."

His first novel, *Taboo*, was recently published by Unbound Books. Nash is convinced *Taboo* will earn him widespread notoriety, vast sums of cash, and "get me in trouble — it has straight-on social parody, sexism, racism, the works."

"*Taboo* is a groundbreaking work of fiction," according to the publisher's online catalog. "It will cause a critical storm and pave the road to a less-repressed literary future. This is the best erotica ever produced because it has the perfect mind for presenting it now."

The critical storm is not yet severe enough to cause Amer-

ican fiction to run for cover. Unbound Books appears to be a vanity publisher out of Rohnert Park, California, that requires its authors to secure their own \$30 copyright filing.

Then there is Iris Powell, who has yet to publish a book but is a devoted porn writer residing in North Park and working in North County. She spends her free time in Ocean Beach drinking coffee at Java Jungle and leering at the provocative clothes she dreams of buying at Tango and Dream Girls.

Powell's stories have appeared in *The International Journal of Erotica* and *The Erotic Tales Anthology* as well as the British magazine *In the Buff*. Much of her work appears on the Internet. She writes a monthly column under the byline "Twisted Mother Earth" at www.voracitybeat.com, where she belongs to an online women's group known as the Salty Witches Circle.

"This year, I've doubled what I made from last year, which equates to cigarette money," she says. "I see dozens

of requests from publishers looking for material, which vary from pennies by the word to flat prices. I can sell erotic poems by the dozen for ten bucks each or short stories from 25 to 100 on an average. Anthologies are big [sellers] in erotica. E-books are big in erotica too, but I haven't ventured there as of yet.

"Many erotic websites also have contests in finding the cream of the crop in storytelling, and many pay hundreds of dollars for the winning stories. Erotic sites are far more plentiful than what you can find in your local Barnes & Noble. Free as well as pay sites for erotic writers and readers is where much of the action takes place. It's exactly where I began my journey."

Powell gets up at 5 a.m. every morning and writes for a couple of hours, and then she writes some more at night before going to sleep. During the day she works for the Men's Wearhouse as an assistant manager — "my first hourly job since 1975."

Despite the straight-sounding job, Powell draws on her own life for her material.

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dancing as an alternative."

Mel Smith has a different story. She is a resident of Valley Center and writes gay-male porn. Her collection of stories, *Nasty*, will be published next spring by a reputable Los Angeles house, Alyson Publications, to be followed next fall by a still-to-be-titled erotic pulp western.

Mel is caring for her invalid mother. "She is in the advanced stages of Alzheimer's and requires 24-hour care. I'm compensated for that from her estate. Since bringing her home in December, my writing has almost dried up. My novel is due to the publisher in March of 2005, so I am concentrating mostly on that, which I have to confess is not going well right now. When I first started writing erotica, I found that the best site for finding markets was the Erotic Readers and Writers Association. I tried other sources, but that source was so far superior that I finally stopped looking anywhere else. Now that my work has been published in various venues, I find that people (editors and other writers) send me

calls for submissions and I don't actively search for markets now. If I was trying to make my living through my writing, it would be different. The most I've ever been paid for a story was, I think, \$350. Most of the time I get \$50-\$150.

"I tend to write for anthologies more than anything else, and there is always a theme for the anthology. There is almost always something the editor writes that sets off a light in my brain, and I go from there.

"But writing for publication was always just a pipe dream until after my daughter was born. I wanted very much to work from home so I could arrange my schedule around her and not miss out on any of the 'mommy' things. My goal was to compose the kind of poetic, sweeping prose that my hero Mary Renault wrote. But I was a single mom and celibate for many years...and all that came out was horny, nasty smut."

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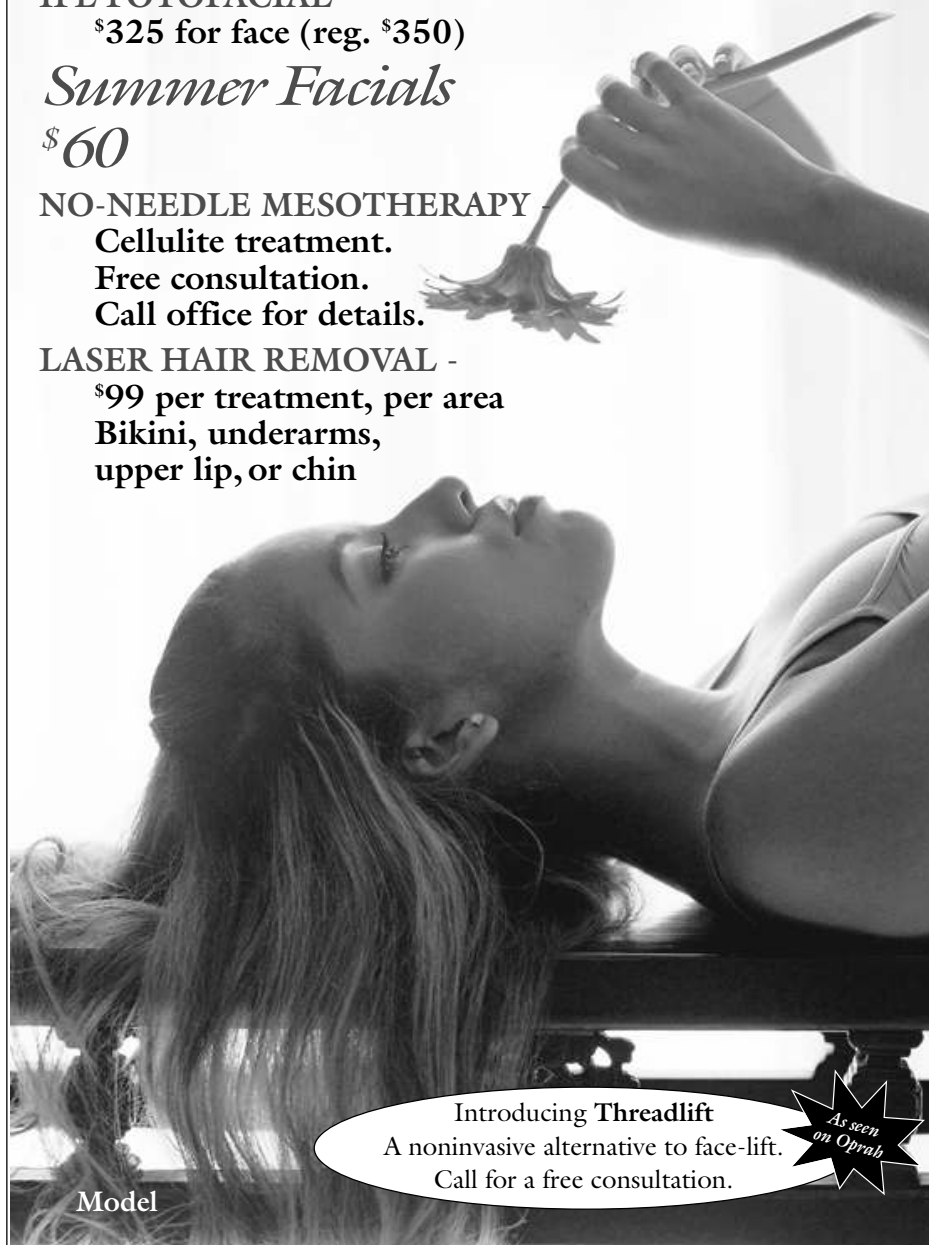
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accurate reporting on them. I have been a card-carrying member of the International Mustache Association since 1948, and during that time my nose tickler has turned in color from dark brown to as white as a surgeon's hospital jacket. As a word of caution, all mothers should warn their daughters about men with mustaches. The motto of the International Mustache Association is "A Mustache Ignores Race, Creed,

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Hal D. Steward
San Diego

Word Shame

I am writing regarding the June 16 "Reading" conversation between Judith Moore and Andrew Vachss. Mr. Vachss rightfully dismisses karma nuts and their collective propensity for using karma as an excuse for doing nothing. The mention of a heated argument with one such new-age (rhymes with

"sewage") "thinker," wherein Mr. Vachss asks this individual if s/he knows the original definition of the word *karma* and, on being told no, gives the definition as "bullshit."

As the term is used by some today, I agree with the above definition. However, I think a very important fact that many of the can't-fight-karma set do not know is that the literal definition of the word *karma* is action. It is the Sanskrit verb "to do." Nothing more, and certainly, nothing less!

Good karma, bad karma...

there's nothing mystical about it. Good actions bring good things; bad actions bring bad things. I think it's a shame that a word whose literal meaning *is* action has become a watered-down pseudo-philosophical excuse for those paralyzed by inaction.

Rose Dawn Scott
via e-mail

Screwy Boost

I was calling to agree with the negative skin comment ("Negative Skin," June 23) about "Got Some Skin Left?"

(May 26). I think that the tattoo parlor that you guys talked about throughout the whole thing definitely should've paid the *Reader* some advertising because I know that that's boosted up their business tenfold. I think that other shops should probably get a chance at that too. That's pretty screwy how narrow that story was and how *ummarrow* he tried to pull it off.

Seth Burnside
Ramona

Better Cancer

This is concerning "Mom's Cancer." My mother died of ovarian cancer, and every week the cartoon relates more and more to what we went through as a family and is more poignant and concise than people know. You have to go through it to understand it. Everyone that writes in and says it's horrible and annoying, they don't know because they've never been through it. It makes sense every week, and every week it gets better and better. Thank you.

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Due to population growth in California and gradual development of the coast, the least tern's habitat is shrinking. The California least tern, one of about 35 subspecies of terns, was one of the first species to be listed under the Endangered Species Act. Seventeen "major and monitored nesting sites" exist in San Diego County.

"Least terns find solitude in the weirdest places," says Redfern. The weirdest of which might be Lindbergh Field, where the birds have nested between the runway and the taxiway for over 30 years. "Their concept of solitude is different; they don't want to see

any humans or other wildlife that will prey on them or anything that might eat their eggs and chicks."

Aside from having fewer places to nest, terns are threatened by natural enemies including "crows, ravens, coyotes, feral and domestic cats, dogs, and things as small as raccoons, possums, rats, and even ants. Ants can burrow into their eggs." Least tern eggs are about an inch long and are speckled and sand-colored, which helps to camouflage them.

Because eggs are deposited into depressions that have been scratched out in the sand and are not covered over, tern nests are vulnerable. "Ground-nesting birds have it kind of rough," says Redfern. "If there are any predators that find them, they are basically out in the open. You can look right over the fence and see the nests in plain sight," he says, referring to the new black fences that have been erected to protect a nesting area for least terns on Dog Beach.

"The terns went to Dog Beach to avoid predation at other nesting sites like Mariner's Point." Mariner's Point was an unsuccessful breeding location last year because crows discovered the tern nests. If least terns enjoy solitude, one might wonder why they flocked to Dog Beach, a regularly populated area, in the last week of April



California least tern

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2004. Redfern explains, "Historically, the terns would just shift their nesting colony to another site. Since there aren't any more around, they did the best they could. Out of the frying pan, into the fire."

The birds begin nesting in April and leave in the middle of September each year. "We really don't know where they go in the winter," says Redfern. "The western population ranges as far north as Alameda County and as far south as Baja, California. The summer range is concentrated in San Diego, Orange, and L.A. Counties. Chicks are banded, and a few have been found off the coast of Central and South America, so we know they go south, but we don't know exactly where."

The Audubon Society is looking for volunteer docents to help monitor the nesting site on Dog Beach and educate the public. "It's important to keep people 100 feet back from the fence. In 1999 one coyote either destroyed or caused the abandonment of 340 nests at the Santa Margarita river mouth. If one dog gets under a fence at Dog Beach and runs around, or if the terns feel threatened in any way, they may just never come back."

The smallest of their

kind, least terns are

nine inches from bill to tail.

"They are half the size of other terns, which is why they're called 'least' terns," explains Redfern. Least terns are white with gray coloring on their backs and wings and black on the crowns of their heads. Their yellow bills are also tipped with black.

Terns eat small fish, including anchovies and top smelts. "They hover in the air, dive-bomb into shallow water, and grab little, tiny fish." A male tern's ability to fish is part of what determines his sex appeal. When terns first arrive at a nesting area, their first priority is to find a partner and pair up. "A male will go out, catch a small fish, and fly around the nesting site while showing off, calling, 'See, I caught a fish, aren't I great?' He'll cruise around and when he finds an isolated female, he will fly down, land by her with the fish in his mouth, and then parade around her. He tilts his head up, puffs out his chest with male bravado, and struts around her in a circle while he vocalizes 'Kip! Kip! Kip-kip-kip!' in a high pitch." If the female likes the size of the male's fish, she'll get up and follow him in his circular dance.

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BAJA

“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)

Mexico’s National and Regional Arts, crafts, and products are celebrated in Rosarito Fair 2005, running Friday, July 1–Sunday, July 31. Mexican food, rides, open-air theater performances, live music, ballet folklorico, more. Entertainment at Palenque includes performance by Lupillo Rivera on Friday, July 1 (\$15, \$25). Marisela takes stage on Saturday, July 2; tickets are \$10, \$20, \$30 U.S. Concerts begin at 11 p.m.

To reach the fair, take first Rosarito exit from toll road; fair is visible at its Boulevard Benito Juárez location. Admission: \$3 U.S. for adults, \$1 for children. 011-52-661-612-0396. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Two Minutes plans rock concert on Friday, July 1, 11 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Bullfighters César Castañeda and Uriel “El Zapata” Moreno meet up with bulls from Maximiliano on Saturday, July 2, 2 p.m., at Lienzo Charro El Ciprés. 011-52-646-172-3022. (ENSENADA)

Polo Polo Comedy Show, Saturday, July 2, 11 p.m., at El Foro (in Jai Alai Palace on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$10–\$50 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Matadors Eulalio “El Zotoluco” López, Rafael Ortega, José Luis Angelino meet up with bulls from Begoña on Sunday, July 3, 4 p.m., in Downtown Bullring (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-686-1510. (TIJUANA)

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Buckwheat, a late-bloomer among native plants in our area, is showing off its small, inconspicuous clusters of cream-colored flowers this month. Several kinds of buckwheat, found in dry, sunny locations throughout San Diego County, are the source of the "wild buckwheat" honey sold locally. Near the coast look for flattop buckwheat, common on south-facing slopes. Here it shares space with other low-growing shrubs of the sage-scrub plant community like black sage and California sagebrush.

June Bugs are emerging as summer's warmth is finally upon us. The green June beetle, only one of some 300 species of scarab beetles found in Southern California,

flashes a metallic green underbelly as it buzzes about erratically. The mature scarabs flying about have spent at least a year underground in larval form munching at the roots of lawns or your favorite ornamental plants.

Look for Black-Chinned Sparrows, Lawrence's goldfinches, mountain chickadees, many other birds when Audubon Society birders head to Agua Dulce Creek on Saturday, July 2, 8 a.m. Meet at old parking area for Agua Dulce Creek Group Camp. Carry water, lunch, insect repellent. Considerable hiking of moderately strenuous nature. Free. 619-280-7710. A Forest Service Adventure pass is required. (MOUNT LAGUNA)

Become a Least Tern Docent at Dog Beach, assisting city park rangers in monitoring the endangered species and providing general information to general public. Two- and three-hour shifts available on Saturdays and Sundays through September 11. Volunteer: 619-682-7200. Free. (OCEAN BEACH)

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Nature Hike, Will Smith leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including July 3, 1 p.m. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904. (JULIAN)

Ven Explora la Naturaleza con Migo, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, July 3, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater

Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive; 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Morning-After Mess, hit south jetty area at Oceanside Beach for beach cleanup on Tuesday, July 5, 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers receive gloves, bags, refreshments, community service hours. Free. 760-435-5807 or 858-792-9940. (OCEANSIDE)

DANCE

String Theory makes the music, JoAnn Koppany calls for contradance on Friday, July 1, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

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OUT & ABOUT

AERIAL COMBAT FIGHTING

Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag opens at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center on Friday, July 1.

(SEE FILM)



FILM

"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)

"Charade," the elegant 1963 thriller starring Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn, screens at Garden Cabaret, Thursday through Sunday, June 30–July 3, 8:30 p.m. Find cabaret at 4040 Goldfinch Street. \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"Off Road to Athens," documentary follows path taken by eight athletes hoping to make the U.S. Olympic mountain biking team in 2004, sacrifices they made while vying for three open positions. See *Athens* when it's screened Thursday, July 14, 8 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. 760-436-7469, 540-438-9933. (ENCINITAS)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag* (opening on July 1), *Rhythms of the World*, *Mystery of the Nile*. Fridays at the Fleet continues every Friday night, featuring two classic IMAX films. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

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LOCAL EVENTS

Composting Mini-Seminars offered on first Saturday of each month, including July 2, 11 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

OmniScience vs. Creationism Anthony Marr's "OmniScientific Cosmology" is said to embrace all sciences (physical, biological, social). Marr will describe his ideas, "deconstruct creationism" for Humanist Fellowship on Sunday, July 3, 2 p.m., at Gen Lai Sen Chinese Restaurant (at 12th and C Streets). Free. 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

Painting in Acrylic demonstrated by Wesley Ben Cradic when Southwestern Artists Association gathers, Tuesday, July 5, 10 a.m., in Gallery 23, Spanish Village. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

"Affirmative Action: Served Its Purpose or Barely Served?" Ponder. Discuss! Wednesday, July 6, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 6. After show, view real sky through telescopes (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

"Designing with Drought-Tolerant Plants," landscape designer Jan Tubiolo leads class on creating water-wise garden from scratch, Wednesday, July 6, 6:30 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Paddling Basics — such as types of canoes, kayaks, paddles, personal flotation devices — dispensed Wednesday, July 6, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Sandow Birk: Leading Causes of Death in America" explored by curator Betti-Sue Hertz for Insight lectures on Thursday, July 7 (6 p.m.) and Sunday, July 10 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Surface as Meaning in the Photographic Portrait" is subject

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A cool coastal breeze, worming its way up through Mission Gorge, ruffles the mirrorlike surfaces of the seven Santee Lakes, and sets cottonwood leaves aflutter. A damp, wholly agreeable odor permeates the wooded shorelines. Does it spoil this pleasant experience to realize that these bathtub-shaped impoundments store reclaimed waste water, used for irrigation since 1962.

Having first visited the quite barren Santee Lakes in the early 1970s, it is a pleasure to behold the rather luxuriant vegetation growing along the shorelines there now. Moisture-loving willows, cottonwoods, and fan palms crowd against the waterline. Some larger trees — natives such as coast live oaks and California sycamores — that were left standing when the lake basins were excavated remain as well.

Most people visit the Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve for picnicking, fishing, and RV camping. In recent years, though, new sidewalks have been poured and many of the former dirt roads that rimmed the ponds have been converted to smooth asphalt. That has made the place more suitable than ever for walking, bicycling, and in-line skating.

Recent and ongoing projects include a kid's "sprayground" and a camp-

ground expansion featuring 128 new full-hookup sites.

The lakes, all in a chain, are numbered one through seven, south to north. This is just the way you encounter them as you travel north from the park's vehicle entrance

secondary entrance on the east side is available for the self-propelled at Fanita Parkway and Lake Canyon Road.

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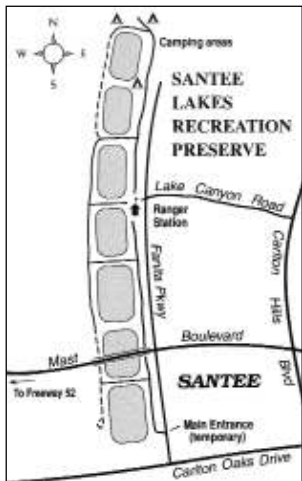
Summer-evening stars over Santee palms

near the corner of Carlton Oaks Drive and Fanita Parkway in Santee. There's smooth pavement all along the east side of the lakes, and a mix of dirt roads and asphalt on the west side. Interconnecting roads let you cross from one side to the other at frequent intervals.

Artificial islands and peninsulas — some with picnic sites — were built into some of the lakes. Lake 5 has paddleboats and canoes for rent. Camping facilities lie beyond lake 5.

It costs \$2 weekdays, \$3 weekends to park your car on the Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve grounds. If you leave your car outside the fenced area and enter on foot, there's no charge to get in. A

Thursday, and 6 a.m. to sunset Friday through Sunday. Almost nothing stirs in the park before 8 a.m., so get an early start if you want to be assured of traffic-free walking, jogging, cycling, or skating. Call 619-596-3141 for more information.



when photographer Deborah Luster presents lecture on Thursday, July 7, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. Luster will explore history of portraiture, technical and emotional elements involved in the making of photographic portraits. \$10. Reservations: 619-238-7559 x212. (BALBOA PARK)

"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)

Nobel Prize Winners Robert Engle and Clive Granger discuss their pioneering econometrics work on Wednesday, July 13, 7:30 a.m., at UCSD Faculty Club. \$50 fee includes parking, breakfast, lecture. Required reservations: 858-822-0510. (LA JOLLA)

"Dear Abby: My Mother Has Alzheimer's," Jeanne Phillips, a.k.a. Dear Abby, presents her per-

sonal experiences with the disease for Alzheimer's Association luncheon, Monday, July 18, noon, at Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine. Phillips's mother, the original "Abby," has been battling Alzheimer's for the past several years. \$45. Required reservations: 858-492-4400 x141. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

Two Thumbs Up! Roger Ebert signs *The Great Movies II* on Friday,

July 1, at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks series continues with Chicago blues by Rod Piazza and the Mighty Flyers on Friday, July 1, 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)

Under the Gazebo, Boogie Woogie Duo in concert, Friday, July 1, 5 to 7 p.m. at corner of

Main Street and Indiana Avenue. Free. 760-414-9391. (VISTA)

Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) continue with bluegrass by the Brombies on July 1, 5 p.m. Series continues on Fridays through September 30. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Jump Blues Promised when Billy Watson and his International Silver String Submarine Band perform for 2005 Summer Concert series at Bird Park (at 28th and Thorn Streets) on Saturday, July 2, 5:30 p.m. Free. 619-204-5606. (NORTH PARK)

"On Broadway Revue" presented by Scripps Dance Centre, Saturday, July 2, at 2 and 7 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 858-449-5759, 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Jim Reed Trio performs for Local Sounds series, Saturday, July 2, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

La Jolla Concerts by the Sea, U.S. Navy Band performs patriotic, swing, and pop music on Sunday, July 3, 2 p.m., in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove (at foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. Free. (LA JOLLA)

The Coastal Communities Concert Band plays for Independence Day celebrations, Monday, July 4, 1 p.m., "on the green" in Rancho Santa Fe. Free. 760-436-6137, 858-793-8258. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Avant-Garde Summer Series features installation artists Paula Cronan and Juliana Snapper, Tuesday, July 5, 7 p.m., in Nasatir Hall room 100 at San Diego State University. \$5. 619-594-4426. (SDSU)

117° West performs bluegrass music for band night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, July 5, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-724-1785. (ESCONDIDO)

Twilight in the Park, summer concert series continues with Earth Movers (Tuesday, July 5), Finest City Jazz Band (Wednesday, July 6), and los Alacranes (Thursday, July 7). Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

The Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series continues with contrabass and flute concert by Bert and Nancy Turetzky and "other surprises" on Wednesday, July 6, 12:30 p.m., on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Admission is free, parking is not. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Author Dan Simmons signs *Olympos* on Wednesday, July 6, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Poetry Unlimited showcases poetry by Billickai Boughton, music by Joana Skvarka, Wednesday, July 6, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

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Jazz in the Park, Rob Thorsen Trio and guest Gilbert Castellanos perform for concert series on Wednesday, July 6, 5:30 p.m., San

Diego Museum of Art. \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Set in 19th-Century China, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* explores female friendships. Author Lisa See signs and discusses her book on Thursday, July 7, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Bring Knitting Needles and Creativity for knit-in planned as part of Thursday Night Thing on July 7, at Museum of Contempo-

rary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard), in conjunction with opening of "Cerca Series: Yunhee Min." Curator Rachel Teagle and Min on hand to answer questions; entertainment by author and publisher Loma Lynda, Ponce de Lyon. Donation: \$3. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Sweet and Lowdown plays jazz, swing, boogie-woogie, and blues for First Thursday Concert on July 7, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239

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

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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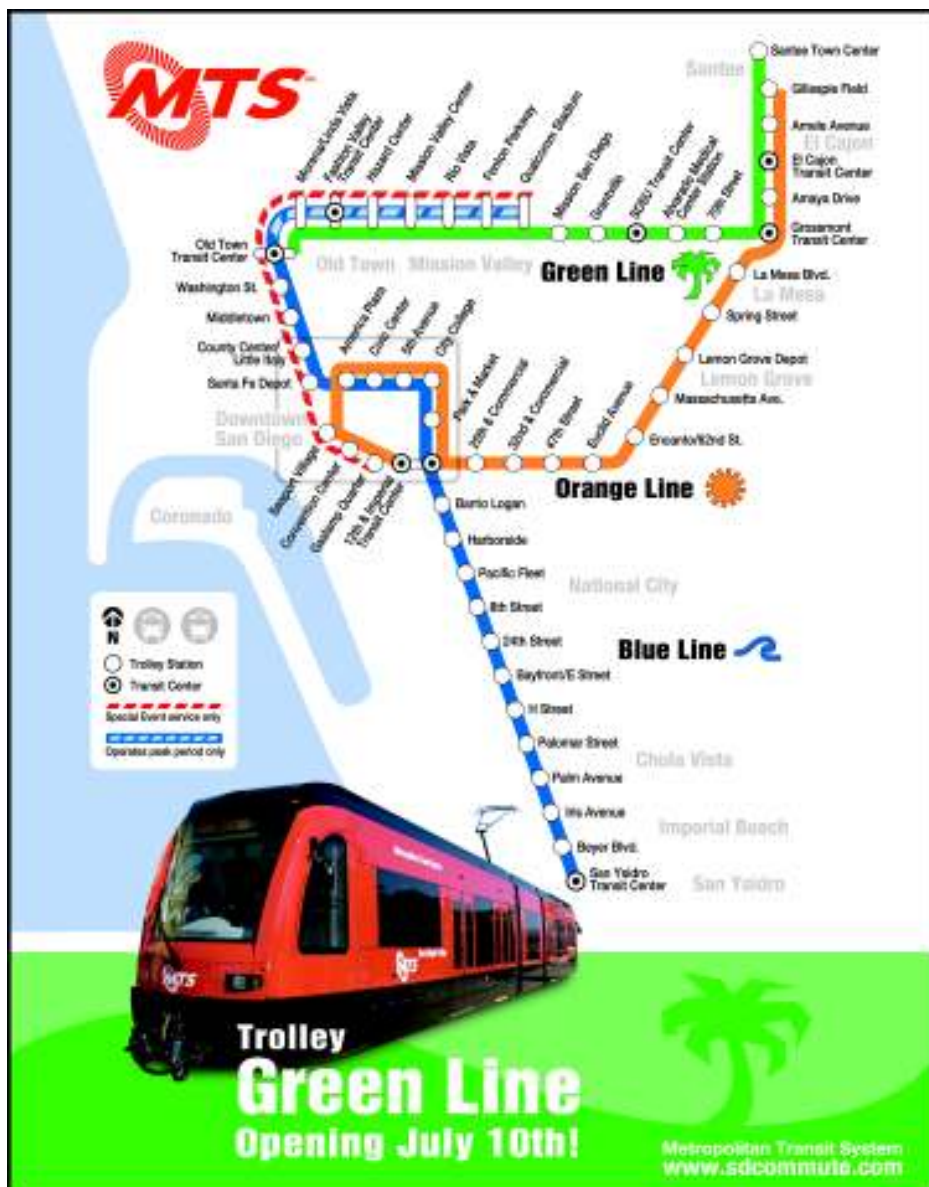
San Diego Surf Dawgs host Mesa Miners June 30–July 3, with games at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Games are played in Tony Gwynn Stadium at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). Tickets range from \$6–10. 619-282-4487. (SDSU)

Boys of Summer, the San Diego Padres host San Francisco Giants, July 1–3, with games at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Road trip to Houston for games against Astros, July 4–7, at 11:05 a.m. on Monday, and at 5:05 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

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31st Annual Coronado Independence Day 15k run and 5k run/walk over flat and fast course, Monday, July 4, 7 a.m., in Tidelands Park (adjacent to Coronado Bay Bridge). Registration begins at 5:30 a.m. 619-298-7400. (CORONADO)

Run or Ride in Scripps Ranch, 28th annual Scripps Ranch 10k and 2-mile run, Monday, July 4, 7 a.m. (registration: 6 a.m.). Racing starts at Scripps Lake and Red Cedar (near Miramar Ranch School).

Same date: 19th annual Scripps Ranch Bike Ride starts at Hibert Street and Scripps Ranch Boulevard (across from Scripps Ranch High School) and finishes at Hoyt Park. The 50-mile ride starts at 7 a.m., 28-mile route riders start at 7:30 a.m., 12-mile ride starts at 8 a.m. 619-685-8453. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

SPECIAL

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)

"Let Freedom Ring" is theme for 12th annual Freedom Days Parade, Saturday, July 2, 10 a.m., starting at Wisconsin Avenue, running north on Coast Highway 101 to Civic Center Drive. Free.

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Former Slave and Outspoken Abolitionist Frederick Douglass is celebrated on Sunday, July 3, 8:30 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Roots reggae by Bambu Station. All ages. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate the Independence of the U.S.A. during lawn program by House of United States at International Cottages, Sunday, July 3, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. Food for sale. (BALBOA PARK)

The Spacecraft *Deep Impact* will slam into Comet Tempel 1 on Sunday, July 3, giving scientists a

glimpse into the comet's nucleus. Astronomer and author Dennis Mammama plans brief seminar and discussion on late-summer sky and "Cosmic Fireworks" at La Casa del Zorro Desert Resort (3845 Yaqui Pass Road). After seminar, view sky with telescopes, learn about sky photography. \$30 general. 800-824-1884. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Celebrate Independence Day at events all over the county on Monday, July 4. Fireworks start at 9 p.m. in Ocean Beach. Barges off Harbor and Shelter Islands display fireworks in "Big Bay" at 9 p.m.; music simulcast on KMYI-FM (94.1). "Lights Over the Cove" is theme in La Jolla, with fireworks starting at 9 p.m. (OCEAN BEACH, SAN DIEGO BAY, LA JOLLA)

"Celebrate Chula Vista 2005" boasts multiple entertainment stages, children's activities, food, noon to 9 p.m., at Bayside Park. Fireworks at 9 p.m. 619-420-6603. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Bradley Park is site for festivities including live entertainment (5:30 p.m.), food, fireworks (9 p.m.). Find park at Linda Vista Drive and Santa Fe Road. Free. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Fireworks start at 9 p.m. at Bren- gle Terrace Park (1400 Vale Terrace Drive). Day-long activities including family games, vintage military equipment display, musical entertainment (4 to 10 p.m.). (VISTA)

"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.

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)

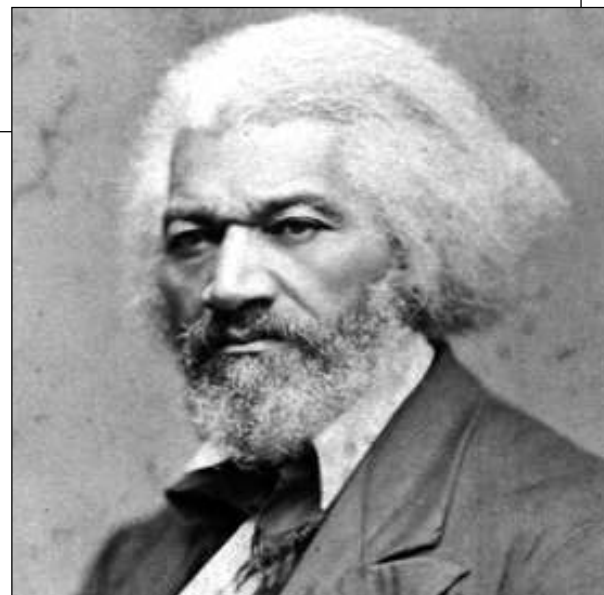
Calling All Activists! Celebrate freedoms "we are working to reclaim" during event hosted by North County Forum, Monday, July 4, noon to 7:30 p.m. Evening includes screening of *Purple Hearts: Back from Iraq*, presentation by Fernando Suárez del Solar. Food, poetry, music, at Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

OUT & ABOUT

FORMER SLAVE

Abolitionist Frederick Douglass celebrated at WorldBeat Cultural Center on Sunday, July 3.

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(1600 Buena Vista Drive). Free. 760-758-2410. (VISTA)

Red, White, and Blue Parade, Monday, July 4, 10 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gar-

dens Drive). Dress in patriotic finery and parade through the gardens to "our nation's beloved songs." Decorate wagons or strollers for parade (no bikes). In-

cluded in regular admission. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Woodfired Ceramics," exhibit of work by UCSD students Eddie Ruhland and Granite Calimpong including nearly 200 pieces continues through Monday, August 1, in UCSD's Grove Gallery (in UCSD Crafts Center Complex, Revelle College campus, off Euca-lyptus Grove Lane). 858-534-2021. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Comic-Con 2005, 36th annual event takes place Thursday-Sunday, July 14-17, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Exhibit area with comic books, original art, toys, games, trading cards, clothing, movie memorabilia; programming, *anime*, gaming, parties, lectures, guests including Ray Harryhausen, Forrest J. Ackerman, Ray Bradbury, Juanjo Guarnido, Jim Lee, many others. Four-day

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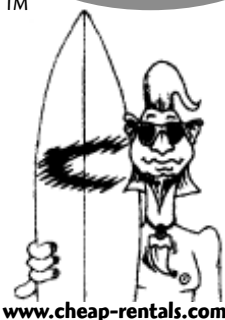
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FOR KIDS

Make a Frog to Take Home and enjoy Sandy Asher's *Too Many Frogs*, Thursday, June 30, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

"Disney's Beauty and the Beast," this musical theater story is presented Wednesdays-Sundays through July 9 at Moonlight Amphitheatre (in Bregle 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)

"Big Joe's Fireworks" delivered by Big Joe Productions through Sunday, July 3, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Puppet Express and Weaver's Tales present *Cinderella*, July 6-17.

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)

The Energetic Musical *Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business* is presented by kids of San Diego Junior Theatre, July 1-17, in Casa del Prado Theater. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. July 9 performance is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Color Tree, construct a family tree, "relying on color associations similar to the way" Byron Kim paints, during family day activities on Sunday, July 3, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Finklehopper Frog Cheers" by Irene Livingston is read for story time on Tuesday, July 5, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Rabbit craft. 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Shake and Make Ice Cream Day at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive) is Thursday, July 7, 2 p.m. Children (6-12) are invited to tour Tropical Rainforest and make and eat ice cream. Regular admission fee, plus \$10 for materials. Required reservations: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Dora's Pirate Adventure" sails into San Diego Civic Theatre (at Third Avenue and B Street), July 30 and 31. In the adventure, Dora, Diego, Boots the Monkey, and friends sail to Treasure Island.

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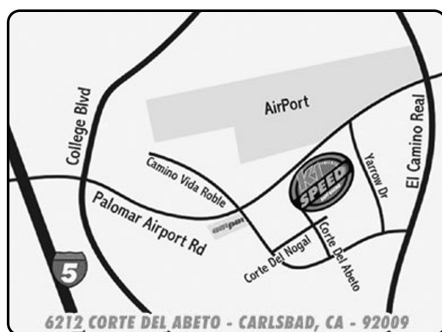


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MUSEUMS

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

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

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

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2005, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John

"L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

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

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

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

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt

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Reading Myself

Like thousands, I took just pride and more than just,
struck matches that brought my blood to a boil;
I memorized the tricks to set the river on fire —
somehow never wrote something to go back to.
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and have earned my grass on the minor slopes of Parnassus....
No honeycomb is built without a bee
adding circle to circle, cell to cell,
the wax and honey of a mausoleum —
this round dome proves its maker is alive;
the corpse of the insect lives embalmed in honey,
prays that it perishable work live long
enough for the sweet-tooth bear to desecrate —
this open book ... my open coffin.

Epilogue

Those blessed structures, plot and rhyme —
why are they no help to me now
I want to make something imagined, not recalled?
I hear the noise of my own voice:
The painter's vision is not a lens,
it trembles to caress the light.
But sometimes everything I write
with the threadbare art of my eye



Robert Lowell

seems a snapshot,
lurid, rapid, garish, grouped,
heightened from life,
yet paralyzed by fact.
All's misalliance.
Yet why not say what happened?
Pray for the grace of accuracy
Vermeer gave to the sun's illumination
stealing like the tide across a map
to his girl stolid with yearning.
We are poor passing facts,
warned by that to give each figure in the photograph
his living name.

— Robert Lowell

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

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a

school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

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

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The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the

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

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

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

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Hilary Mantel

A John MacRae Book/Henry Holt & Company, 2005; 362 pages; \$26

FROM THE DUST JACKET: A paragon of efficiency, well-schooled in the mundane tasks of an average existence, Colette took the next natural step after finishing secretarial school by marrying a man who would do just fine. After a sobering do-it-yourself divorce, Colette is at a loss for what to do next. Convinced that she is due an out-of-hand, life-affirming revelation, she strays into the realm of psychics and clairvoyants, hungry for a whisper to set her off in the right direction. At a psychic fair in

Windsor she meets the charismatic Alison.

Alison, beleaguered by spirits since early childhood, lives in a different kind of solitude. She cannot escape the dead who speak to her, and the physical pain of their broken bodies — least of all the constant presence of Morris, her low-life spiritual guide. An expansive presence onstage, in both the physical and the charismatic sense, Alison feels a bond with Colette almost instantly and invites her to join her on the road as her personal assistant and companion.

Beyond Black follows the pair as they create a new life together,

both women struggling to retain control in the face of the material and metaphysical pressure of the modern world. When they move to an industrial wasteland in the ravished English countryside and take in a vagrant who also hears voices (but of a different kind), Alison's connections to the place beyond black converge with the scrutiny of her neighbors, threatening to uproot her life completely.

With her trademark wit and keen eye of humanity's eccentrics, Hilary Mantel brings us an irresistible account of the complications of lives lived at the edge of the spirit world — and beyond.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

The Sunday New York Times Book Review: In this book Mantel, back on her home turf of fiction (this is her ninth novel), allows herself to gorge on simile and metaphor and wild comic invention.... This is a dark, dark book, but it's fun to read because at heart it's a celebration of the joys

of saying exactly what's on your evil little mind.... Flannery O'Connor, herself no mean connoisseur of the grotesque, once wrote: "All comic novels that are any good must be about matters of life and death." That's precisely the sort of mortal urgency you feel in Mantel's extravagant similes and bursting metaphors. This is, I think, a great comic novel. Hilary Mantel's humor, like Flannery O'Connor's, is so far beyond black it becomes a kind of light.

New York Magazine: Mantel — a funny, scathing British novelist, too long ignored in the U.S. — is a master of dark subject matter, and in her latest, she's created a protagonist who's accustomed to darkness.

One senses that Mantel writes so exhaustively about human evil because she hates it so profoundly. That makes her sound hopelessly do-gooderish, like a literary Bono, but Mantel's brand of morality has a kind of vicious

glee to it. She gives us a story of evil overcome and wounds healed, but she also scares the pants off us. She would have us believe that the most appropriate response to evil is not tears but terror.

The Seattle Times: *Beyond Black* is a strange mix of the humorous, the gothic and the scrupulously documented. In skinny Colette ("Her mind was quick, shallow and literal, her character assertive") and soft, hefty Alison (floating like some overfed, gown-enwrapped queen bee from psychic fair to psychic fair), Mantel has created a winningly odd couple.

Colette, at one point, wishes she could arrange a "spam filter" for Alison's mind, and grows exasperated at how trivial the concerns of some ghosts seem to be.

"But that's because they're trivial people," Alison patiently explains. "You don't get a personality transplant when you're dead. You don't suddenly get a degree in philosophy."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Hilary Mantel was born in 1952 in northern England to a Roman Catholic family of Irish descent. Among Ms. Mantel's major novels are *A Change of Climate*, *A Place of Greater Safety*, and *Eight Months on Ghazal Street*. She has also written a memoir, *Giving Up the Ghost*. Winner of the prestigious Hawthornden Prize, she reviews for *The New York Times* and *The New York Review of Books* and lives in England.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the day that we talked, Ms. Mantel was at her desk in England, in the home that she shares with her husband. I was happy to have the chance to chat with her. I have long found her writing of great interest. She's funny and carries with her, through her books, a grab-bag of arcane words. She rolls in language as a happy pup will roll in green grass. Before our talk I had read

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"No one has an ancestral link or a memory link to these places. Everyone has forgotten their roots, and it's tough for any sort of collective life."

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

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

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique

exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

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

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

P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

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

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

The museum offers exhibits of

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

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission

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Reading

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her newest novel, *Beyond Black*, but I also had reread her memoir, *Giving Up the Ghost*, which I hope that anyone reading here will do. Our conversation opened with my asking, teasingly, "Why is it that you English ladies write so much better than do we American gals?"

"Write better? I don't know. I do a bit of teaching of writing. Occasionally, I go to give a course and get an American pupil. My reaction is they're just so much better than we are. Very often because there's a swiftness and directness and a wry approach to the old, plus a neatness of form. And I think we Brits have a lot to envy too. But in a way I suppose it doesn't make sense to talk about it in terms of national characteristics; it's just every author as an individual."

"Ah, but I wonder if we Americans are as wonderfully educated as are you Brits."

Ms. Mantel wondered too. "Well," she said, "we may find a change because the education system now is very different from the one that turned me out. One

of the big complaints is that people don't learn much history nowadays. Or geography, or indeed anything, systematically. I don't know whether that's true or not. Although I must say I don't consider that I myself had a particularly good education, because it was the time, when I was growing up, which did very little science. Science teaching was quite poor. So you got a one-sided education.

"But one could do a degree course in those days without paying fees and with a state grant. This meant that I could go to university, which I probably wouldn't have been able to do if there had been a fee-paying system. So my generation were quite lucky in that respect. We people who were born in the '50s and '60s, we got our secondary education free.

"It made a big difference in my life because now we have a fee-paying university system. Children from the background I was born in just don't go."

"Does your family read your books?"

"My younger brother does. My husband does, of course. My mother pretends to read them, but I don't think she does."

"I notice in *Beyond Black*

that you've taken us to a part of England where not many English novels take place. Could you talk a little bit about that part of England?"

"Alison, my character, spends a lot of time not in London, but circling London. There's this huge roadway that loops around London. It's called the M25. Off this road are all the small towns from which people commute to London by road or by rail. A few years ago all these towns had a distinct character, but now they all look exactly the same. So if you take the wrong turnoff, it's difficult to guess where you are.

"I myself live about 25 miles outside London, in a place that five years ago was the country and is now cramped into houses, very like the ones on the housing that Alison buys into."

"Your description of these houses, both in *Giving Up the Ghost* and the new novel, makes them seem ectopian and terrifying."

"Well, yes, it is strange because they're all modeled on some housing style from the past, but then they have these atrocious decorations stuck on them that don't come from any period at all. So it's a sort of visual nightmare

and distressing if you care about the purity of form or if you care about the vernacular architecture that a house is modeled on.

"They can't just make a plain house. They're conscious that everyone wants their houses to be a little bit different from the next one. Or that's what they think. So they're often a paradox, which is a sort of mass-produced individualism. It would look much more harmonious if they were all the same.

"But these communities, as we say, not that long ago were country towns. But now you get the feeling that they're all joined together, and the green spaces between are diminishing. This is, of course, the most heavily populated part of England. But it is small towns, places that no one comes from. No one has an ancestral link or a memory link to these places. Everyone has forgotten their roots, and it's tough for any sort of collective life. These are places where you never see anyone walking."

"Like Los Angeles."

"Yes, yes, exactly. But it's fairly new to this country. The result is no one knows his neighbors. I'm conscious of this because

I don't drive. And so often drivers passing through stop to ask me for directions because I'm the only person they've seen for miles. Anyone you do see walking tends to be very old or very young. And then there's me."

I asked about Morris, Alison's "ghost."

"Alison, when she describes him to her audience, sanitizes everything to make things acceptable and pleasant. So she tells them that Morris is a circus clown. But really we see that he's a gangster and a fraud. And, of course, when he was alive and Alison was a young girl, he was one of the men who victimized and abused her.

"So I leave it to the reader to decide whether Morris is inside Alison or whether he is an outside force; whether he's an evil that she's internalized and she can't actually escape or whether he is in another reality and has got himself a job as a devil. So I really leave it to the reader to decide where to place Morris inside or outside my character."

"He feels sewn into her skin."

"Yes, they're so intimately connected, but of course she's

always trying to escape the Morris part of her."

"Alison's a wonderful character and immediately you're on her side. I am never quite on Colette's side."

"She's a horror, isn't she? She has a generic quality about her. She's one of the generation that are Thatcher's children, and they live entirely by consuming. Alison is attached to an older world where Colette couldn't ever go. To use jargon, 'Alison is an old soul,' but Colette was just invented yesterday."

Alison attends many psychic fairs. I asked about these.

"Over the last ten years, they've been flourishing. There are the individual psychics doing an evening of entertainment. And then there are the psychic fairs where all of the readers set up tables, as I describe in the novel, and hundreds of people pour in and mill around, and they have their palm read or their cards read or whatever in this room that's absolutely roaring with noise. They're usually held in church halls or something like that. So all these voices are banging around above your head. Disconnected from the people who

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culator; a Brunsviga Midget calculator (circa 1906) and General Precision LGP-21 (circa 1966). Ongoing exhibits include vintage computers, video games, punch cards, calculators, more. Find the museum on the campus of Coleman College (7380 Parkway Drive). Viewing is by appointment only: 619-464-8220. (LA MESA)

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

museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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

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

ating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

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

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

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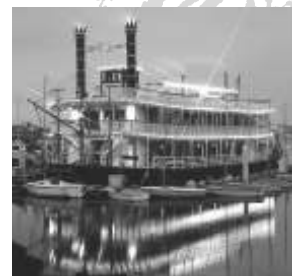
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Reading



are making the noise. Which is quite spooky in itself."

Had Ms. Mantel attended many of these fairs?

"Yes, just out of curiosity, not out of any particular will to believe or with any particular question in mind. I have been for palm readings. I haven't particularly got anything out of the places. I don't have a story of something that came wonderfully true or some wonderful insight or any-

thing like that, but little bits of knowledge that seem to drift around and you think, 'I mean, that's not absolutely true, but of course a lot of it is true of a whole lot of people.'

"So I don't have any startling story myself to tell. But, you see, I was interested in the audience, in love with the psychics and why people might so much want to believe. And what they need in their own lives that was bringing them — you know, it's quite a lot of money, really. It's quite a good business. I was struck by the business side of it."

"Who do you read?"

"Because I write reviews, I read what's dictated to me. I read a lot of nonfiction, biography, and history. And then with novels, I don't have a favorite novelist, but now that I've reached a certain age, I've started doing a lot of rereading, and it's quite interesting to go back to books you read then; they can seem completely different."

"My favorite novelist, who I think is not very much known in the States, is Ivy Compton Burnett. Actually *The New York Review of Books* have brought out a couple of her titles recently. But she's

very obscure here as well. She's very much a minority taste. But she's like no one else."

"Is everyone you know reading McEwan's *Saturday*?"

"I'll get to it over the summer, you know, but yes, it got an enormous amount of space. Well, Ian McEwan is pretty much top of the tree here, I would say."

"What a nice expression," I said, " 'Top of the tree.' That's another thing we were talking about, a friend of mine and I, about your book; you have so many wonderful expressions from which to choose. That was another reason we gave why we thought that 'The lady Brits,' as we were calling you, were so much better than we were."

"Ah, we tend to think of the Americans of having the vitality that has won out. One thing that is terribly difficult is to write the dialogues of these people, because the speech of southern England has broken down; its rhythms have completely vanished. People's speech is really ugly. Nobody has their own accent but has a sort of all-purpose accent that they picked up from television. They talk in clichés and advertising jingles. So there's something missing,

and to write about characters from this part of the world is to take on this enormous challenge. Because if you make them eloquent, you're falsifying, because they're not eloquent. Whereas if you move away from the margins, if you move away to the margins, move away from the southeast, you'll still find that people's speech has a bit more vitality and rhythm."

"What part of the country did Ted Hughes live in?"

"He came from Yorkshire. But latter day he lived in Devon. But you could see in everything he did, the place he came from; you could hear it in every line, I think. It was very much connected to his native landscape. I don't know whether we'll ever see that again in anyone. The country seems too homogenous now."

"I still feel a bit of a foreigner in the south because I don't belong here, so although I've lived in the south for 20 years, I'm still an anthropologist here. I know I'm not a native, and I regard it as strictly temporary. In 1985 we settled down, quite near the M25, where we are now."

"What," I asked, "has happened to Anita Brookner? She put out no book this year."

"Did she not? It only seems the blink of an eye since her last one. She had mentioned she was going to take a bit of a break. But I think possibly no one took any notice and expected there to be one as usual. But she's well as far as I know."

"I like her. I like her very much. She went through a phase where everyone adored her. And then there was a great reaction, a sort of backlash here, and she couldn't get a good review from anywhere. But now it's come back her way — I think for the last four books or so. Every five years, you get a new generation of young reviewers coming up. And I really think perhaps now, more mature consideration is being given to her fiction. I like them awfully. I've met her a few times, but she's a very reserved person, as you would imagine. I couldn't say I know her well at all. She's not shy. She's just reserved. She notices a lot and doesn't say much."

"You notice everything."

"Well, I try. I sort of take a snapshot of everything. Whereas Anita walks around, I always think, with a very appraising eye."

"What did you read as a child?"

"Just anything. Completely anything I could get my hands on. We didn't have many books at home, but I used to go to the local library, and there wasn't a children's section, there was just a children's book place, and I think I've read everything in it. Later, by the time I got to be nine or ten, I started to read Robert Louis Stevenson, the Brontës, and Dickens, who I didn't take to. I never really have taken to Dickens. I just read everything, whether it was meant for children or adults, whether it was suitable for me or not or within my understanding or not. If it was between covers, I read it."

"You could be between covers then too."

"Sometimes people say to you, 'Books must have given you a lovely, safe place to retreat to.' You think, 'God, what kind of books must they have read?' Because I liked books that could take you for the worst ride, you know. Being kidnapped and sold as a slave, or having a mad woman in the attic. It's all forewarning, as it prepares you for what life can do. You get this certain kind of wisdom." ■

— Judith Moore

ifornia's arid and diverse wildlands."

"Fossil Hunters San Diego" shows how museum's paleontologists hunt for local fossils — what they look for, tools they use, how fossils are excavated and transported, how they're prepared and studied. Also on view: "Natural Treasures: Past and Present." Both close on Monday, September 5. Current "giant-screen films" include *Ocean Oasis* and *A Rainforest Adventure* — Bugs! 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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

seum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

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

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

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Local Young Man Travels the Country Talking Chastity to Teens

BY THOMAS POORE

People think I have the hardest job in the world as well, chastity to high school kids," says 20-year-old chastity speaker James Everett of Spring Valley. "But it's like giving coffee to a hungry dog. All they want is someone to give them permission to take care of themselves."

Part of what got Everett into the chastity speaker business was when he started leading high school retreats. "There were a lot of small groups, and I was the only one who was a high school senior," he says.

Philip's Gift To Us

AIDS Sufferer Dies A Decade After Returning to the Church; Friends Held Four-Day Prayer Vigil at His Bedside

BY ANNE KNIGHT

Philip Thomas died on April 11 at age 42. A gentle, Catholic, and loving man, Philip grew up within a faith and was sexually molested as a child. He believed these circumstances acted as a springboard for his intense love for his faith and his commitment to his faith. According to one friend, he believed he contracted the AIDS virus at about age 18, although he was not diagnosed as HIV positive until his death.

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Philip Thomas

such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Omega to find sobriety, as well as as a volunteer in drug and alcohol.

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Fourth of July Celebrations are planned when San Diego Symphony Summer Pops series gets underway with concerts Friday through Sunday, July 1–3. Evenings conclude with fireworks.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$10 to \$65, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Guest Organist George Butterfield presents concert on Sunday, July 3, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The 18th Annual International Summer Organ Festival continues with Fourth of July concert by David Peckham on Monday, July 4, at 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series continues with contrabass and flute concert by Bert and Nancy Turetzky and “other surprises” on Wednesday, July 6, 12:30 p.m., on lower level of UCSD’s Geisel Library. Admission is free, parking is not. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

“American Fanfare” presented by Westwind Brass to celebrate “our nation’s recent birthday,” Thursday, July 7, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$15. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Masks, Formal Wear, and Period Attire are optional — but encouraged — when San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra presents Viennese Ball, Saturday, July 9. The orchestra, directed by Matthew Garbutt and Mary Gerard, performs waltzes and polkas by Strauss, Suppé, Lehár, and others starting at 8 p.m. at Balboa Park Club.

Tickets: \$40 per person or \$70 per couple in advance; \$45 per person or \$75 per couple at door. Fee includes hors d’oeuvres and beverage. 619-235-8067. (BALBOA PARK)

Pops in Moonlight, San Diego Symphony plans summer pops concert on Sunday, July 10, 7:30 p.m., in Moonlight Amphitheatre at 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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GALLERIES

"Brow Beaten," showcasing work by Troy Gurling, Rey Gregorio, and Spencer Little, opens with reception on Friday, July 1, at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). Continues through Friday, July 29. 619-757-4966. (DOWNTOWN)

"Fireworks," juried show of water-media paintings may be seen through Saturday, July 30, in San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Hannah Creighton. Meet artists at reception on Friday, July 1, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

Artisans' Studio reception for artists in their working studios, Saturday, July 2, 5 p.m., at 212 North Coast Highway (in Artists' Alley, between Mission Avenue and Pier View Way). 760-500-5252. (OCEANSIDE)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Making It: Ten Years of Artist Commissions at California Center for the Arts, Escondido" continues through Monday, July 4. The exhibit "examines the intimate collection of artworks produced through artist residencies held between 1995 and 2005" at the museum, with work by Stephen Curry, Roman de Salvo, Jay Johnson, Peter Walker, Eloy Tarcisio, Esther Mera.

"Mixtec Medicine" celebrates "the antiquity, intelligence, and beauty of Mixtec culture and medicine." Exhibit uses photographs from fieldwork and images from ancient Mixtec books called codices. Closes Monday, July 4.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, art and significance of Japanese dolls from the Edo period showcased in "Ningyô: The Art of the Japanese Doll." As cultural artifacts, *ningyô* embody the customs, tastes, fashions, and politics of the time. Through Sunday, January 26, 2006.

"Origami Masterworks — Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding" includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the objects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals. Continuing. "Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through summer.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "The Beaded Universe — Strands of Culture" includes beads from 40 cultures, inspired by and based on *The History of Beads* by Lois Sherr Dubin. Exhibit includes beaded globe four feet in diameter created by Huichol Indians, a Yoruba chief's robe, garments by New York artist Sandra Rubel.

Concurrently, see "JoAnn Tanzer — Architectural Enamels." Works were created by painting with

vitreous glass on steel. Continuing.

Ongoing: "Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Threshold: Byron Kim, 1990-2004" focuses on the artist's significant body of easel paintings, presenting four major bodies of paintings. Color, "as signifier and as metaphor," dominates Kim's work, and "he has maintained a steadfast commitment to exploring the potential content of abstract painting."

"Location, Location, Location" highlights architectural drawings and photographs from architects and landscape architects, as well as painters and photographers who focus on aspects of the built environment from the 1950s to the present. Exhibit includes works by Richard Neutra, Frank Gehry, Robert Irwin, and Lawrence Halprin.

Both exhibitions close on Sunday, September 4. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Graham Flint: American Panoramas at 1000 Megapixels" showcases the physicist and photographer's project bringing "to-

gether the cutting edges of photographic optics, film technology, and digital processing, creating landscape photographs which contain an unprecedented detail and resolution." Through Sunday, September 18.

"Snapshot: From Box Brownies to Camera Phones," also closing on September 18, examines the way family photographs taken by amateur photographers over the past 100 years contribute to the history of photography. Exhibit includes historic snapshots from 1920s-1960s, along with "live feed" of camera phone images.

"Steve McCurry: Photographs of Asia" highlights history and faces of places the artist has visited as *National Geographic* photographer. McCurry is most famous for *Afghan Girl*, the portrait of a refugee that appeared on magazine's cover in 1985. View the images through Sunday, September 25.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Contemporary Links 3: Sandow Birk: The Leading Causes of Death in America" showcases ten commissioned lithographs, based on prints by 20th-Century American artist George Wesley Bellows. Closes Sunday, August 14.

"Human Presence: Works from the Museum's Collection," two-part exhibit focuses on the human body. "Part I: The Singular Body" incorporates gallery sculp-

tures of people and animals with those in the garden and court. "Part II" brings attention to "physiological reactions to pure form and color" via the "Through the Geometry of Color" exhibit. Experience through Sunday, July 17.

"Tastes in Asian Art" includes "some of the most significant works" in the museum's collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited works, along with well-known pieces. Continues through June 2006.

"The Origins of Mughal Painting" examines "one of the lingering mysteries in the history of Indian art: how such a distinctive and sophisticated style as that of the imperial Mughals arose so quickly." The new installation, showcasing 20 images from the Binney Collection, continues through Sunday, August 28.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, "Old Master Drawings from the Bowdoin College Museum of Art" are on view through Saturday, August 13. Forty drawings dating from the 16th Century to the 19th Century are featured, with majority of works by artists of the Italian and Netherlandish schools, encompassing a wide variety of subjects in a range of styles and media.

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Scary Kids “Ground Zero Concerts presents our last show ever.” That was the announcement on groundzeroconcerts.net in

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reference to the June 11 show that included My American Heart, Get Back Loretta, and Goodbye Tomorrow. The 600-person-capacity room operated through the Skyline Wesleyan Church on Jamacha Road would no longer be hosting all-age events.

Six days later, though, Scarlet Symphony, Pistolita, After Party, and Operatic played the venue. One insider says the decision to end the live-music series came from the landlord, who leases the

facility to Skyline Wesleyan. Ryan Brinson, the pastor at Skyline Wesleyan in charge of live-music events, did not return phone calls.

Josh Cass, who says he is operating as Ground Zero house manager, says Ground Zero Concerts is still an active business entity owned by himself and Drew Rivera.

“The church is in Rancho San Diego, and the idea of having a place with lots of kids was scaring some people,” says Cass. “We were told things were up in the air. But we got final word that we were able to continue.”

Cass says a CD-release party for Pope’s Last Breath in mid-July will be the next show.

— Ken Leighton

Damn! No Amsterdam! “We ditched the original driver [in Italy]

’cause we genuinely thought he would get us killed,” says guitarist Nick Hipa of As I Lay Dying. The band was on a European tour in mid-June when the conflict began.

“[The bus driver] was real bad with directions,” says Hipa. “Plus, he kept snapping over every little thing and making us uncomfortable, so, one day, the bus was sitting there and we just got behind the wheel and took off and left him.”

Upon “firing” the driver, the band notified Metal Blade (their label), their tour manager, and personal manager; no police involvement was deemed necessary. They were on their way to a gig in Amsterdam when more difficulty arose.

“The bus broke an axle and we were stuck in this little town in Germany!” continues Hipa. “We didn’t speak German...and couldn’t get ahold of any managers.” After the band made contact

with their management, the Amsterdam date was canceled. Metal Blade sent a rep, who drove three hours



AS I LAY DYING DRIVES FROM DEATH

from Berlin to Hamburg to pick them up. The band was delivered to their next gig in England...home of “the crazy bus driver,” says Hipa.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Life in Indie-Rock World Last November, Brian Witkin opened Real 2 Reel, a record store at Mira Mesa’s Epicentre, an all-ages venue. He says business is good.

“I have five [part-time] employees now with workers’ comp and all that,” says 19-year-old Witkin. His bottom line is helped because, in lieu of fixed rent, he pays a percentage of sales

to the Epicentre. Witkin believed the venue would be a natural place to sell CDs by local unsigned bands that play there; he found out that they would rather give them away.

“I’m living in the indie-rock world where free CDs are the norm,” says Witkin. “I have to pursue bands to get them to bring their CDs in.” Business improved when his store became a Soundscan reporter. (Soundscan tracks sales for the record industry. Those figures affect chart positions, which can draw the attention of large labels to small bands.)

“The bigger bands on tour who play the Epicentre are now coming to us. I just got a call from Evergreen Terrace [on Eulogy Records], who want to sell through my store when they play here. If bands just sell CDs at a merch table, they don’t get Soundscan [recognition].”

Because Witkin can’t trademark the Real 2 Reel name (it’s already in use), he sought out the Pacific Records moniker and “couldn’t believe no one had it.”

Real 2 Reel/Pacific Records carries about 900 titles. “Vinyl sells really well.

On some nights we sell more vinyl than CDs.... My friends ask me why I don’t find a retail space and open up a store. Why should I spend



REAL 2 REEL/PACIFIC RECORDS STAFF

time and money opening up a new store when I can have the demographic that buys records come to me?”

Witkin says Real 2 Reel/Pacific Records is also a Del Mar-based record label that has released one local-band compilation and ten albums by local artists such as Sylem, Dead Giveaway, and Witkin’s band, Warrior Finches.

“I’m going to set up a booth at seven Warped Tour

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dates. Maybe more. MxPx and Halifax said they will stop by to do signings every day.”

Witkin will be set up at today's Warped show at Coors Amphitheatre.

— Ken Leighton

The Killer's Scrape with Cops

On this day in 1965, when Jerry Lee Lewis played downtown's Convention Hall, he got a “stern warning” from a “top local cop” because he allegedly violated city municipal code 33.1593: “It is unlawful for any musician or entertainer performing at a teenage dance to mingle with or physically contact the patrons.” Lewis later told *Goldmine* magazine, “A couple of ladies, I don't know who they were or how old they were, they came up onstage and danced with me...when I came offstage, all of a sudden I was scared they'd run me out of town. This guy, he might've been the chief, he told me I could have been arrested.”

Twenty-five years ago tomorrow — July 1, 1980 — the Grateful Dead drew the tie-dyed and squinty eyed to



LEWIS'S CHARM DREW TEENS AND BUNNIES

the Sports Arena. Bob Weir, Mickey Hart, and manager Danny Rifkin got arrested. The trio, while witnessing the arrest of a pot smoker, tried to cajole onlookers into separating the doper from police officers. Cops pulled out additional handcuffs and arrested the three for “suspicion of inciting a riot.” They returned to San Diego several weeks later to face charges. Their offense was reduced to a low-grade misdemeanor, fines were paid, and they walked out of the courtroom with a grudge against the SDPD that lingers to this day. “We couldn't believe what fascists they are down there,” Weir told *Golden Scarab*, a Dead fanzine, in 1999. “We almost

never went further south than Irvine after that. We didn't wanna set the kids up to be busted by a bunch of gorillas with no education who hate rock and roll music.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

Radio Murder “Oldies isn't dying, it's being murdered,” says local rock DJ Rich “Brother” Robbin about the “oldies” radio format. He suggests the people who run radio conglomerates are too lazy to make the format work.

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Last week, Tijuana-based “Oldies 540” switched its '50s and '60s rock playlists to Rat Pack lounge and swing. Earlier this month, the only oldies stations in New York and Chicago changed formats to join at least six other major cities that no longer have a station based on Beatles/Beach Boys/Animals hits.

San Diego still has one oldies station: Clear Channel-owned “Kool 99.3.”

“It's a one-man operation with one dedicated, live, on-air employee,” says Robbin. “Every other voice [on Kool 99.3] is voice tracked.”

Kool 99.3's current Arbitron ratings indicate it's 24th among listeners aged 25 to 54. (The number-one station in town is Spanish-language K-Love, which has a 4.9 rating.)

Robbin has worked at KGB/“Boss Radio” ('69-'70), KCBQ ('71-'74), and, in the early '90s, at K-Best 95 and KCBQ-FM. His programming decisions are credited with breaking such national hits as “Maggie

May,” “Wedding Bell Blues,” and Ike & Tina Turner's version of “Proud Mary.”

Robbin, who recently moved back to San Diego after working in Nashville, Memphis, and Baton Rouge, now voice tracks his DJ shifts for oldies stations across the country. He says oldies radio still works in Phoenix and Cleveland and other cities because they “are playing the right records and using live DJs most of the time.”

Robbin notes that the so-called “Jack” format (a diverse collection of '80s hits played without live DJs) is replacing the oldies format in many cities.

“Here's a bulletin: Jack ain't gonna work,” Robbin says. “Jack will be little more than a faded memory by this time next year.”

— Ken Leighton

Pepper on Fish: “He's the man,” says Pepper drummer Yesod Williams about L.A. DJ Jed “the Fish.” Three months ago, the KROQ DJ got his station to play the reggae/rock trio's “Give It

Up.” That airplay spurred other stations across the country to play the song, which in turn launched a label bidding war over the band (which includes guitarist Kaleo Wassman and bassist Bret Bollinger).

“There were, like, five labels,” says Williams. “Columbia, Interscope, Maverick...we went with Lava/Atlantic because they only release, like, 13 records a year. Capitol releases, like, 300.” Lava gave the band a three-album deal.

“Nowadays, no one gets huge advances,” admits Williams. “But we're happy with the deal, to say the least.”

Pepper moved to Vista from Hawaii in 1999. They started working with Matt Phillips of Silverback

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

Management (Slightly Stoopid, Fishbone) in 2003. Phillips took “Give It Up” —



PEPPER

originally released in 2002 — to KROQ this year.

“It was similar to ‘Date Rape’ by Sublime,” says Phillips. “That song was around for three years until it took off [via radio airplay].”

Pepper left town last Friday on a two-month, 50-city U.S. tour. They play at House of Blues in September.

— Ken Leighton

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I was Jimmy Page. Every ding and pick mark, every erosion of the sunburst finish on the back of my instrument — from belt buckles, buttons, stage sequins — were on the \$20,000 Les Paul Custom I cradled on my lap. I riffed through a few lines of "Dazed and Confused," "Heartbreaker," "Good Times, Bad Times," and, of course, "Stairway to Heaven." I stopped because I thought I heard someone over my shoulder shout, "No 'Stairway to Heaven!'" I'm always half expecting that when I'm test-driving a guitar in a music store...ever since I saw *Wayne's World*. I switched to a little of "Beck's Bolero" (not *Beck* Beck), but I played it backward — hah-hah (a little joke between Jeff and me).

I was in "the Marshall Room" at Centre City Music on Sixth Avenue, plugged into a Fender Deluxe. A Fender, usually a Super Reverb or Twin Reverb, had always been my weapon of choice when I swaggered across stages back in the day. Cock of the rock. I was bad. Yes, I was.

I was playing the Jimmy Page model Les Paul, an exact duplicate, down to every scratch mark, of the guitar Page has used so often onstage and in the studio. It was surprisingly lightweight: nine pounds (yes, the guitars are weighed, the weight marked). The 1969 Les Paul Black Beauty I played in the 1970s was heavier. The Page model, which plays, I might add, like butter, is one of a dozen

or so for sale at Centre City and really is priced at \$20,000. It, along with the others, hang on the top rack, behind the counter and above the Alvin Lee ES-335 model (\$8000). Lower down is the dark-blood-red Pete Townshend triple humbucking pickup Les Paul (only 75 made), which weighs in at 10.2 pounds and is priced at \$7000.

INTERVIEW

JOHN BRIZZOLARA

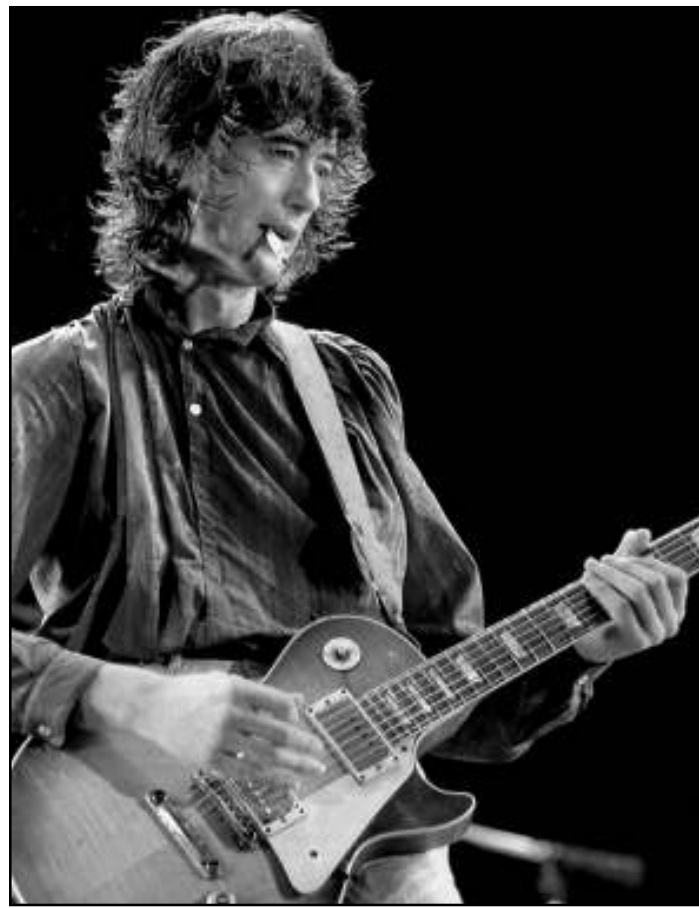
I had to try the Alvin Lee. This thing is marketed for guys like me...only with money: old baby boomers to whom Woodstock is a groovy memory — only I was at Altamont, the anti-Woodstock. The Lee is festooned with the same stickers and decals that the blond Ten Years After guitarist had placed all over his guitar. If you're old enough (or saw the Woodstock movie), you'll remember, for example, the peace sign — and then there's some other crap, all of it, worn or peeled away exactly as it has on Lee's ax. A few years ago, I saw Lee sitting in with Eric Burdon at Humphrey's, and this was a perfect reproduction of the baby he played.

Back in the Marshall Room, I plugged the ES-335 Alvin Lee into the Fender and attacked a little of Woody Herman's "Woodchopper's Ball," which Lee had done, putting an aggressive rock feel to big-band music. The guitar was and is a fine one to play, but my fingers felt as if they were encased in thick, foam-rubber gloves; I had no calluses. My chops were shot. "Goin' Home" sounded ham-fisted in my hams...that is, *hands*. My fingers had

become sausages. "Good Morning, Little Schoolgirl," a much easier song, came out better. I looked over my shoulder, grinning at owner Saul Frank (who looks more than a little like Michael Keaton) as if to say, "Dig this, I've still got it!" but he was on his cell phone. He was probably taking a multithousand-dollar order from some lawyer in West Virginia.

Saul Frank and his mother Esther are the owners/operators of Centre City. Lee Brown is their single employee. Centre City started out as AB Music in 1964 with Leon Frank, who passed away in 2000. The business became Centre City in 1990. Prior to 1964, Leon Frank operated a pawn shop on Fifth Avenue.

I told Saul Frank that I had periodic fantasies throughout my life of working in a music store, a store that specializes in guitars, in particular. To me, the electric guitar is as romantic an object as a tall sailing ship, a jeweled sword, or, had I lived 200 years earlier, a fine violin. What



Jimmy Page (c. 1980) with his Les Paul

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ribly at high volume for what would seem like hours; the "No Stairway to Heaven" principle.

If a 12-year-old comes in and wants to crank on a Marshall, "They have to go through me first," Frank told me. "I only have one room, and I've got doctors, lawyers, CPAs coming in here. They're ready to buy. I might give a kid five or ten minutes if it's not busy."

"You don't see a lot of kids working for me, for example," Frank pointed out. "There's no music really in the background. We're here to sell Gibson guitars." And he has hundreds of them as well as several PRS, or Paul Reed Smith, guitars; perfectly fine musical devices and very Gibson-like. As Frank is unable to post photos of his Gibsons on his Web page for obscure copyright reasons I did not understand, he displays photos of the PRS instruments. He told me the guitars are so Gibson-like that Gibson is suing PRS over the design of their single-cut model. Frank also sells Epiphones — good guitars, but a step down from Gibson, of which Epiphone is a subsidiary.

"People call me after seeing the PRS photos and ask, 'What other types of guitars do you have? Do you have Gibsons?' I can say, 'Yeah, we have about four or five hundred Gibsons in stock.' 'Do you have this model or that? Do you have pictures?' I can say, 'Yeah' and e-mail them." Frank then showed me his book of e-mail orders from all over the country. This was a multipaged tome the size of a Tom Clancy hardcover. "I have to have an Internet presence or I'm losing business."

Steering him back to specific guitars, I asked him if he had even more expensive guitars than the \$20,000 Jimmy Page I played. "Not at the moment. I had a signed one I sold for \$50,000." Apparently, Page played several of the reproductions for (I'm guessing) two minutes each, and if he liked them, he signed them. Boom, another \$30,000.

"Who buys these things at those prices?" I asked with real incredulity.

"Collectors," he answered evenly, matter-of-factly.

I began thinking of a couple of collectors I knew. Both were trust-fund hippies who couldn't play their way out of a barn door. One kid, named Reid or Riff or something, taunted me with his Les Pauls, his Rickenbackers, Gretsch Country Gentlemen, and 1950s Fender Broadcasters and Strats. He lived next door and he never let me play them. Instead, he made me listen to his lame, effeminately sensitive compositions on instruments that were meant to roar. Meanwhile, I was duct-taping my Telecaster together after imitating Pete Town-

shend's guitar violence onstage in San Francisco gay bars — the only gigs we could get at the time.

I kept eyeing the Townshend model behind the register. I knew Frank would let me play it if I asked, but the idea of playing "My Generation" on the thing at my age seemed ludicrous. "Hope I die before I get old"? Too late.

At one point, Frank produced a Gibson catalog of re-creations, famous models from the past: the 1952 Les Paul Gold Top, the '54, '56, and '57 of the same; the 1954 Oxblood; my old Black Beauty, only a '54 and a '57, one with "Master-tone," whatever that was. Here were Les Paul Juniors, single and double cut. (For the uninitiated, think of a single cut as one horn on a cow; a double, that would be two.) Pages of SG's: Specials, Standards and Customs, a '58 Explorer, a '59 Flying V, Firebirds, a Wes Montgomery, and the other jazz models such as the L-5, the Birdland, the Citation.

I would have started weeping, but I turned the page and began to chuckle inwardly at the idea of rich kids buying the Zakk Wylde (from Black Label Society) "Bullseye" and "Camouflage Bullseye" or the Lenny Kravitz Flying V, the Bob Marley model. All with Dad or Mom's money, no doubt.

Frank had at least one of the Zakk Wylde and I think a couple of Joe Perry models. Perry's a fine rock guitarist, but his Les Pauls are painted kind of funny. Back to the catalog, and I found an object of such near-erotic affection that it was embarrassing: a pure white double-necked EDS-1275, again something Jimmy Page used (or near enough) with both the 12-string neck and the 6.

Meanwhile, Frank displayed a couple of non-Gibson beauts he had taken as trade-ins; one, a Gretsch hollow-body 6120 in primo condition with a pumpkin paint job. "See, we're like a Mercedes dealership that will take Volvos in trade. If we just had Volvos we wouldn't get Mercedes in trade." He then produced a mint-condition Fender Stratocaster; another trade-in and, coincidentally — and oddly — a pumpkin color, only more metallic in sheen.

"People trade this stuff in. They trade toward a Mercedes. I don't need a Fender line." The Gretsch and Stratocaster might be put on display in the ornate wood-and-glass cases across from the counter or they may be placed in a safe. They will not hang with the Gibsons, Epiphones, and PRSs.

I finally cracked and asked to play the Townshend. In the Marshall Room, I went through a few power chords to "I Can See for Miles" and some Tommy stuff. The guitar fought back, it seemed.

When I unplugged and came out of the room, Frank said, smiling, "It's like going back in time, isn't it?"

"Yeah," I sighed. "Yeah, it is." ■

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Julio Iglesias [608]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 7, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Chris Botti [689] and **Steve Oliver:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 8, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Three Dog Night [594]: 4th & B, Sunday, July 10, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons [628]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Billy Corgan: Soma, Monday, July 11, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Widespread Panic [366]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Tuesday, July 12, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Julio Iglesias [608]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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X: House of Blues, Thursday, July 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo [967]: 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.

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Alkaline Trio [345]: Soma, Saturday, July 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Ray Lamontagne: House of Blues, Saturday, July 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Lila Downs [627]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Maldita Vecindad: House of Blues, Tuesday, July 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Circle Jerks: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Tears for Fears [576] and the **Jimmy Chamberlin Complex:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Aterciopelados: House of Blues, Thursday, July 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Robert Plant [626]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Thursday, July 21, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bruce Hornsby [574]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Psychedelic Furs, **Howard Jones** [620], and the **Fixx:** House of Blues, Friday, July 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

Ted Nugent [596]: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

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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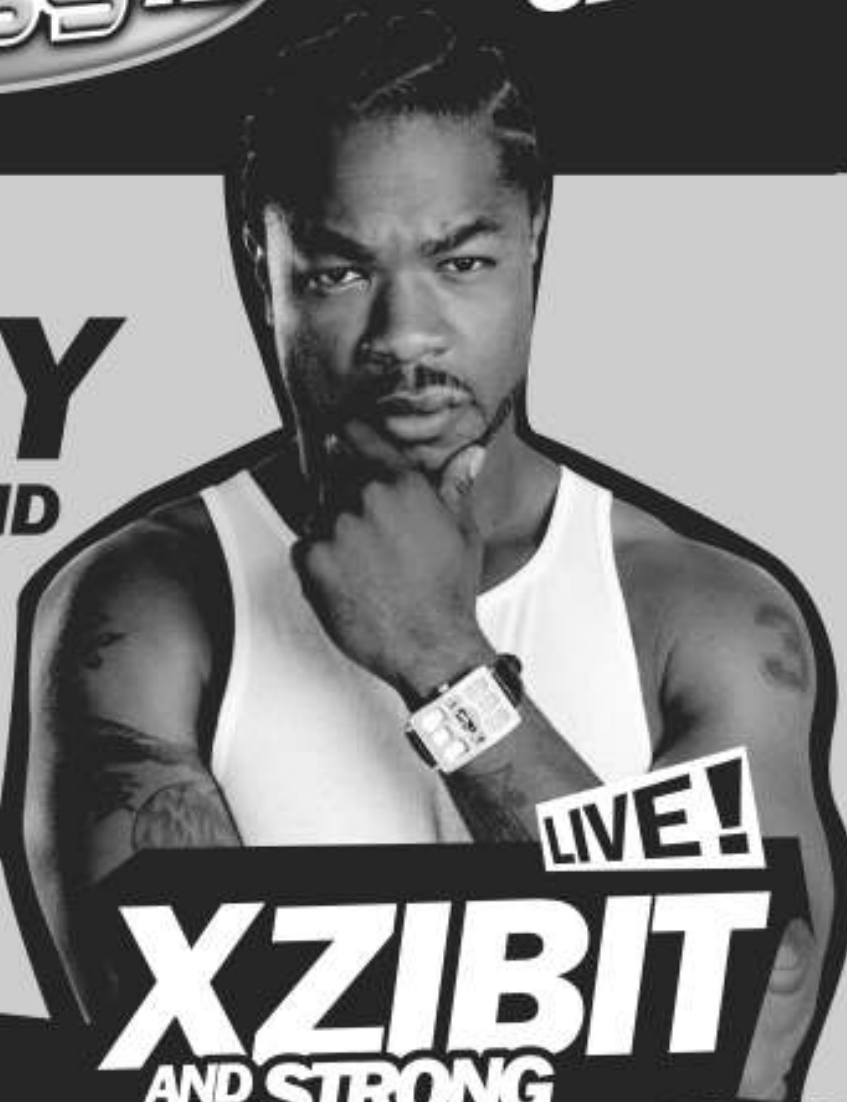
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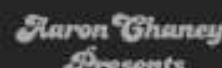


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Israel Vibration [275]: House of Blues, Wednesday, August 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Donna Summer [614]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Yellowman [746]: House of Blues, Thursday, August 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

America [533] and **Pure Prairie League:** Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Dave Matthews Band [288]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Coldplay [440]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, August 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Smokey Robinson [615]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [674]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 26, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Don Carlos [732]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, August 27, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 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.

Jefferson Starship: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 31, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

Devo: House of Blues, Friday, September 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Sound Tribe Sector Nine: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Johnny Mathis: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Thursday,

September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Marcia Ball [960]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Earth, Wind, and Fire and **Chicago:** “Bayside Concerts with Viejas,” Embarcadero Marina Park South, Friday, September 9, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Keali’i Reichel: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Huey Lewis & the News [593]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 9, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Keali’i Reichel: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Crosby, Stills, & Nash [572]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 13, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Alice Cooper [571]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Oasis: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Aretha Franklin: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

George Thorogood [588]: House of Blues, Thursday, September 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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

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Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra [819]: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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SUNDAY!



**Lyle Lovett
& his Large Band**
Sunday, July 3

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Air Supply
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Sunday, August 7 • 7:00

The Temptations
with special guest **LeRoy Bell**
Wednesday, August 10 • 8:00

**John Hiatt/
Shawn Colvin** Solo Acoustic
Thursday, August 11 • 7:30

Dana Carvey
Friday, August 12 • 7:00 & 9:00

Cecilio & Kapono
Sunday, August 14 • 7:30

Cowboy Junkies
with special guest **TBA**
Monday, August 15 • 7:30

**Bobby McFerrin
& Chick Corea**
Tuesday, August 16 • 7:30

**Judy Collins/
Richie Havens**
with special guest **Zoe Lewis**
Wednesday, August 17 • 7:30

John Legend
with special guest **Lyfe**
Thursday, August 18 • 7:30

Dave Koz & Friends
featuring **Jeffrey Osborne,
Marc Antoine & Praful**
Friday, August 19 • 7:30

Hot Summer Nights
starring **Al Jarreau, The
Rippingtons** featuring **Russ Freeman
& Cassandra Wilson**
Monday, August 22 • 7:00

TRIO!
featuring **Stanley Clarke, Béla
Fleck & Jean-Luc Ponty**
Tuesday, August 23 • 8:00

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with special guest **Pure Prairie League**
Thursday, August 25 • 7:00

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
Friday, August 26 • 8:00

Doobie Brothers
with special guests **Buddy Blue
& Jerry Rainey**
Sunday, August 28 • 7:30

**The Johnny Clegg
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Indigo Girls
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Wednesday, July 6

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Thursday, September 1 • 7:30

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Wednesday, September 7 • 7:30

Johnny Mathis
Thursday, September 8 • 7:30

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Friday & Saturday, September 9 & 10 • 7:30

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Wednesday, September 14 • 7:30

**Los Lobos/Southside
Johnny & The Asbury
Jukes**
Thursday, September 15 • 6:30

**Ottmar Liebert &
Luna Negra**
Sunday, September 18 • 7:30

Tony Bennett
Tuesday, September 20 • 7:30

Jim Brickman
with special guest **Vienna Teng**
Wednesday, September 21 • 7:30

Pat Metheny Trio
featuring **Christian McBride &
Antonio Sanchez**
Thursday, September 22 • 7:30

Tower of Power
Friday, September 23 • 8:00

Dead Can Dance
Tuesday, September 27 • 7:30

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Friday, September 30 • 7:30

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Thursday, October 6 • 7:30

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Payton March: Epicentre

People: Belly Up Tavern

Pigmoney: Brick By Brick

Plastic Explosive [270]: The Casbah

Steve Poltz [815] & the Rugburns [263]: Belly Up Tavern

The Prime Ministers: The Jumping Turtle

Rat City Riot: Brick By Brick, The Kensington Club

Red Light Runner: Squid Joe's

The Robot Ate Me: Ché Café

The Rum Diary: The Casbah

Scaramanga: The Kensington Club

The Screaming Yeehaws: The Kensington Club

Serrated: Dreamstreet

The Shapes of Race Cars: Dreamstreet

Single File: Brick By Brick

The Statistics: The Casbah

Shea Stratton: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Superunloader [208]: Blind Melons

Sweettooth: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, Blind Melons

Tasty: Brick By Brick

Tera Melos: Ché Café

Thicker Than Thieves [200]: Winstons

The Travel Agents: The Kraken

Unbound: 'Canes

Versus the Mirror: Epicentre

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Agave: Tiki House

Bandana: Carvers

Big Rig Deluxe: Tio Leo's Lounge

Brain Buckit [563]: Tiki House

Cafe Tacuba: House of Blues

Mario Carillo & the Bashers: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

The Clay Colton Band: R. O'Sullivan's

Eddie Cruz: 'Canes

Custard Pie: The Kraken

DPI: Winstons

Jesse Dayton & the Road Kings: Brick By Brick

The Detroit Underground: Viejas Casino

Diamond Nights: The Casbah

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

51 Guns: Dreamstreet

Fish & the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill

Fish Out of Water: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)

5 Alarm: Surf N'Saddle

Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports and Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina

Gecko: Winstons

Glasgow Drive: The Jumping Turtle

Ely Guerra: House of Blues

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

Billy Idol [599]: House of Blues

Kemosabe: The Greek Sombbrero

The Lomatones: Danky's

Loud Residence: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Mother Load: Winstons

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Not Since Reagan: Blind Melons

The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Pink Swords: Winstons

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

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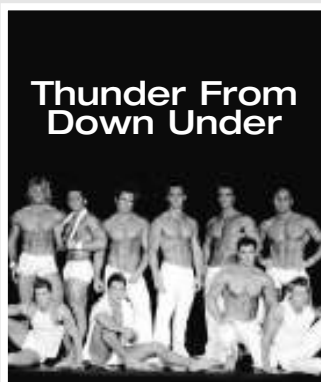
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The Rockoholics: Second Wind (San Carlos)
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Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)
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Short Leash: Pounder's
Silver Side: Dreamstreet
The Stackers: Blind Melons
The Stampede Band: Etta's Place
Starlight Sirens Burlesque: The Casbah
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Streetheart: Don's Cocktail Lounge
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The Ventilators: Coyote Bar and Grill
West of 5 [505]: Woody's Sports Bar
Wick: Blind Melons
The Wild Ones: Game Time Tavern
Andrew Wright: Winstons
Y3K: Boar Cross'n
Zone 4 [499]: Cat Daddy's

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Kicks: Viejas Casino
Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House
The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze
The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar
The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies, Viejas Casino
Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn
Blue Largo [636]: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
The B-Side Players [649]: Belly Up Tavern
John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro and 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
Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Karl Denson's Tiny Universe [681]: House of Blues
Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect
The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Restaurant
Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze
John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect
Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe
Dora Hall: Aurora Trattoria
The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge
Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

I don't know if **Rob Thorsen's** intentions were to showcase everyone in the band except himself on his new CD, but he does just that. I could have asked him when I met him. I didn't. We hooked up recently during halftime at Eldar Djangirov's show. Eldar is a Russian-born prodigy who attacks a jazz piano in the way of guitarist Eddie Van Halen: play fast, leave no empty space. As a sideman, Thorsen has performed a few dates with the likes of Ernie Watts, Louie Bellson, and Hubert Laws. That night Thorsen mentioned that the piano star had calmed down somewhat over the last year. I deduced that even for a performer of Thorsen's breeding, it must have been a

workout to play acoustic bass behind a pianist who churns everything up to quantum speed.

That night, Thorsen looked like a man who had finally assumed the shape of his instrument — tall, thin, elegant, slightly curved. He had just finished *Moon Ray* and was excited for me to hear it. I did. It is a shaft of sunlight to the brain. *Moon Ray* contains, among others, a Monk romp, a tribute to the great bassist Oscar Pettiford, and something from the Duke's pianist Billy Strayhorn. The record has an interesting polish. It lies to the left of lounge with a patina archived from the hip jazz clubs of old. It's humid stuff — decisive, purposeful renderings of jazz chestnuts with not a whit of self-glorification. Thorsen gives his boys — Gilbert Castellanos, Randy Porter, and Duncan Moore, three of my favorites — room to move. They will also perform in the lineup at the release party. Thorsen e-mails, "We will



ROB THORSEN

be featuring music from the CD of my arrangements of jazz and Latin standards...several original compositions and a cool (I think) contemporary Chinese folk song arranged for jazz trio."

ROB THORSEN, "Jazz in the Park," San Diego Museum of Art, Wednesday, July 6, 5:30 p.m. 619-696-1966 or 619-220-8497. \$17; \$14 student.

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado
Jazilla: Turquoise Cafe
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's
Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn
The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar
Mystique: Jimmy Love's, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar and Grill

The Nice and Easy Swing Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
Nova: Aurora Trattoria
The Old Town Jazz Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
The Jimmy Patton-Louisa West Band: Nautical Bean Coffee Co.
Primo: Sevilla, Belly Up Tavern
Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel
The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Pasquale on Prospect, Croce's Jazz Bar
Silence Friction: Roman Village
Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's
The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's
The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado, Hotel del Coronado
The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare
Danny Weller: Turquoise Cafe
Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

C.O.I.: The Calypso Cafe
Dubshack: Dreamstreet
Ithaniah: Blind Melons
Tippa Lee: Winstons
NZ Rough: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)
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COUNTRY

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Junior Brown: Belly Up Tavern
Calico Ridge: Dirk's Niteclub
The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club
Cash'd Out: Surf N'Saddle
City Limits: Dirk's Niteclub
Cowboy Jack: The Pine Hills Lodge

Coyote Moon: Mulvaney's
Southbound Johnny: Renegade Inn
The West Coast Pin-Ups: Belly Up Tavern
The Working Cowboy Band: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

An Carraig: The Ould Sod
Banda Braza: Turquoise Cafe
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Amelia Browning: Turquoise Cafe
Chelsea & the Dreamcatchers: Blarney Stone Pub
Tommy Edwards: Blind Melons
Allison Gill: Blarney Stone Pub

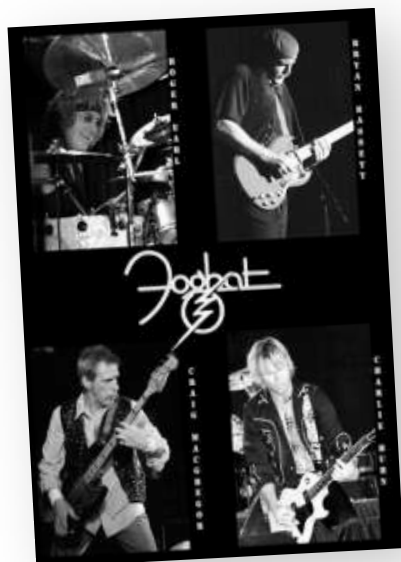
Jenn Grinels: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Harmony Road: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Hunter Harvey: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Robin Henkel [914]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Ben Ingraham: Cosmos Cafe
Just Bound: 'Canes
The Justin Brothers: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
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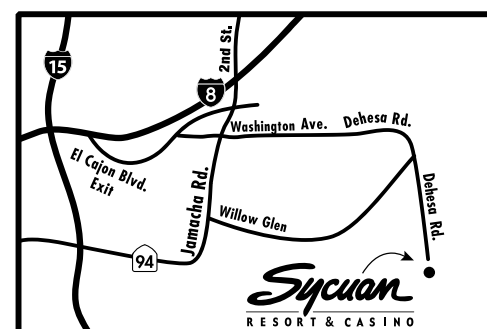
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Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass and jungle music with DJs Wallcrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, Midway. 619-224-4835.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Thursdays, college DJs spin party breaks, house, and club remixes. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggaeton. Sundays, Sunday night jam. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

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.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins hip-hop, reggae, and Latin. Fridays, Club Fandango, DJs Tito G, Lucho, and Chilaquil spin hop-hop, reggaeton, and salsa. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, R&B, and retro. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

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Spatuland: First and third Saturday of the month, electro DJs, tribal dancers. 10 p.m. Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. 619-521-4747.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

Solo Para Mujeres: Wednesdays, reggaeton, rock en Español, and hip-hop. 8 p.m. Baja Club, 1060 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-425-2512.

CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section. Upcoming concerts, DJ events, or performances that are not at a club should be directed to 619-235-3000, ext. 261; e-mailed to sellis@nethere.com; or faxed to 619-881-2401.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, *the Mar Dels*, pop/dance. Friday, 9 p.m., *Junior Brown and the Farmers*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Steve Poltz & the Rugburns* and *People*, alternative. Sunday, 9 p.m., *the B-Side Players* and *Primo*, Latin jazz/salsa. Wednesday, *the Working Cowboy Band* and *the West Coast Pin-Ups*, country/swing.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Thursday, 9 p.m., hip-hop/R&B. Friday, on the patio, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.,

Billy Watson, blues, 9 p.m., live reggae. Saturday and Monday, rock. Wednesday, country.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., *Y3K*, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Blue Largo*, blues/jazz.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel

Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Robert Wetzel*, classical guitar.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Saturday, *Loud Residence*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *C.O.I.*, reggae. Friday and Sunday, *Jeff Moore and Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-

2400. Friday and Saturday, *Bandana*, rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Ventilators*, classic rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Billy Thompson*, rock/blues. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Nathan James*, blues, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Fish & the Seaweeds*, rock. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Billy Watson*, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Swingin' Kings*, blues. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues*.

Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Performances are on the patio. Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bily Watson*, blues/jazz. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Lomatones*, classic rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Project X*, classic rock.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Band in Black*, rockabilly/country.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *the Wild Ones*, rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Sunday, *the Stone Senses*, reggae.

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 Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 3 EZ Pieces, blues. Friday, *Custard Pie*, rock. Saturday, *Travel Agents*, alternative. Sunday, *Blues Brokers*, blues. Monday, *Charles Burton Blues Band*.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Mother Mae I*, alternative.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Alex Woodard and Hunter Harvey*.

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McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday, 7 p.m., *the Old Town Jazz Band*, Dixieland jazz. Saturday, *Mario Carrillo & the Bashers*, rock. Sunday, 2 p.m., open mike.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., *the Nice and Easy Swing Band*.

Nautical Bean Coffee Co., 240 Harbor Drive, Oceanside. 760-722-4851. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., *the Jimmy Patton-Louisa West Band*, Latin jazz.

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North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

The Pine Hills Lodge, 2960 La Posada Way, Julian. 760-765-1100. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Cowboy Jack*, country.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Thursday,

Liquid Fire, alternative rock. Friday and Saturday, *Short Leash*, rock.

R. O'Sullivan's, 118 East Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-0954. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band*, rock.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick and Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Sunday, *Red Light Runner*, alternative.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, 9 p.m., *Cash'd Out*, country. Saturday, *5 Alarm and Newport Seed*, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Uncle Goo's Cantina, 274 Harbor Drive South, Oceanside. 760-433-4755. Monday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., *the Band in Black*, country.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *West of 5*, rock.

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Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Kumba Dawa*, metal rock. Friday, *Superunloader*.

Saturday, *Agent Orange and Wick*, punk. Monday, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Not Since Reagan, Sweettooth, Pete Thurston, Tommy Edwards, Laura Kuebel, and Ithaniah*, rock/acoustic/alternative/reggae. Wednesday, *Gadfly, the Stackers, and Anna Lies*.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Foil, Rev, Seventimes, Fuzzi Huzzi, and Tall*. Friday, *the Pharcyde*, hip-hop, and *One Block Radius, Tony Da Skitzo, and Higher Minds*. Saturday and Sunday, *Ozomatli*, ska/funk/jazz/hip-hop. Wednesday, *Unbound, Just Bound, and Eddie Cruz*.

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Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Shapes of Race Cars, Down 15, Craze, Finding Mercury*, and *Negative Filter*, alternative. Friday, *Soldiers of Jah Army* and *Roots Covenant*, reggae. Saturday, *Silver Side, 51 Guns, the Empire State, Hyde*, and *Serrated*, alternative/heavy rock. Sunday, *Jac, Soullifter*, and *Dubshack*.

Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international dance music.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Wednesday, live jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday and Saturday, live rock. Call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Fish Out of Water*, rock. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., live music.

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Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Brain Buckit*, rock. Saturday, *Agave*, rock. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Mick Overman*, acoustic/folk.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Amelia Browning, Joey Carano*, and *Danny Weller*, jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Jazilla*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, *Fred Heath & the Slidewinders*, blues. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Banda Braza*, Brazilian folk. Monday, Greek and Turkish music. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., live traditional Irish music.

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The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Call club for information.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., *David Timothy Smith*.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Irish and American folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, *Sean O'Donnell* and *Allison Gill*. Wednesday, *Chelsea & the Dreamcatchers*, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Rat City Riot*, *Tasty*, and *Single File*. Friday, *Jesse Dayton & the Road Kings* and *Todd Stedman*, rock/blues. Saturday, *My Middle Finger*, *FM Revolver*, *the Dreaming*, *Malachi Crunch*, and *Mother Mae I*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Pigmoney* and *Buckley's Ghost*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Sunday, *Blueprint Car Crash*, *Panic in the*

Streets, *Payton March*, and *Weatherbox*. Tuesday, *Go Betty Go*, *American Eyes*, and *Exit 21*. Wednesday, *the Fall of Troy*, *A Burning Water*, *Maida*, *Versus the Mirror*, and *Far from Home*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Stampede Jam*, classic rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Chet & the Committee*, blues/swing.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live music. Call club for information.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *Karl Denson's Tiny Universe*, jazz. Friday, *Billy Idol*, rock. Saturday, *Jaguars*, alternative. Monday, *Cafe Tacuba*, *Kinky*, and *Ely Guerra*, rock.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

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The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Daredevil Jane*, and *Scaramanga*. Saturday, *the Screaming Yeehaws*, *Hell on Heels*, and *Rat City Riot*.

Kitima Restaurant, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jim Gala Jazz Trio*.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Mick Overman* and *Tim Mudd*. Friday, *Robin Henkel*. Saturday, *May River*, alternative. Sunday, *Fruit*



Album name: *Respect* (2004)

Artist: Thicker Than Thieves

Label: self-released

Songs: 1) Respect 2) On Your Head 3) Mary Jane 4) 29 Bottles

Price/where available: *thickertanthieves.com* for \$5

Names of band members: Rob Meyers (guitar), Jeff Thorkas (drums), Clay McCallum (bass), Brian Sykes (guitar), Jamin Hazelaar (vocals), Dan Mercado (bass trombone), Billy Eisenman (trumpet), Don Carter (trumpet), Aaron Hudson (sax, keyboards)

Extra info: Thicker Than Thieves will soon be back in the studio to finish up their second full-length CD that is due out at the end of this year.

Website: *www.thickertanthieves.com*

A glimpse at the track listing ("Mary Jane," "29 Bottles"), and it's pretty clear what this EP is about. While it's difficult to look past Thicker Than Thieves' blatant emulation and, yes, imitation of Sublime, the core sound that the band produces is what

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leaves a greater impression.

With the good use of heavy bass guitars, Thicker Than Thieves blends punk, reggae, ska, and some hip-hop into four hard-hitting tracks. The nine-piece outfit has abandoned most of the fast ska and soaring riffs that marked their previous work;

they opted for more long and drawn-out reggae and percussion, which make for a mellow sound.

The title track puts a fresh spin on ska with a reggae beat. It's followed up with the heavy bass lines of the second song, "On Your Head," a revamped version of the strongest cut off of the group's 2002 debut. Added horns in "Mary Jane" usher in mellow percussion that palpitates along with the brusque inflections of front man Jamin Hazelaar as he languidly raps the lines, "Sweet Mary Jane you speak to me / here's looking at you looking at me."

The final cut, "29 Bottles," is a downtempo ballad that deviates from the band's resilient façade. With weightier lyricism, the song's attempt at sincerity wavers on convincing: "Anytime you want to come on by, you do / and anytime you want to say goodbye, you do. / You walk the line / do you have the time /



Thicker Than Thieves

when these walls come crashing down on me." Even with the more predictable lyrical configurations, all of TTT's lyrics are on the up and up, able to relay some kind of emotion, whether drunkenness, apathy, or melancholy. And, isn't that what it's all about?

(To hear a sample from Thicker Than Thieves, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4200.)

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O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Sweettooth*, *Disappointing Joseph*, and *Shea Stratton*, alternative.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *An Carraig*, Irish folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

9 p.m., *Fistsized* and *Jet Black Savvy*, hard rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday, *Mike Ruggarillo*, acoustic/folk. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, *the Rockholics*, classic rock. Tuesday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Big Rig*

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Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

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Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard,

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DRESS > casual; everyone wore jeans and shorts, a few flannel shirts, and lots of T-shirts (“Hurley,” “Polo,” “Old Navy,” and “Six Pack”)

DANCE FLOOR > none; outside tables reach to where musician performs; inside, there’s space between the tables and where musician is, but no room to dance

BATHROOMS > none

CAPACITY > 50 inside, 60 outside

SPECIAL AREAS > one small

section with a computer and a couch (where musician performs); a patio that is in front and on side of the building

FURNISHINGS > 8 tables inside; 15 tables outside (75 percent of them covered); hardwood floors, a bookshelf, magazine rack, Egyptian decor with pictures of King Tut, large mirror, a few plants, small camel, faux fireplace (with paper flames and light)

DECIBEL LEVEL > 103 when Robbie Simmons did a cover of “Taxman”

WEIRDEST BAND NAME > Audiovamp

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I was here on an open-mike night. A guy with an acoustic guitar had some great songs (and made

fun of Jason Mraz, at one point). A female comedian got up and was funny (great joke about Coke having so many flavors now, but none that taste like Jack Daniel’s). While she was onstage, a Beatles impersonator (Robbie Simmons) was setting up outside. He had the suit, a fake bass drum with the logo, and a drum machine and some recorded guitar parts he played along with.

Open mike is every Friday, but entertainment on other nights varies. Sometimes they have DJs, and the music is never too loud that you can’t have conversations; one couple played chess. Another group of kids talked about going to a party. (One lamented, “We’d stay here all night if they had alcohol.”)

A group at a table was talking about the death of Anne Bancroft, and the college guy said to the singer, “Was it the Beatles that did ‘Mrs. Robinson?’” The singer said, “No, that was Simon and Garfunkel. The Beatles did do other people’s songs, and this was one of them.” He started to play “Please Mr. Postman.”

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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*.

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Dizzy’s, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Brett Sanders*, *Kevin Cooper*, *Kevin Flournoy*, and *Warren Nolan*.

El Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Pearl*, hip-hop/R&B.

Fat City, 2137 Pacific Highway, San Diego. 619-232-9303. Friday, 10 p.m., *Rico Tumbao*, salsa.

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No matter where Harry Warren (music) and Al Dubin (lyrics) rank in the composer-teams pantheon, which exists on some great scorecard in the sky, these songs advocate a higher plateau. They adore their subject with energy unleashed like few others.

"Broadway dreams, Sawyer, we've all had 'em," says the crusty Marsh (who, his jaded attitude aside, has been lucky enough to escape the Depression choking the rest of America). The musical tries for a bittersweet take on the Great White Way, from success to tarnished hopes. But its energy's so positive any talk of defeat or broken hearts goes in one ear and comes out the

other...dancing up a storm.

But come on. Allentown's Peggy Sawyer's just a "speck of dust" on a rehearsal stage. Can she learn the lead and open in 36 hours? Sure she can sing. And hoof? You bet "the ends of yer ankles"!

Plus, she's got to be the world's quickest study (gives new speed to the expression "meteoric rise," in fact). But come on: 25 pages of dialogue, six songs, 10 dance

numbers? No way!

42nd Street is musical comedy's lottery fable. "A raw beginner / Can be a winner," it claims, even a million-to-one shot like Peggy, if she's got talent, and heart, and grimaced, obsessive-compulsive Julian Marsh yelling, "Sawyer! Think of Broadway, damn it!"

The first test of any *42nd Street* production comes right off the bat. The show opens with a splashy tap-dance "Audition," and if the chorus isn't clacking the floor as one, forget it. The Welk Theatre passes the test, and the others as well. Director/choreographer Jon Engstrom — a featured dancer, and later dance captain, in the 1980 original — has staged the musical many times. His expertise (you can feel a direct link to Champion) and some fine casting make for one of the Welk's better efforts in some time.

Young Nicole Werner, from the MFA pro-

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Nicole Werner, Jacob ben Widmar in *42nd Street*

42nd Street, music by Harry Warren, lyrics by Al Dubin, book by Michael Stewart and Mark Bramble
Welk Resort Theatre, 8860 Lawrence Welk Drive, Escondido

Directed and choreographed by Jon Engstrom; cast: Erika Amato, Nicole Werner, Katie Wilson, Kathryn Venverloh, Kelly Felthous, Laura Dickinson, Melissa Wolfklain, Erin Selkis, Annette Desrosiers, Andrew Husmann, Jacob ben Widmar, Jamie Torcellini, Cory Bretsch, Jessie Mackinnon, Ralph Johnson, Brian Crum, Aaron Pomeroy, Brandon Davidson, Travis Davidson, Kelly Baldwin, Alexandra Weaverling; scenic design, Andres Hammer; lighting, Jennifer Edwards; costumes, Ambra Wakefield; musical director, Justin Gray
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For Reasons That Remain Unclear

gram at SDSU, brightens the stage as Peggy Sawyer, in spite of the production's murky lighting. Erika Amato makes Dorothy Brock a dour diva adept at torchy laments. Andrew Husmann, who starred last year in the Welk's *Desert Song*, does the impossible: he brings nuance, even some tongue-in-cheek humor, to musical theater's most one-note role: Julian Marsh. The strong-voiced Husmann even turns the producer's famous Gipser speech into a kind of music: "Sawyer. You're going out there a youngster. But you've GOT to come back a star!"

A TIP OF THE TOP HAT: The late Jerry Orbach originated the role of Julian Marsh on Broadway.

On 6th@Penn's set, the elegant interior of the Hassler Hotel in Rome, a white stone cupid peers through a floor-length window, as if eavesdropping. What it would hear, if it could, is one of the ongoing evils of our time.

"Religion is what people get when they're afraid of going to hell," says Patrick. "Spirituality is what they get when they're on their way back."

Patrick writes for theater and movies. A recovering alcoholic (and "recovering Catholic"), he arranges and readjusts everything in the hotel room. He's order personified but can't begin a personal play about betrayal. An incident from long ago gave him a morbid fear of intimacy that prevents his opening up. "Funny how everything you place your trust in turns around and dumps on you," he tells his guest, an older priest named Conrad, whom he just met.

The priest is also blocked, we learn, by an "unspeakable monstrosity" long ago. He's tried to repress his memory; Patrick can't. As the burnt-orange sun sets on the Piazza Di Spagna, and Conrad takes long swigs of emerald green Genepy, he begins to relax, open up. At the same time Patrick becomes a famished lion, circling, cornering its victim, eager to pounce.

Mart Crowley's *For Reasons*

That Remain Unclear premiered in Maryland, in 1993. It got several stagings, but nowhere near as many as his groundbreaking *Boys in the Band*. Given today's headlines, however, *Reasons'* opening was premature: like Paula Vogel's *How I Learned to Drive*, it takes an unflinching look at sexual abuse. And though the play has its flaws — including enough coincidences to make ours the dinkiest of small worlds — its importance, and a quality performance by Jeffrey Jones, overcome them.

Jones is on a roll. His manic Pale, in Cygnet's *Burn This*, was outstanding. By comparison his Patrick is more of a slow coil, incrementally tightening. As the intermissionless play unfolds, his sentences take on double meanings, surface and subtext. He builds up so much tension, if he doesn't release it, you sense that Patrick (and Jones) could implode.

Jerry Phalen keeps Conrad ("don't call me Father") within too narrow limits. The play takes its time warming up. Were Conrad to register some suspicions, earlier on, then Patrick's odd, antsy behavior would make more sense.

The production's design work is a real plus: 18th-century Italian chairs, Rome's street sounds, a sleepy late afternoon outside. Inside a living hell. ■

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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, con-

trol, 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 straw man/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 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.



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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 Gibbon'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.

Comedy of Errors

The Old Globe Theatre opens its 2005 Shakespeare Festival with the Bard's early comedy about two sets of twins, a shipwreck, and mistaken identities. Darko Tresnjak directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, THROUGH OCTOBER 2. (NOTE: COMEDY OF ERRORS RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH MACBETH AND THE WINTER'S TALE; FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES, CALL THE THEATER AT 619-239-2255.)

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. MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE, 1200 VALE TERRACE DRIVE, BRENGLE TERRACE PARK, VISTA, THROUGH JULY 9;

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The Fantasticks

Coronado Playhouse stages Jones and Schmidt's popular musical about innocence, experience, and the proper cultivation of radishes. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, PAVILION, CORONADO FERRY LANDING, (NEXT TO IL FORNAIO), 1335 FIRST STREET, CORONADO, THROUGH JULY 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

For Reasons That Remain Unclear

Reviewed this issue. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH JULY 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SELECTED WEDNESDAYS) AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

42nd Street

Reviewed this issue. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH AUGUST 28; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

Grease

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Late Nite Catechism

Back by popular demand: In most interactive theater the audience needs time to warm up, get into the spirit of performance. Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan's one-person show, by contrast, takes two seconds max. Sister, a nun substitute-teaching St. Bruno's adult catechism class, walks in, beams a pleasant smile, then orders late-comers to take their seats NOW. She's here because it's Father Murphy's poker night. And she's from the pre-Vatican II, don't-spare-the-rod school (when she taps a ruler on her palm, half the audience rubs its knuckles from suddenly unrepressed memories). Hulking around in heavy black gabardine, a python-sized rosary coiled at her waist, she commands such a presence that eyes avert when she glares at them. And — whether threatening a gum chewer with eternal damnation, or delighting in church loopholes (St. Veronica probably had an eating disorder; St. Patrick was actually a Scot) — she's as strict as a drill sergeant and funny as a crack stand-up comic. *Late-Nite Catechism*, which began in

1993, has become a cult classic. It's *The Rocky Horror Show* for anyone who had an old-school, parochial education. And everyone else.

Worth a try.

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Laundry and Bourbon/Lone Star

Palomar College Performing Arts Department stages James McLure's "companion" one-acts set in a small Texas town. Sarah Gauthier and Stacy Michelle Walker directed. HOWARD BRUBECK THEATRE, PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION ROAD, SAN MARCOS, FRIDAY, JULY 8, THROUGH JULY 17; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-744-1150 X2453.

The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?

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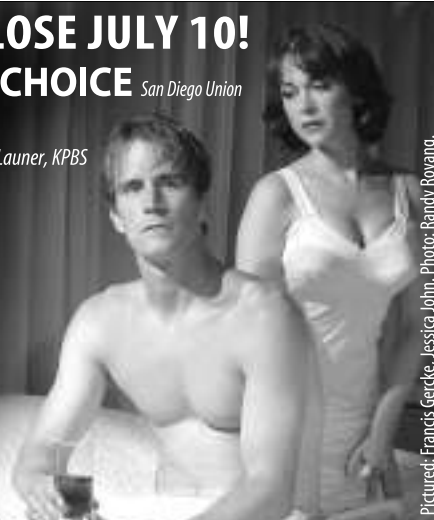
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Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

The Musical of Musicals: The Musical

Laguna Playhouse presents Eric Rockwell and Joanne Bogart's satire of Broadway's greatest musicals. Pamela Hunt directed. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-ARTS.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) re-

main the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Palm Beach: The Screwball Musical
"Millionaires are funny," Preston Sturges wrote in his autobiography. Along with inventing a kissproof lipstick, in the 1930s, Sturges directed hilarious French farces, labeled "screwball comedies," often about upper-class

foibles. At the La Jolla Playhouse, the entire evening's a Sturges movie. We follow the tribulations of the Fitch family as they winter in Palm Beach and, in true farce fashion, are a more extended family than meets the eye. Directed by Des McAnuff, the production's a master class in period style: look (you may never see more gleaming teeth on a stage), movement, attitude — all straight from 1939. The three-level set, which does a Kansas to Oz colorshift, is as fluid as the performances. David Gursky's music and Robert Cary's lyrics have some winners: especially "A Bad Man Is Easy to Find," belted by Erica Piccininni and Amanda Watkins. The book has smart one-liners (as when servant Jimmy tells the superrich apple of his eye, "Forget our stations, Victoria") and enough twists and surprises for several farces. There's so much technical virtuosity and sprint pacing, however, that the show's almost too slick. Neither the performers nor the audience have room to breathe. The result is a light, very well done, entertaining evening that feels hermetically sealed on the stage.

Worth a try.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, LA JOLLA,

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San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE "FAMILY" SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P.M. ("RATED PG-13"). 619-465-7469.

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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A

formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

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I bite into it. It tastes sweet in an apologetic way, no tart end-kick, the way you get with blackberries. Still, I buy a \$2.00 tray to take home to impress Carla.

And that's just the first five minutes here in Escondido. I've been eating market fodder all week before realizing: This is where Mom and Pop went to when the Wal-Marts levered them out of Main Street. This is where town meets country, the people in contact with — *EEK!* — Nature. Turns out, more than 6000 farmers grow food in San Diego County. Most are small family farms, nine acres or less.

No surprise we have about 25 farmers' markets operating around the county.

My interest in these places starts accidentally on a Sunday morning, when I wander past that mural of a five-toed dragon painted on a wall at Third and Market — I hear it represents the Emperor of China — a herald to let you know you're entering Chinatown.

I wander down Third to the awesome statue of Chin Shi Huang, the first emperor of China, in the garden of the Chinese Mission Building. And suddenly, I'm into the Third Avenue Farmers' Market and Asian Bazaar, a bunch of tents and stalls on J between Third and Fourth. I'm hungry, and I like the idea of looking for unexpected foods. I walk past flower trucks, fresh veggie stands, a stall where a lady crochets hats, a fresh-bread stand, and a Mexican food tent called "Picnic Stop," which a couple of people tell me has delicious tacos. Two bucks each.

But my nose is twitching at the smells coming from a stall with paper signs you can hardly read in the breeze. I catch the word "Sambusas." Aha. This is great. A Somali business. They make these little pyramids of pastry and fillings just as Indians and Pakistanis do (except in those cultures, they call them *samosas*). This guy Hamse says his are stuffed with chicken or beef or "spicy spinach" or lentils, with green chili and herbs. It



Ocean Beach Farmers' Market

all sounds good, but the deal-closer is the last on his list: a cream cheese, coconut, and potato sambussa. They're a dollar each, 3 for \$2.50, 6 for \$5.00. Delicious. Abdul, one of the other guys behind the counter, says I've got to have Somalian tea with it. I take a sip of one of the samples they have laid out. Hmm. Intriguing. "It is Lipton's," he says, "but with honey, ginger, and Somali spices." Costs \$2.00 for 16 ounces.

But now I've spotted a place two tents down that I've gotta try. "Malaysian Satay," it says. "Five sticks, \$3.00, or combo, \$5.00." The combo includes rice and veggies.

Just the sight of golden chicken spiked on satay sticks and smoking away on the fire grill makes me think of those famous night markets in Singapore, like the Newton Circus Car Park market, or the Orchard Road Car Park market. I order the combo, get seven sticks with a nice blob of peanut sauce, plus rice and veggies, and go find the sole table in the entire market that you can sit down at. A family from Hyderabad in In-

dia is seated there too. The mother, Lakshmi, eats a crêpe from La Crêperie, another food tent at this Third Street end.

I usually think of crêpes as sweet: strawberries, cream, Grand Marnier. But Lakshmi has ordered a vegetarian, bulging with jack and cheddar cheese, raw veggies like spinach, tomatoes, and mushrooms. "It is very good," Lakshmi says, "but I thought \$7.00 was a bit steep for market food."

I really want to try them, except the satay and rice have left no room whatsoever. But don't feel sorry for La Crêperie. The joking, singing, boisterous, flamboyant, French-speaking chef has a never-ending line waiting just for him. Chef Louda's his name. A character. His customers seem mostly a downtown condo crowd, well-off empty-nesters who'll pay to get their veggies and fruit fresh, local, and organic.

Oddly, the one thing that's missing here is Chinese. This was supposed to be an Asian market for the historically Asian part of town, but David Klamann, who manages the market, says he

just hasn't been able to get interest from Asian foodies. Well, at least we had the satay.

A few days later I'm up at UCSD, near that incredible library that looks like a 3-D crossword puzzle. It's a Tuesday, lunchtime, and the wide pathway is packed. Tents and tables, smoke from barbecues, and some guy shouting over music about a band called Ludacris.

Except it seems Ludacris is a rapper, not a band. Famous. And he himself is here handing out free tix (the rest of us'd pay \$32.50 and up) for the "Anger Management tour," which — wow — also features Eminem. Except the longest line isn't for Ludacris and Eminem. It's for the lemongrass barbecue. A white tent, and behind it, two way-big barbecue grill racks, with guys turning chicken pieces by the dozens, sending out that smoke that makes me dizzy. I stand behind a student wearing a T-shirt that says, "I [heart] Nerds." She orders a rice combo with teriyaki chicken, rice, and grilled vegetables. She pays \$6.00, and \$1.00 for a soda.

"Uh, line here," says this guy, and I realized I've cut to the front. I go around to the end of the line. Eight back, I'm looking over the half a dozen selections, combos, or wraps with satay chicken, teriyaki chicken. But everyone ahead of me just says, "Green wrap." The board describes it as chicken, grilled veggies, lettuce, lightly pickled cucumber, and red onion wrapped in a flappy flour tortilla. So I go for it too (it's \$7.00), with the lemongrass chicken — seeing as that's what they're all about. Besides, I have good memories of the dish from when I was this spotty, sweaty kid, happily lost in Thailand and Laos. Suzanne, who takes my order, is from Battambang, in Cambodia. The owner, Pat, grew up Thai-Lao. She's originally from Laos. She escaped when she was young, a night trip with her family by tiny boat across the Mekong River. "It's amazing," she says. "I started off here with one little grill. But UCSD...the students have been wonderful." And the wrap? Doesn't sound too Thai. "I just dreamed that up about four months ago." She'd noticed how students were always eating on the run. It's now her most popular item. "Here I am living the American dream," she says, looking at the long line.

Oh, yes. That lemongrass flavor is the real

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thing. *Aroy di mak mak!* Delicious! The grilled veggies are nice and squelchy, and the wrap's easy to rip, not rubbery.

As I nibble, I wander about 30 yards down to where a bunch of mostly Korean students have their own barbecue. A smaller operation, but it smells good. They're from Lambda Phi Epsilon, an Asian-oriented fraternity, and they do this a couple of times a week to raise money. They use meat they buy already marinated, in garlic, soy, sesame, and ginger. And boy, do they offer a deal. For five bucks you get barbecued beef, rice, kimchee (the classic Korean pickled cabbage), and a drink — unless they run out of sodas. Which happens most days.

You could spend all day eating here, if you had the stomach space. I meet Martine, another real character who runs Bibby's Crêpes. Next time I'll come for her turkey-avocado-spinach-brie crêpe (\$7.00). Or maybe the wicked creamy Crêpe Suzette, smelling of orange and Grand Marnier (\$6.00). This campus is looking up.

Businesses such as the Somali sambussa guys follow the markets around the county day by day. And why not? David Klamman, who manages the Chinatown and O.B. markets, says the main expense for vendors is the ten percent of their gross income that they must give the organizers. Musicians, buskers, and poets, on the other hand, don't pay a thing. If they fill their hats with Washingtons, that's fine by Klamman. "They give the market its atmosphere," he says.

So it's no surprise to find this older violinist standing beside an Irish pub in the middle of Escondido's Tuesday-afternoon market, sawing away at "Humors of South Ballynure Sloe," an Irish jig.

It sets the tone. Escondido's near veggie-growing areas, so you'd expect to see chefs from upmarket eateries coming to buy the best. Prices may be 25 percent up on Vons, but they're fresh, organic, and local. That's market rules.

Again, I need to eat. I see some of the usual suspects — like the ubiquitous sambussa guys. But I want something new. Bitsyng my way through the market, I come across Gina. She sells corn on the cob. Oh man. For a couple of bucks she hauls one out of its steaming bath, douses it in mayonnaise, sprinkles it with Parmesan cheese, then paints the length with four stripes of her hot sauce. It has to be the most delicious snack I've had all year. I strip that baby and wander on, past chocolate truffles, plumcots (what if you married a plum and an apricot?), white peaches, nut stalls with yummy varieties like lemon almonds, a place with soup mixes like Malabar Coast Curried Lentil, and special beans like organic anasazi beans (\$3.00 for a pound).

Only at the end of my circuit do I discover Randy Bowen and his olde worlde kettle-corn trailer. He pops the corn in a big black cauldron and bags it in lots of \$1.25 or more. Next to him, his buddy is closing up. Chuck Richardson just roasts peanuts. Dollar a bag, but hot, fresh. You can't beat the smell.

The mother of all markets has to be O.B. A farmer's market suits these streets. It's an extension of who O'Beings are. It's great for the vendors too, because all the rich folk come down from the hills of Point Loma and La Jolla to get organic — and maybe to break free of their starchy lives.

There's food aplenty here: "Atkins Is Dead!" says a sign. Next to it, another reads: "I

(Heart) Carbs." This is Devine Pastabilities, and the idea is to stuff different pasta dishes down hollowed-out French breads, so you can carb away with no mess. They have a shop somewhere but are regulars at the market. The spaghetti meatball torpedo costs \$4.50.

I stop at a stall selling squash blossoms (\$4.99 a pound). "Bake 'em with pesto, stuff 'em with crab meat, deep fry 'em with eggs and bread," says Edouardo Dias. He grows them in Carlsbad. In the tent next door, Gourmet Tamales, his sister Alejandra sells 20 different kinds of tamale. The sign says that their tamales won first and second place at the Indio International Tamale Festival. Flavorwise, they have everything. Spinach, feta cheese, and tomatillo; squash blossom; *tinga* (spicy chicken with chipotle); nopal (cactus); and dessert tamales like pumpkin spice, and pineapple, coconut, and raisin.

I go traditional: pork loin with roasted green chiles. I pay my \$2.50 and peel away the corn husks. A squirt of hot sauce, and it's warm heaven. Funny to think that Aztecs and Incas were making these 7000 years ago.

To swill it down, I stop at Barrett's Old-Fashioned lemonade tent, where the dude squeezes the half-lemon, adds sugar, pours water, and shakes it all up between two plastic cups. I pay \$2.50 for a 16-ounce.

I follow my ears to another commotion. What do you know? It's Chef Louda, of Le Crêperie. I swear, he's everywhere. Here he's got himself a line 12-strong, mostly women, and he's flying, pouring the batter on hot plates, raking it flat, adding spinach, avocado, taking orders, telling jokes, spouting in English, Spanish, French. David Klamman told me this

guy does 25 percent more business just because of the show he puts on. He came here with his recipes from Brittany in northern France and on the basis of half a dozen savory and half a dozen sweet crêpes has built an awesome following — the weight-conscious, mostly, it seems. He's done so well, he's recently opened a full-fledged restaurant at 3773 30th Street, North Park.

He serves crêpes like the Popeye's Revenge, with spinach, avocado, cheese, and garlic (\$7.00). Or the California Surfer, with bacon, avocado, and cheese (\$7.00).

So the question is, is it worth the seven bucks? And the verdict is yes — for the freshness and flavor. The crêpe is good and garlicky, and it's filling. Plus, I kind of enjoy listening to Chef Louda carry on, as inexhaustible as the Energizer bunny.

Only one thing to do before I'm through. The Muffin Ma'am's here somewhere. Paddy Wilson. She has \$2.00 muffins that are vegan, sugar-free, high-fiber, low-fat. I'm after a pumpkin and blueberry. Fifty percent bran, she says, and good for the brain.

Of course, this whole market idea is not exactly new in this part of the state. About 100 years ago, a group called the Little Landers set up down in San Ysidro as California's first commune. "Every man an acre!" was their cry. And the Little Landers did manage to produce a surplus of food on their single-acre plots. Starting in 1907, they brought that surplus up to a market at Sixth Avenue and C Street downtown. Ain't that great? In that 100 years, we've cracked the human genome, learned to fly and travel space, yet some things we keep coming back to. Call me a Luddite, but street markets are one piece of our past we need. I'm betting they're here to stay.

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Appetizers! Appetizers! Me want..." I swear. Carla's becoming a kid again. Specially when it comes to Mediterranean eats. We're talking Greek, Turkish, Lebanese, Middle Eastern. There was that time when we were humping around, like, Qatar, Egypt, when all we ate was appetizers. Months on end. Finances, of course. And, of course, for months after, we couldn't stand the sight of a bowl of hummus, baba ghanoush, or tabbouleh.

Now, the pendulum's swung again, and Carla has the hots for anything Middle Eastern. So when her friend Linda called and said she'd been to this place where they served homemade hummus, Carla had my butt on that 901 bus before I could say baba ghanoush.

"There's only one problem," Linda told Carla. "It's in a liquor store. Right next to Petco."

We hop off the bus at Ninth and Orange, then head south toward Petco. And then we're here. "Grand Opening," says the sign. "Coronado Bottle Shop. Mediterranean, Greek, and Pizza Restaurant."

It's a liquor store all right, but it has a couple of black metal tables and chairs outside.

"Follow me." Carla heads in, weaves down through the racks of bottles, brandy, whisky, wine, water. I make out a blue-painted counter way at the back.

We end up stuck behind a bunch of schoolkids ordering slices of pizza. Coronado High. It's a cou-

ple of blocks away. I grab two sheet-of-paper menus. Slices, I see, are \$1.89 each, or you can get a "combo slice," with one topping and a soda for \$2.78.

One side of the menu is Greek, the other is sandwiches, with pizzas in the middle and appetizers at the bottom. The Greek dishes are \$3.99 for a sandwich and \$6.99 (mostly) for a plate, which comes with rice, salad, and pita bread.

They have what you'd expect: sheesh kabob, gyro, a chicken gyro, beef or chicken souvlaki (cooked over charcoal on skewers with onions and tomatoes), falafel (a deep-fried garbanzo patty with sesame sauce), and *spanakopita*, spinach pie. I see the plate size for this and the falafel are only \$5.99 each.

The owner, Sadir — or Steve as everybody seems to call him — stands behind the register. His green eyes are hawklike. Schoolkids ain't gonna mess with him. He's a Chaldean, Christian from Iraq. Spent a lot of his childhood in Greece. Worked in a restaurant there, he tells us, as we wait our turn. He's owned a liquor store here for years, used to have a pizza place in Poway. Always dreamed of opening an eatery in Coronado. "I wanted to make a place where you got good food and could basically fill yourself up for about five bucks or so. Now I've got a chance to do it."

He says the burger I'm looking at (with fries and salad, \$4.98) is a half-pounder. Wow. Not bad. They have a Philly cheesesteak for \$5.98, same sides,

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and a shrimp sandwich for \$4.98.

"The meatball sandwich," mutters this guy behind us. "To die for." He works for a local plumbers' outfit. Knows every eatery on the island. "I tell you," he says, "meatballs. Something about the sauce. Or — their pizzas. I mean, I know pizzas, right? It's the sauce again. There's better pizza here than anywhere in San Diego. True! Except maybe Mazara's in North Park. Or DeMille's. But this is better than Filippi's, and I never thought I'd say it."

Before I have time to digest all that, Carla has ordered a gyro plate (\$6.99) for herself and a hummus dip appetizer (\$3.97) and is talking about a falafel (the deep-fried garbanzo, \$3.97) and dolma (rice-stuffed grape leaves, same price).

"Sweetheart, you're gonna \$3.97 me to death." "But that's why we came! Don't you remember, six months of our lives..."

In the end, the hummus is our only extra. I order up a chicken souvlaki (\$6.99). It's on special today, comes with a free drink. I get lemon soda for both me and Carla (the second drink costs \$1.00). We're out twenty bucks and change.

Still, the gyro's turned Carla into a murmuring brook, bubbling with *mmm*'s and "oh yeah's." I grab

a few bites. It does have a good spicy flavor to it. A bit short on tzatziki, but Steve gives us more.

You can taste the lemon and smoke in my chicken souvlaki. You know it has been truly cooked on charcoal, because the three skewers are about burned off at the holding end. The salad with tzatziki sauce, feta cheese, red onions, and real Kalamata olives is great. But it's the basmati rice under the skewers that is the greatest. Just spicy enough.

And now, hummus time. Carla and I curl up over it, rip the pita, scoop out the garbanzo. You can taste the sesame tahini and the garlic. We start talking about the day it rained in the desert in Qatar, about eating rabbit fresh-caught by a falcon, about the day we discovered that algebra, navigation, half our knowledge, and just about all our religions come from the Middle East.

Wadia, Steve's cousin, who is the cook, says he also makes the baklava. "Like to try?" he says. They're 80 cents, but he gives it to us for free.

What a kick, taking our baklava and sitting out there on the Avenue, chowing down and watching all the surprised faces pass. "Eating? At a liquor store?" you can see them all thinking. Okay, so it's not exactly the Hotel Del. But hey, neither are the prices. ■

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"What we have in California is a tremendous amount of sun during the ripening season."

Why would you age a wine?" asks Craig Becker, winemaker at — among other places — Peacock Family Vineyard, which produces a Cabernet from Napa's Spring Mountain District. "We age wine because of the winemaking tradition that came from Europe. Those wines required aging; they needed time for acids to soften or drop, for tannins to soften. In California, we can do that on the vine. We can get things to a point where it's delicious just after it's bottled. We're making fleshy, immediately enjoyable wines — because we can. If anybody's had a Harlan, they know that it's going to age nicely, but it's really good right now."

But what about the storied complexities of flavors that can only develop with time in the bottle? Aren't there things that only an older wine can offer? "There's a lot of truth to that," grants Becker. But, he notes, "Most people don't have a cellar." Most people aren't interested in waiting 15 years to open a bottle. "As I go around and sell Peacock, I would say we've got probably a 90 percent acceptance rate. People either love it or they want something more European — it's just different palates."

However much the gulf between Old World and New World wines has been discussed, the dichotomy was not always so clear. Explains Becker, "What we have in California that's shared

by maybe just a couple of other wine regions is a tremendous amount of sun during the ripening season. Other countries have quite a bit of rain." Sunshine and heat aid in the production of sugar within the grape, "So in California, we can get

sugar spikes in the grapes without the other compounds developing in a similar fashion" — notably, the tannins. "You can end up with a wine that is fairly alcoholic" — high alcohol being the result of high sugar — "but still fairly tannic." The sugar spikes, so the California winemaker picks be-

fore he gets a 16.5 percent alcoholic monster. But he ends up with tannins, acids, and flavor compounds that could have used a little more time to develop on the vine. He makes a wine that needs a few years in a cellar to really open up — just like its Old World counterparts.

"What we've learned," continues Becker, "is that if you wait, you get better flavors, more concentration, and softer tannins. When you go through harvest decisions, you're looking for things beyond just sugar, pH, and titratable acidity. Those are very important factors, but what you're really looking for, especially with mountain fruit, is for the tannins to become soft. You taste the vineyard on a very regular basis, and you can track the development of flavors and tannins. When I first started at Spring Mountain Vineyard in '97, everything was 100 percent

whole-berry fermentation. It was defensive winemaking. I believe in being able to extract everything I can out of the grapes. At Peacock, I get the tannins to a point where I enjoy them enough to crush absolutely every berry."

And what about sugar? What about alcohol? "The alcohol is, in some ways, an afterthought." You pick when the fruit is perfect, "and then you look at the chemistry of the wine and say, 'How can I make a stable wine?' Sometimes you don't have to do anything. But often, when you have a fermenter full of juice, you've released a lot of sugars."

Peacock's grapes go through two rounds of sorting — in the vineyard and back at the winery — and many sugar-intense raisins are removed. Even so, an especially warm ripening stage can result in above-optimal sugars. What then? "We're not supposed to talk about it," says Becker, "so we use the term 'adjusted.' But the government did clarify a law allowing you to adjust the must to ensure a 'healthy fermentation.' That basically means that you can add water," which dilutes the sugar concentration and reduces your chances of a stuck fermentation.

Adding water — it's not something you hear about on your average winery tour. Neither are reverse osmosis and nanofiltration, processes that separate wine into component parts. After the separation, "You have water, volatile acidity, and alcohol in one camp and then color, flavor, and everything else in the other." You can distill your water/volatile/alcohol component to remove alcohol, then mix your water back into the color/flavor component. Or, you can run it



The Peacock Family Vineyard on Spring Mountain

through a charged filter to remove volatile acidity, and even some of the compounds produced by the renegade yeast *Brettanomyces*. "You can't get rid of all of it, but you can certainly tone down a giant defect. It becomes expensive, but it's not nearly as expensive as losing the whole batch."

You don't hear about these practices for a number of reasons. One, suggests Becker, is that "Everybody wants to be considered a magician. Winemakers want to be the best, and they don't want to give away their secrets." But it's more than that as well. Winemakers, after all, are usually happy to talk about extended macerations, cold soaking, and various other winemaking techniques that affect the finished wine. "What it's become," says Becker, "is space-age technology vs. natural, holistic winemaking. There's a big movement in the industry to keep wine natural. People say, 'What's the point of being organic and sustainable and biodynamic in the vineyard if you end up using processes that are totally unnatural?'"

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Becker sees the point, and he tries to avoid technological tweaking where he can, but he's not opposed in principle. "Every once in a while, I think people have to peer into this underworld of technology to fix something or make something better. I think de-alcoholizing can actually make a better wine. You can bring a wine back into balance; you can find different aromas, different fruit characters. I think, oftentimes, the wine is better. This is a very general comment, but I think wines that tend to score over 90 points tend to be wines that have been adjusted."

As he's noted, "adjusting" can mean something as involved as nanofiltration or something as simple as the addition of water. "Deacidification is another one, taking a wine with a pH of 3.55 and a titratable acidity of 6.5 and making it into a 3.85/4.8. It means you get a big, fat, juicy Cabernet instead of one you have to lay down for ten years. It changes the mouthfeel — tan-

nins tend to become smoother and softer with a higher pH. Essentially, it just involves adding potassium carbonate to the wine; it binds the acid and precipitates out." He's even seen deacidification make the difference between an 88-point wine and a 91-point wine — same grapes, same style, but the modified acidity helped garner 3 crucial points.

Becker regards these technological tweaks as tools, tools a winemaker may need when he "pushes the envelope of ripeness and stability. If you're using them, it doesn't mean you're a novice, it doesn't mean you don't know how to ferment. They're tools you can use to help shape the wine and to rectify problems. You prefer not to use it most of the time, but knowing how to use it is smart, good business." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of

authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese

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St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside

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When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.* (8/03)

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W.* (9/03)

Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10 (Rancho Bernardo Town Center), Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. This very pretty restaurant in an attractive Asian-themed mini-mall offers South Vietnamese specialties rarely found in the North Inland area. Not all dishes on the lengthy menu are equally successful, though. Among the best are the "royal egg roll" wrapped around a shrimp, the pineapple-sweetened "tangy and sour" soups, the tender roast Cornish hen with Five Spices seasoning and the catfish clay pot with herbs. The crêpes are a good bet, too. In salads and stir-fried dishes, though, the kitchen may overcook red meats until tough, and sauces can be heavy with cornstarch. Incidentally, don't look for *pho* on the dinner menu — it's served at lunch only. Numerous vegetarian choices. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sun-

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day. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Three vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then

there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M. (8/04)*

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby

miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

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.*

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cap-pucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Diners expensive. — *E.W.*

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

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 deadly-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are 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)*

LA JOLLA

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/99)*

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato and Gorgonzola pizza with bacon. (Potato with pizza? It works.) Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner

seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Parée" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional

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Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — N.W. (9/03)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Moderate. — N.W. (11/03)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multi-regional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the

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money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's

mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak

tartare (*yukhoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N. (12/99)*

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a moun-

tain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Café menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious omelets, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's

menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's *toute suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M. (9/04)*

Gingo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside

resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass lookalikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted resi-

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Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

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)

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Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hard-working kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and early dinner six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalapeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Stone Ground Coffee Works 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-698-4217. If the odd ghost doesn't bother you, this light-fare eatery (located beneath a reputed ex-house of joy) is a great place to bring your book or laptop, slurp coffee, and munch. The food is basically sandwiches, soup, salad, but it's all good and homemade. Try the turkey, avocado and bacon sandwich on dark squawbread, or the toasted tuna melt with tomato, cheese, and avocado. Half-sandwiches available. Other pluses: the owner's arty (she painted the whimsical tabletops and plays the hammer dulcimer) and she has a resident lady ghost who's dying to meet you. Breakfast and lunch daily except Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dan-

gles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

Village Garden Restaurant and Bakery 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes

German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* alongside applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), middletown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio (look for dentist's sign) has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss

the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day; can use dentist's lot if not chained off at night and on weekends. Good choice of beers, a few affordable wines, no corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakor*as (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B. (4/03)*

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in


tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacog*os *cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

The Grill 420-E Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest (near Fouth, opposite Crest Café), 619-683-7725. You get no clue from the name that this tiny place is



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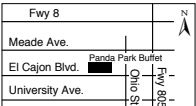
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Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Also at 906 Market Street, Gaslamp, 619-595-0115. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegetarian-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., *saté*, beef salad) featuring a tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce “Crazy Duck” salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) “three-flavor” whole fried fish accompanied by a garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and too many dishes are oddly bland (even when they’re spicy). The flesh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they’ve been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you’re best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistani, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It’s not just “fusion food.” Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she’s doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/99)

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard’s brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd’s pie, bangers and mash, ploughman’s plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington’s Pub Ale. Sunday’s roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells

British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — E.W. (5/99)

DOWNTOWN

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)

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you’re rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it’s completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like “Texas chili,” or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It’s the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for “cherry,” and although the café’s logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of

slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don’t miss the day’s choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillotte*. There’s an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (5/04)

Dobson’s 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, crudite steak, and, when available, the clute but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson’s is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/98)

Fleming’s Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an “old girl’s” club, or just a happy place where the term “a nice piece of meat” isn’t a bad thing? The mahogany of the “old boys” steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it’s brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — A.M. (3/04)

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you’ll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it’s easy to tell which twin is which: The “chef recommend sizzle plates,” the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially “house special rice noodles”), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change

your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

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 rabbitied and left it to his partner George Harrington. It’s still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks (and roast beef on weekends), some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers (“lobster Martini,” oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — N.W. (3/04)

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott’s Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together

to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varieties like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — A.M. (11/02)

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don’t be fooled by the li’l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College’s hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — E.B. (11/00)

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeliness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (3/00)

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — E.W. (4/00)

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po’ boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery’s big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/01)

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill’s Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp’s big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It’s loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf’s, they’re still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a

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Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn

dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef's tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a "sea spa" dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautéed items and children's plates. The restaurant is

very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Chula Vista Farmers' Market Center Street (between Del Mar and 3rd), Chula Vista, 619-237-1632. Most folks come here for flowers, fruit, lucky bamboo, and olive oil. But the food tents give the event its smell and soul. What's here varies, but try Argentina's national snack, empanadas, at the Argentinean Gourmet tent. They come with chicken, spinach, corn, or, of course, beef. Chicken-chutney tacos from Zia's (of Zia's Afghan Café) are rich. The savory California Super Crêpe (with bacon, avocado, and cheese) from Tunisian-run La Crêperie's tent fills you nicely. Also try their wicked "Summer Blush" strawberries and Grand Marnier crêpe. Cheaper here? No. Medieval market atmosphere? Definitely. 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursdays only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in

French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Miracle Mile Delicatessen 980 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6655. Back East meets Out West. New Yorker Jack Grodzinsky started the first Miracle Mile in Phoenix in 1949. The cream and maroon colors, the cafeteria tray-on-rails system, and the cabbage-gravy smell tell you this is a cold weather comfort-food station. They're generous with dishes like meat loaf, stuffed cabbage, and roast chicken. The counter guys also make hot sandwiches (pastrami, corned beef, beef brisket, barbecued chicken) or cold (honey-cured ham, roast beef, tuna). Best deal? For many, the roasted turkey. A fresh-cooked bird arrives every evening except Sunday. Come right after 4 p.m. to get first carvings and tons of fixin's. Prices? For Coronado, pretty reasonable. Open lunch to early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado,

619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucha* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Village Pizzeria 116 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. In the back, Mootime Creamery makes all its ice cream. In the front, Mootime owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones, pizza by the slice, and he sells Mootime ice cream cheaper than Mootime. Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to ten-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

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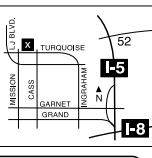
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D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with *tarros* and pizza. *Tarros* are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — *E.B.* (2/04)

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja,

646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghastly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (10/02)

Hacienda de la Tia Juana Canaco Building, next to the Wax Museum, Avenida México (First Street), at Madero, downtown Tijuana. The elegance of this place, named after a border rancho, is a bit of a surprise. It's slapdab in the middle of raucous (now-pedestrianized) First Street (also known as *Avenida México*), the route for those of us who have to walk from the border, surrounded by taco and beer joints ea-

ger to relieve you of your last buck. But here, under white umbrellas in the courtyard, you wouldn't be ashamed to bring your grandma. It's all filigreed wrought iron, triple-tier fountain, pigskin barrel chairs, quality flatware — with good value meals. A chorizo and potato omelet makes a great breakfast, as does the *poblano* omelet with chili and corn. Lunch and dinner food is *bistec ranchero* standard, but don't get picky. You're here for the feeling, to escape TJ as much as to visit it. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Domínguez), Río District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Goryachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.* (12/04)

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread

buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The

menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — *N.W.* (7/04)

St. Tropez If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 W. Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824; Sorrento Valley: 9450 Scranton Road, 858-202-0015. — *N.W.* (12/04)

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from the “some time ago” prologue that reprises the events of *Night...*, is very much an alternative world: the world that would have been, if the contagious living dead had climbed out of their graves in 1969. Or alternatively yet again, the world of tomorrow. The zombies, colloquially called “walkers” and derogatorily called “stanches,” have the run of the country, going about their daily business, aping the activities of normal human beings, “pretending to be alive.” The remaining normals, or the only ones we know about, are fortified within the moatlike three rivers of Pittsburgh (though the film was shot, against Romero’s pattern and principles, in Canada), a privileged few residing in the high-rise condominium complex *cum* shopping mall of Fiddler’s Green (advertising slogan: “Life Goes On”), the less fortunate scavenging in the streets outside, and a handful of well-compensated but disreputable mercenaries venturing out into zombie territory, on motorcycles and in an armored bus christened Dead Reckoning, to bring back booty for the pleasure of the privileged.

This parody of a class system — the Haves, Have-Nots, and, quite literally, Untouchables — stresses the science-fictional impulse at the root of the entire series. (The traditional zombie film, *White Zombie* or *I Walked with a Zombie*, was straight horror.) Along that line of thought, the incremental progress of the zombies, now beginning to think, to organize, to arm themselves, represents a parody of the rising Third World, the massing underclass. Romero, who always finds a prominent role for a black actor, puts him this time at the head of the zombie revolution, the Marxian mastermind, despite the communication skills of a caveman. (Splendid shots of him and his army standing at the water’s edge, pondering the question of how to get across. And a splendid solution, too: they are, as they come to realize, already dead; they’re not going to drown.)

It is again to Romero’s credit that he hasn’t injected his zombies with the steroidal strength and speed of their bastard offspring in last year’s remake of *Dawn...*; again to his credit that he hasn’t accompanied them with the headbanging heavy metal that seems, everywhere else, to have become their obligatory musical motif (Romero isn’t a teenager, he’s in his mid-sixties); again to his credit that he has rejected any trendy razzle-dazzle technique in favor of solid old-fashioned craftsmanship; and finally to his credit that, notwithstanding the zombie cameos offered good-naturedly to the makers of *Shaun of the Dead*, Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright, he hasn’t caved in to self-mockery. He is still, let’s remember, talking about the end of the world. He is, in his own way, serious. He does not seek here to “top” himself, only to maintain. (The quick-hitting gore is indisputably extreme and yet somehow blasé.) And if the evolution of his idea — the evolution of his zombies — is not particularly inspired, neither has it been in any way perverted.

Even so, there seems to be a limit (already passed before entry into this third sequel) on the number of ways a human can blow off a zombie’s head, or a zombie in turn can take a bite out of a human. There is clearly a very strict limit on the number of ways a bitten human can react: blow off his own head, have somebody do it for him, or turn into a zombie himself. This gets old. And the search for sym-

bols, metaphors, and such, is overburdened by the time a zombie tears out someone’s navel ring with his teeth. There is more than one kind of decadence, and Romero is not immune.

The cast — Simon Baker as a responsible mercenary, John Leguizamo as an irresponsible one, Robert Joy as a disfigured retarded sharpshooter licking his sight with his thumb like Sergeant York, Dennis Hopper as a nose-picking capitalist trampler on the masses — adds little interest, although the presence of Asia Argento, daughter of Italian horrormeister Dario Argento, allows Romero to express gratitude to his producer on *Dawn...*, his directorial teammate on the horror anthology, *Two Evil Eyes*, and his emulator on films of his own.

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Yes cries out for a one-word review: No.

In fairness, however, we probably should specify some of the things we’re saying no to.

No, first and foremost, to the formulation of modern-day dialogue in rhyme (yes, rhyme, as in “So many lies” answered by “I guess that’s what happens when love dies” or “I can’t go

on like this” answered by “Why? What did I say, what did I miss?” as well as uncollaborative rhymes such as “Is it me you’re talking to? What do you know of my point of view, and come to that, of what I do?” and “I’m not the lying kind. What can I do to purify your mind?”), as if to elevate, to Shakespearean heights, the earnest talk about the battle of the sexes, the clash of cultures, the conflict of religions, Mideast vs. West, etc., but having the effect instead of getting the viewer to listen more for sound than for sense. No, too, to the insistence of “invisible” working women on inserting themselves in front of the camera, looking directly into it, and addressing it aloud in catty, confidential, conspiratorial tones. No to blown-up digital video which, while worrying the viewer that he is going blind, will no doubt look better in the DVD release, and which, in the meantime, reduces the big-screen theater to a mere way station en route to the store shelf. No to a postmodern patchwork of visual styles and textures. No to outsized ambition outrun by pretension. No to Sally Potter, the writer-director (and sympathy to Joan Allen, Simon Abkarian, Sam Neill).

No, no, no. ■

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The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D — The daydream super-heroes 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Après Vous — A French gâteau of cloying overelaboration, relying on its charac-

ters’ 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 Kiberalain). The direction of Pierre Salvadori is not 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. Interesting though it is to watch this fastidious virtuoso throw himself into slop-work, you wouldn’t want him to make a habit of it. 2004.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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man; 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 story-telling 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 superpowers, the hero floats through the air with the ease of Spider-Man if not Superman.) To help sustain that air a bit further, there is no jokey villain this time (notwithstanding a forward-looking nod to the Joker at the fadeout), but rather an apocalyptic criminal plot, fully worthy of a Fu Manchu, to do to Gotham what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah, and for similar reasons. And the nightmarish visions evoked by a "weaponized hallucinogen" (a sign of the times, a salute to Al Qaeda) are genuinely scary. On balance, the two-way cutting goes deeper in the direction of conviction than in that of ridiculousness. 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 — The enlistment of Nora

Ephron, director and (with her sister Delia) co-writer, assures a level of smartness unexpected in a transplant from the small screen to the big. Not at all a reasonable facsimile of the Sixties sitcom about the witchy housewife with the twitchy nose, it is rather a backlot Hollywood satire about an attempted revival of said sitcom. 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. (Inasmuch as this nonremake, or meta-remake, is at the same time a kind of remake after all, the actress cast in the part of the television witch happens to be a bona fide witch: "She's incredibly dialled in," exclaims one of the producers at the audition.) 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. 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*. But a lot more, certainly, than the wisp-of-smoke sitcom from which it takes its name. With Nicole Kidman, Michael Caine, Shirley MacLaine. 2005.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN;

TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Charade — High-grade Hitchcock knock-off by Stanley Donen, with Cary Grant on hand to supply pedigree. Audrey Hepburn, composer Henry Mancini, cinematographer Charles Lang, designer Jean D'Eaubonne, and the city of Paris all add their share of glamour. With Walter Matthau, James Coburn, George Kennedy. 1963.

★★★ (GARDEN CABARET, 6/30 THROUGH 7/3, 8:30 P.M.)

Cinderella Man — The story of heavyweight 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 CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Downfall — Two-and-a-half-hour countdown to the end of the Third Reich. Bruno Ganz, digging into his meatiest role in years, looks and sounds fine as the Führer; and filmmaker Oliver Hirschbiegel's strict adherence to documented history, and to the precise design and décor of the infamous bunker, give the film some educational value, although the drab-to-dismal


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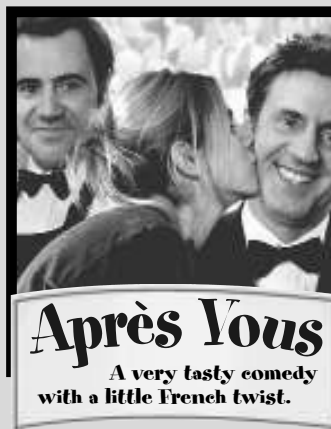
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cinematography equates to a professorial drone. Entertainment value, meantime, rises no higher than sadistic pleasure at seeing Hitler have a bad fifty-sixth birthday and bad rest of his life: “No one understands me....” With Alexandra Maria Lara, 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)

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, THROUGH 6/30)

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. 2005.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Herbie: Fully Loaded — The ’63 Volkswagen Bug with a mind of its — er, his — own (also a libido of his own: antenna coming to full alert at the sight of a late-model cab-yellow Beetle) is reclaimed from Crazy Dave’s Scrap and Salvage and spruced up for the NASCAR circuit. Inspid kiddie film, though Matt Dillon is a good sport as the straw-man antagonist. With Lindsay Lohan, Michael Keaton, Justin Long, and Breckin Meyer; directed by Angela Robinson. 2005.
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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, Zoëy 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 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 Borsht Belt shtick of Billy Crystal), and the refuge of the demure heroine, a young milliner transmogrified into a hunchbacked crone by the multiple-chinned Witch of the Waste. It looks — and this is not meant as a compliment — like something you might encounter in a live-action Terry Gilliam film, right down to the computer animation that so contaminates Miyazaki’s hand-drawn purism. 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 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

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The Warriors is like watching a live-action version of *Streets of Rage*. I can’t believe it was never turned into a video game. All the elements are here: caricatured gangs (including fighting mimes); a singular plot thread (The Warriors have to get from the Bronx to Coney Island before the night’s over); and distinctive place settings (the subway, Central Park, etc.).

Curse of the Demon has great atmospheric black-and-white cinematography. I love the cheesy monster. There are two different versions on the DVD, British and American. I chose to watch the British cut *Night of the Demon* since I expected it would be the superior version.

THE WARRIORS (USA) 1979, Paramount
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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)

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

JENNIFER BARNES
Manager, Ken Cinema

Nil by Mouth, the only film written and directed by Gary Oldman, is rumored to be semi-autobiographical. It’s a gritty, violent look at drugs, domestic abuse, and growing up poor in South London.

Richard Pryor has always been a favorite. In *Richard Pryor — Live in Concert* he’s funny, painfully honest, and sweats profusely. Call in sick, get a six-pack, and spend the afternoon laughing.

When asked to name my favorite film I either say *Cool Hand Luke* or Kurosawa’s *Dreams*. Since Kurosawa’s best on a big screen, I’ll go with the chain-gang classic about the rise and fall of natural-born world shaker Lucas Jackson.

NIL BY MOUTH (England) 1997, Columbia/Tristar
List price: \$29.95
RICHARD PRYOR — LIVE IN CONCERT (USA) 1979, MPI Home Video
List price: \$24.98
COOL HAND LUKE (USA) 1967, Warner Home Video
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by slicing off his leg in full stride with a thrown tomahawk), but will soon run afoul of a handful of kung-fu geniuses living in peaceful obscurity in a Shanghai slum called Pig Sty Alley. The Lion’s Roar, secret weapon of a henpecking cigarette-puffing landlady in hair curlers, will trump a bunch of axe wielders. But the Toad Style of the Kwan Lun School, the province of an unprepossessing old man locked up in Hannibal Lecter isolation, will trump that. And then the Buddha’s Palm, a celestial gift to the Chosen One, will trump that. For those who haven’t found martial-arts movies to be silly enough already, this assemblage of vaudeville characters, slapstick sight gags, and Looney Tunes violations of the laws of nature will further test their limits (if any). To be sure, the brutalization of bodies for the fun of it should not bother anyone who can see no difference between, say, a cartoon coyote and a flesh-and-blood human. Director, co-writer, and star Stephen Chow has given the thing an intermittent touch of perceptible, intelligible direction, not to be confused with perceptive, intelligent direction. The unintermittent, unrelenting di-

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Straight No Chaser would top my desert-island list. I can never get enough of Thelonious Monk. Now I can see him whenever I want.

After reading Jerry Stahl’s *I, Fatty*, I checked out two Buster Keaton/Fatty Arbuckle DVDs from the library. There was a stigma surrounding Arbuckle even when I was growing up that made it impossible to see more than a few clips of his genius. Fatty had it!

Whenever I am feeling down, the Marx Brothers pick me up, particularly *The Cocoanuts*. I’m crazy about the pre-Code women in the dance scenes. The new box set is outstanding.

THELONIOUS MONK: STRAIGHT NO CHASER (USA) 1989, Warner Home Video
List price: \$19.98
THE BEST ARBUCKLE/KEATON COLLECTION (USA) 1917, Image Entertainment
List price: \$24.99 (two discs)
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List price: \$59.98 (six discs)

rection 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 this issue. With Simon Baker, John Leguizamo, Asia Argento, and Dennis Hopper; written

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Layer Cake — Matthew Vaughn, producer of *Snatch* and *Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels*, tries his own hand at di-

recting 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.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Longest Yard — Dumbing-down of Robert Aldrich's 1974 prison-*cum*-football film, the Sadistic Guards versus the Avenging Convicts, not one of Aldrich's smarter ideas to begin with. (It's now the ESPN era, and the game is broadcast on national television.) Burt Reynolds, the star of the original, is given a token role and his old jersey number (22) as an incarcerated former coach and, for one play, a geriatric tailback.

(Ed Lauter, the chief sadistic guard of the original, is given a mere walk-on.) Runtly 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

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Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:40) 7:00, 10:10; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:55, 2:05, 3:15) 4:35, 5:30, 7:30, 8:10, 9:50, 10:40; Mon. (11:45, 12:55, 2:05, 3:15) 4:35, 5:30, 7:30, 8:10, 9:50; Tue.-Thu. (12:35, 1:35, 2:55, 3:55, 5:30) 7:30, 8:10, 9:50; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:05, 3:30) 6:55, 10:05; Tue.-Thu. (12:20, 3:30) 6:55, 10:05; **George A. Romero's Land of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 8:05, 10:35; Mon. (11:10, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25; Tue.-Thu. (1:25, 3:35, 5:45) 8:05, 10:25; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Mon. (11:30, 12:30, 2:10, 3:05) 4:40, 5:25, 7:10, 7:50, 9:35, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (12:30, 2:10, 3:00, 4:40, 5:25) 7:10, 7:50, 9:35, 10:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (11:20, 1:35, 3:50) 6:45, 9:25; Tue.-Thu. (12:10, 2:15, 4:35) 6:45, 9:25; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:55) 4:45, 7:40, 10:20; Mon. (11:15, 1:55) 4:45, 7:40, 10:30; Tue.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30; **Rebound** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (11:05, 1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (1:15, 3:25, 5:35) 7:45, 9:55; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25) 4:20, 7:25, 10:30; Mon. (12:25) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; Tue.-Thu. (12:25, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45) 4:30, 5:40, 7:15, 8:00, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45; Mon. (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45) 4:30, 5:40, 7:15, 8:00, 9:15, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (12:00, 1:00, 1:45, 2:50, 3:45, 4:30, 5:40) 7:15, 8:00, 9:15, 10:00

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
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Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 3:40, 4:10) 6:50, 7:20, 9:15, 10:00, 10:30; Sat.-Mon. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 3:40) 4:10, 6:50, 7:20, 9:15, 10:00, 10:30; Tue.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 3:40, 4:10) 6:50, 7:20, 9:15, 10:00, 10:30; **Crash** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55) 10:40; **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; Sat.-Mon. (12:00, 12:45, 2:20, 3:35) 4:40, 6:35, 7:05, 9:00, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. (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.-Mon. (12:15, 1:10, 2:45, 3:50) 5:15, 6:30, 7:45, 9:05, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (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.-Mon. (12:05, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; Tue.-Thu. (12:05, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:40; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 4:40) 6:55, 7:40, 10:05, 10:35; Sat.-Mon. (1:35) 4:40, 6:55, 7:40, 10:05, 10:35; Tue.-Thu. (1:35, 4:40) 6:55, 7:40, 10:05, 10:35; **The Perfect Man** (PG) Fri. (12:55, 4:15); Sat.-Mon. (12:55) 4:15; Tue.-Thu. (12:55, 4:15); **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 1:30, 2:25, 3:10, 3:45, 4:20, 5:10) 6:30, 7:00, 7:25, 7:55, 9:45, 10:10; Sat.-Mon. (12:45, 1:30, 2:25, 3:10, 3:45) 4:20, 5:10, 6:30, 7:00, 7:25, 7:55, 9:45, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (12:45, 1:30, 2:25, 3:10, 3:45, 4:20, 5:10) 6:30, 7:00, 7:25, 7:55, 9:45, 10:10

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.-Mon. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Tue. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; Wed. (1:50, 4:25) 9:35; Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; **Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room** (Not Rated) Fri. 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (11:25) 9:45; Tue.-Thu. 9:45; **Ladies in Lavender** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10; Sat.-Mon. (2:00) 4:35, 7:10; Tue.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10; **Mad Hot Ballroom** (PG) Fri. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Mon. (11:35) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; **Yes** (R) Fri. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. (11:45) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
War of the Worlds; Rebound; 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 3D; The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants; Cinderella Man; Madagascar; The Longest Yard; Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith; Crash
Mann Hazard 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 3:30) 6:50, 10:00; Sat.-Thu. (12:00, 3:30) 6:50, 10:00; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 5:00) 7:20, 9:50; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:20) 6:30, 9:40; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:30, 3:50) 6:40, 9:20; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 10:20; **Rebound** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:00, 9:30; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:40, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
War of the Worlds; Rebound; 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 3D; 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.-Sun. (12:40, 3:55) 7:10, 10:05; Mon. (12:40, 3:55) 7:05, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (1:25, 4:25) 7:25; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; Mon. (12:50, 3:10) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:30, 3:40, 5:50) 8:05; **George A. Romero's Land of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Mon. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:25, 9:40; Tue.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:35) 7:55; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Mon. (12:10, 2:25) 4:45, 7:00, 9:25; Tue.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:25) 7:40; **Rebound** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:05, 10:15; Mon. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (1:15, 3:10, 5:10) 7:10; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; Mon. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 7:45

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Lollipop Girls in Hard Candy (Not Rated) Sat. 12:00; **Ma Mère** (Not Rated) Fri. (4:30) 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Mon. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. (4:30) 7:00, 9:30

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Charade, Thursday through Sunday

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Heights (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20; Sat.-Mon. (11:35) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20; Tue.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20; **Howl's Moving Castle** (PG) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Mon. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; Tue.-Wed. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:40;

Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 9:40; **Layer Cake** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:50; **Mad Hot Ballroom** (PG) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (11:25) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Tue.-Wed. (2:00, 4:35) 9:45; Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; **My Summer of Love** (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. (11:55) 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:30, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00; **Rize** (PG-13) Fri. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Mon. (11:45) 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Sat. 7:00; **Alaska: Spirit of the Wild** (Not Rated) Sun. 6:00; **The Dream Is Alive** (Not Rated) Sun. 7:00; **Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00; Sun.-Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Tue. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Wed. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; **Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri.-Mon. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Tue. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Wed. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Night on Dream Mountain** Sat. 10:00; **Rhythms of the World** (Not Rated) Fri. 9:00; Tue.-Thu. 8:00; **Sky Tonight** Wed. 7:00, 8:00; **Space Station 3D** (Not Rated) Sat. 6:00; **Yellowstone** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3D (PG) Fri. (11:50, 2:15, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30; Sat.-Mon. (11:50, 2:15) 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 6:30, 7:00, 9:45, 10:15; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 12:10, 2:10, 2:50, 4:50, 5:30) 7:30, 8:10, 10:10, 10:50; Sat.-Mon. (11:30, 12:10, 2:10, 2:50) 4:50, 5:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10:10, 10:50; Tue.-Thu. (11:30, 12:10, 2:10, 2:50, 4:50, 5:30) 7:30, 8:10, 10:10, 10:50; **George A. Romero's Land of the Dead** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri. (11:05, 11:35, 1:45, 2:15, 4:25, 4:55) 7:05, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15; Sat.-Mon. (11:05, 11:35, 1:45, 2:15) 4:25, 4:55, 7:05, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (11:05, 11:35, 1:45, 2:15, 4:25, 4:55) 7:05, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Mon. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sat.-Mon. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Tue.-Thu. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **The Perfect Man** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:05); **Rebound** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; Sat.-Mon. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; Tue.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:30); **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:45, 2:20, 2:50, 4:30, 4:50, 5:10, 5:40, 12:50, 3:40) 6:30, 7:15, 7:40, 8:00, 8:20, 9:20, 10:00, 10:30, 10:50, 11:10; Sat.-Mon. (11:00, 11:10, 11:30, 12:00, 1:45, 2:20, 2:50, 4:30, 4:50, 5:10, 5:40, 12:50, 3:40) 6:30, 7:15, 7:40, 8:00, 8:20, 9:20, 10:00, 10:30, 10:50, 11:10

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 4:10, 7:30, 10:45; Mon. (12:45) 4:10, 7:20, 10:30; Tue.-Thu. (12:45, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri. (2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.-Mon. (11:30, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10; **Cinderella**

Man (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:15) 7:00, 10:05; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri. (2:55) 5:10, 7:50, 10:20; Sat.-Mon. (11:45, 2:55) 5:10, 7:50, 10:20; Tue.-Thu. (2:55, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (2:05) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Mon. (11:20, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 9:55; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:35; Sat.-Mon. (11:15, 1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:35; Tue.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:35; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:15, 8:05, 10:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Tue.-Thu. (2:30, 5:15) 8:00, 10:45; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:45) 7:05, 10:15; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:45, 8:00, 9:45, 10:55; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:45, 7:50, 9:45, 10:40; Tue.-Thu. 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:45, 7:50, 9:45, 10:40

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 6:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 3:15) 6:45; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 5:35, 8:00, 10:35; Mon. (1:25) 5:35, 8:00; Tue.-Thu. (1:25, 5:35) 8:00; **George A. Romero's Land of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:40) 6:30, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:40) 6:30; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:30) 6:50, 9:35; Mon.-Wed. (12:25, 3:30) 6:50; Thu. (12:25, 3:30) 7:00; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:05) 6:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 3:05); **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 7:05, 9:55; Mon. (1:10) 4:10, 7:05; Tue.-Wed. (1:10, 4:10) 7:05; Thu. (1:10); **The Perfect Man** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 6:35; **Rebound** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:55) 7:00; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Mon. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3D (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 1:15); **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:55) 6:55, 7:25, 10:10, 10:40; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 2:05, 4:45) 7:30, 10:10; Sat.-Mon. (11:15, 2:05) 4:45, 7:30, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (11:15, 2:05, 4:45) 7:30, 10:10; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:25) 6:55, 10:20; **George A. Romero's Land of the Dead** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:15) 7:55, 10:25; Sat.-Mon. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:55, 10:25; Tue.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:15) 7:55, 10:25; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 1:20, 1:50, 4:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Mon. (10:30, 11:00, 1:20, 1:50, 4:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 2:10, 5:00) 7:50, 10:45; Sat.-Mon. (11:05, 2:10) 5:00, 7:50, 10:45; Tue.-Thu. (11:05, 2:10, 5:00) 7:50, 10:45; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 1:40, 4:15) 6:50, 9:20; Sat.-Mon. (11:20, 1:40) 4:15, 6:50, 9:20; Tue.-Thu. (11:20, 1:40, 4:15) 6:50, 9:20; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Perfect Man** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45); **Rebound** (PG) Fri. (10:05, 12:20, 2:40, 5:05) 7:35, 10:15; Sat.-Mon. (10:05, 12:20, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (10:05, 12:20, 2:40, 5:05) 7:35, 10:15; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:30) 7:20, 10:30; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 11:10, 1:30, 2:00, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:35, 10:05, 10:30, 11:05; Sat.-Mon. (10:40, 11:10, 1:30, 2:00, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:35, 10:05, 10:30, 11:05; Tue.-Thu. (10:40, 11:10, 1:30, 2:00, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:35, 10:05, 10:30, 11:05

SANTEE

Peter Segal. 2005.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 discov-

ery 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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-

SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Mad Hot Ballroom — Marilyn Agrelo’s documentary on New York City fifth-graders who’ve been channeled into the stay-off-the-streets-and-stay-out-of-trouble

activity of competitive ballroom dancing: “I see them turning into these ladies and gentlemen,” one teacher manages to say while fighting back tears. We follow three disparate classes (only one of which will make it through to the citywide finals: “I still really don’t understand what happened,” a dejected curly top buttonholes the emcee at the quarterfinals, after his team falls three points short), and we follow them with an

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Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:35, 10:35; Mon. (11:30, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 8:05, 9:35, 10:25; Tue.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:45) 7:15, 8:05, 9:35, 10:25; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:30) 6:40, 9:55; **George A. Romero’s Land of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Mon. (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20; Tue.-Thu. (1:20, 3:35, 5:50) 8:05, 10:20; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Mon. 11:20, 12:45, 1:50, 3:15, 4:20, 5:45, 6:50, 9:20; Tue.-Thu. 12:45, 1:50, 3:15, 4:20, 5:45, 6:50, 9:20; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (10:50, 12:55, 3:00) 5:05, 7:10, 9:15; Tue.-Thu. (12:55, 3:00, 5:05) 7:10, 9:15; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:55) 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:55) 7:35, 10:15; **Rebound** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; Tue.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40, 9:50; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:45) 6:45, 9:45; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; Mon. 10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:35; Tue.-Thu. 12:00, 1:30, 2:35, 4:15, 5:15, 6:50, 7:50, 9:25, 10:25

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Rebound** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Rebound** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3D (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 12:30, 2:55); **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 2:00, 4:15, 5:15, 9:45) 7:30, 8:30, 9:20, 10:30; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:55, 12:05, 1:35, 2:30, 4:10, 4:55) 7:10, 7:50, 9:50, 10:25; Tue. (10:55, 12:05, 1:35, 2:30, 4:10, 4:55) 7:10, 7:50, 9:50, 10:25; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 4:20) 7:25, 10:35; **George A. Romero’s Land of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Mon. (11:50, 2:05, 4:50) 7:40,

10:40; Tue.-Wed. (2:05, 4:50) 7:40, 10:40; Thu. (11:50, 2:05, 4:50) 7:40, 10:40; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 11:20, 1:50, 4:25, 12:45, 3:20) 6:10, 6:55, 8:45, 9:40; **The Longest Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 2:10, 5:05) 8:00, 10:45; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 12:25, 2:50, 5:00) 7:15, 9:25; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 11:25) 7:45, 10:35, 10:55; Wed.-Thu. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 11:25) 7:45, 10:40, 10:55; **The Perfect Man** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (9:50); **Rebound** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (9:55, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30) 7:20, 9:30; **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:30); **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:25) 7:05, 10:15; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 11:10, 12:40, 1:00, 1:55, 2:25, 3:35, 4:00, 4:40, 5:10) 5:30, 6:30, 7:00, 7:35, 8:05, 8:20, 10:00, 10:20, 10:50

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Vista Village Metroplex 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive

(760-945-7469)

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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:20, 3:30, 6:45, 9:40; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:10, 6:30, 8:45; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00

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Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)

Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15; Mon. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00; Tue. 1:30, 4:35, 8:00; Wed. 12:30, 3:45, 7:10; Thu. 1:30, 4:35, 8:00; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35; Mon. 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:55; Tue. 12:55, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 2:35, 5:10, 8:05; Thu. 12:55, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 3:30, 6:40, 10:00; Mon. 12:10, 3:30, 6:40; Tue. 1:05, 4:10, 7:20; Wed. 1:00, 4:10, 7:20; Thu. 1:05, 4:10, 7:20; **Garfield** (PG) Wed. 10:30; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 1:55, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; Mon. 11:15, 1:55, 4:45, 7:30; Tue. 12:40, 3:05, 5:40, 8:10; Wed. 10:45, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00; Thu. 12:40, 3:05, 5:40, 8:10; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:20, 1:45, 4:00, 6:30, 8:50; Mon. 11:20, 1:45, 4:00, 6:30; Tue. 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30; Wed. 11:00, 1:20, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15; Thu. 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10; Mon. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; Tue. 1:15, 4:00, 7:00; Wed. 1:10, 4:30, 7:30; Thu. 1:15, 4:00, 7:00; **Rebound** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:45, 2:05, 4:25, 6:50, 9:10; Mon. 11:45, 2:05, 4:25, 6:50; Tue. 12:30, 2:45, 5:20, 7:40; Wed. 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55; Thu. 12:30, 2:45, 5:20, 7:40; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Mon. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; Tue. 1:45, 5:00, 7:55; Wed. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; Thu. 1:45, 5:00, 7:55

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)

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

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

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OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

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Oceanside 16

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Tony Toscano, TALKING PICTURES

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AND ORIGINAL.”
Francine Brokaw,
LA FAMILY MAGAZINE

“WILL FERRELL
IS WICKEDLY
FUNNY.”
Bessie Tsonis, COMCAST CABLE CN8

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almost parental tunnel vision: we cannot really judge the competition; we have eyes only for “ours.” Kids being kids, however, with no pumped-up heroes or villains (beyond a troublesome student named Jonathan, whose troubles go uninvestigated), this is an easy-to-like film with an easy-to-overlook fuzzy video image. 2005. ★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Ma Mère — Adaptation of an erotic novel by Georges Bataille, starring Isabelle Huppert and Louis Garrel, directed by Christophe Honoré. (KEN, 7/1 THROUGH 7)

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. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Mr. and Mrs. Smith — A stargazer’s delight, if, anyway — and it’s a big if — you can take delight in gazing at Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (lips and more lips), worshipfully photographed by Bojan Bazelli,

and pamperingly enshrined in an ambience of pristine showroom opulence. There is space in this firmament for no one else, apart from a small corner for Vince Vaughn and his dimming persona of sociopathic glibness. The two stars play a husband and wife whose passion has gone out of their marriage after “five or six years,” depending on which one you ask. Unbeknownst to either of them, they both happen to be top-level, high-tech assassins for rival espionage agencies, and once this fact becomes known to them they are obliged to turn their sights on each other. If — another big if — the situation may shape up for a while as a darkly comic metaphor on the slow death inherent in the conjugal life, this impression, this hope, cannot survive their mutual revelation, after several sincere attempts at pre-emptive annihilation, that their love remains strong, that their passion can be rekindled by means of a common enemy, that their romance after all is not darkly comic, but brightly. And if — a final big if — filmmaker Doug Liman (*Swingers*, *Go*, to start with) can be seen to have come through *The Bourne Identity* with his “promise” unbroken — the promise of a filmmaker with, or on, an edge — he here undergoes a harder whack on the chisel. 2005.

● (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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Mysterious Skin — Pedophilia (at the hands of a Little League coach who looks like Robert Redford as the Sundance Kid), male prostitution, unprotected sex and the inevitable V.D., in the “dumb-ass hick town” of Hutchinson, Kansas. Pretty rough in content, and pretty crude in style. The employment of phantom space aliens as repressors of childhood trauma provides surprisingly little diversion. With Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Brady Corbet, Michelle Trachtenberg, and Elisabeth Shue; directed, written, edited by Gregg Araki. 2005.

● (KEN, THROUGH 6/30)

My Summer of Love — Director Pawel Pawlikowski, 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 high-lights, 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. With Paddy Considine. 2005.

★ (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 Locklear, share a brief moment of liberation when they cut loose to a danceable pop tune. Chris Noth, Mike O’Malley, Ben Feldman, Carson Kressley, Vanessa Lengies; directed by Mark Rosman. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; VOGUE)

Rebound — Basketball comedy with Martin Lawrence as a demoted college coach, directed by Steve Carr.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-

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Rize — Documentary by David LaChapelle on the street-dance crazes of Clowning and Krumping. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 7/1)

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 “teen” 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 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 palpable 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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; 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; VISTA VILLAGE)

Unleashed — Jet Li, seeking no credibility in gritty Glasgow, is a kind of kung-fu Wild Child, raised and trained to be a human pit bull, docile in a dog collar, a deadly dervish when it’s removed. Extravagant violence at both ends, and extravagant bathos in between, when the hero comes under the care of a kindly old blind piano tuner (Morgan Freeman) and his bubbly pianist stepdaughter in braces and knee-highs (Kerry Condon). With Bob Hoskins; written by Luc Besson; directed by Louis Leterrier. 2005.

● (GASLAMP 15)

War of the Worlds — Steven Spielberg’s re-do of the H.G. Wells alien-invasion classic, with Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Tim Robbins.

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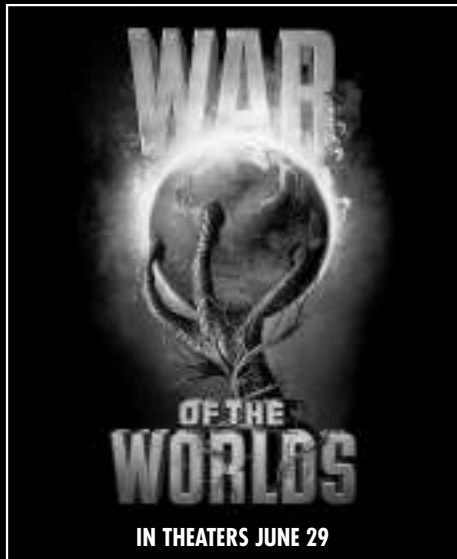
The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill — Human-interest documentary, and avian-interest, about an unemployed San Francisco musician, Mark Bittner, who tends a flock of cherry-headed conures, plus one outcast blue-crown conure by the name of Connor (they all have names), who is quite a character. Lightly engaging most of the way, with all of the wrenching saved for the end. Directed, edited, and shot (“no digital special effects”) by Judy Irving. 2005. ★★ (LA PALOMA)

Yes — Reviewed this issue. With Joan Allen, Simon Abkarian, and Sam Neill; written and directed by Sally Potter.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 7/1)

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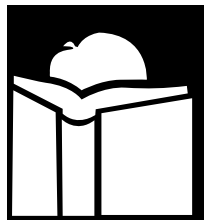


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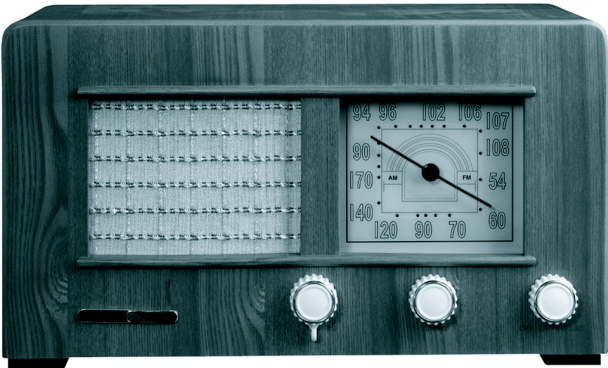


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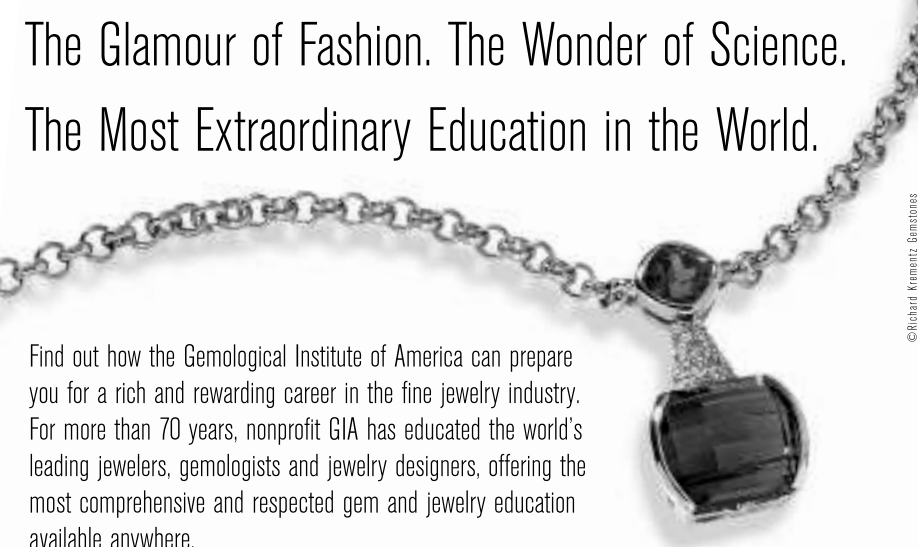
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SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, petite, brunette, 41. Enjoys movies, reading, music. Seeking male, 38-48, easygoing, to possibly build relationship. (7/13) ☎34968

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ATTRACTIVE JEWISH, full figured, 52-year-old lady interested in a kind hearted, sincere, romantic gentleman. Enjoy din-

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HEY YOU! You are between 45-60. Not bald, nonsmoker over 5'10", health conscious, not psychotic. A jest for life and passion. You are wanted. (7/13) ☎34975

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. (658). (7/6) ☎34945

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE to spend time with, possibly build relationship. 49, European, educated, nice looking. You good looking, educated. I like travel and everything else. (7/13) ☎34967

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SEARCHING FOR SERIOUS relationship. I'm mystical, curvaceous Latin lady. Enjoy traveling, gardening and cooking. Seeking professional, financially secure gentleman, kind, understanding, 55+. (7/13) ☎34964

SERIOUS MEN ONLY. 31 years, white, attractive, loving woman. Seeking 21-50 years white male. Play no games. Ready

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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

GOAL: MARRIAGE. Blonde divorcee; cooks, cleans, love kids, sports, education, free-living talent, 5'5", 130lbs., green eyes, perfect, not Californian, 37, very caring, no drugs. (7/13) ☎34994

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

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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

SINCERE LADY SEEKING active man, 45+, for outdoor adventures. Must like horses, camping, movies, concerts. I'm blonde and blue, average height and weight. Let's talk. (7/6) ☎34958

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE. 48 years young. Looking for attractive muscular man. Sincere, honest. Dancing, music fishing are some of my likes. Race is open. (7/13) ☎34970

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

MAY YOU TOUCH butterflies and dance with me. I'm 70, young lady. I like all things that life has to offer. Adventurous, take a chance! (7/13) ☎34993

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

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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

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6'2", GOOD LOOKING, young 50, nonsmoker, educated, financially secure, athletic, white professional. Honest, responsible, compassionate, generous, humorous, hugger. North Coastal homeowner. You: stunning, curvaceous, genuine. (7/13) ☎48453

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SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP wanted. Please be honest, caring and like kids, family and outdoors. I'm 36, have brown hair and green eyes. Seeking 21-45. East County. (7/13) ☎48444

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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

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

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

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

COLLEGE PROFESSOR, 53, good-looking, healthy, spiritual. Seeking companionship and romance with attractive lady, 35-50. Dining, movies, opera, theater, walks. No smoking, drinking, or drugs. (7/13) ☎48459

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SUCCESSFUL WHITE MALE seeks happily ever after with intelligent, fit, attractive lady, 30s-40s. I'm positive, supportive, affectionate, blue eyed, muscular, well dressed, Catholic. (7/13) ☎48450

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LOOK AT ME! 31, outgoing white male, East County native. Seeking down-to-earth creative lady with imaginative spirit. Let's meet for drinks. (7/13) ☎48473

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

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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

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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

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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

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

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

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

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

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SENSE OF HUMOR, spiritual path, passionate, honest, psychologically minded, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/grey. Enjoy coffee-houses, movies, rock music, nature, stimulating conversation. Seeking friendship/relationship. (7/6) ☎48410

SINCERELY SEEKING quality relationship, 47 look 37, 5'9", 160lbs., good looking, love outdoors and indoors, easygoing, financially secure, ready to settle down. (7/13) ☎48469

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- 15. Colored eye part
- 16. Vintage auto
- 17. Luau, e.g.?
- 19. Right-angled building annex
- 20. Election day: Abbr.
- 21. With 54-Across, a farm cry
- 22. Aleve rival
- 24. Medical office sounds
- 25. Bagful of jellies, jams and marmalades?
- 28. Gas, to a Brit
- 30. Is plenty angry
- 31. Rap sheet entry
- 32. Earth goddess
- 34. Make painter Mondrian a believer of a different sort?
- 39. It starts at curtain time
- 40. Joy on "The View"
- 43. Literally, "traveling companion"
- 48. Irons of Hollywood
- 49. Incredibly small orchestra led by conductor Andre?
- 52. "How could ____ so blind?"
- 53. Puerto ____
- 54. See 21-Across
- 55. Naval rank: Abbr.
- 56. "____ a silly question ..."
- 57. It's been "scrambled" to create 17-, 25-, 34- and 49-Across
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- 63. Home page visits
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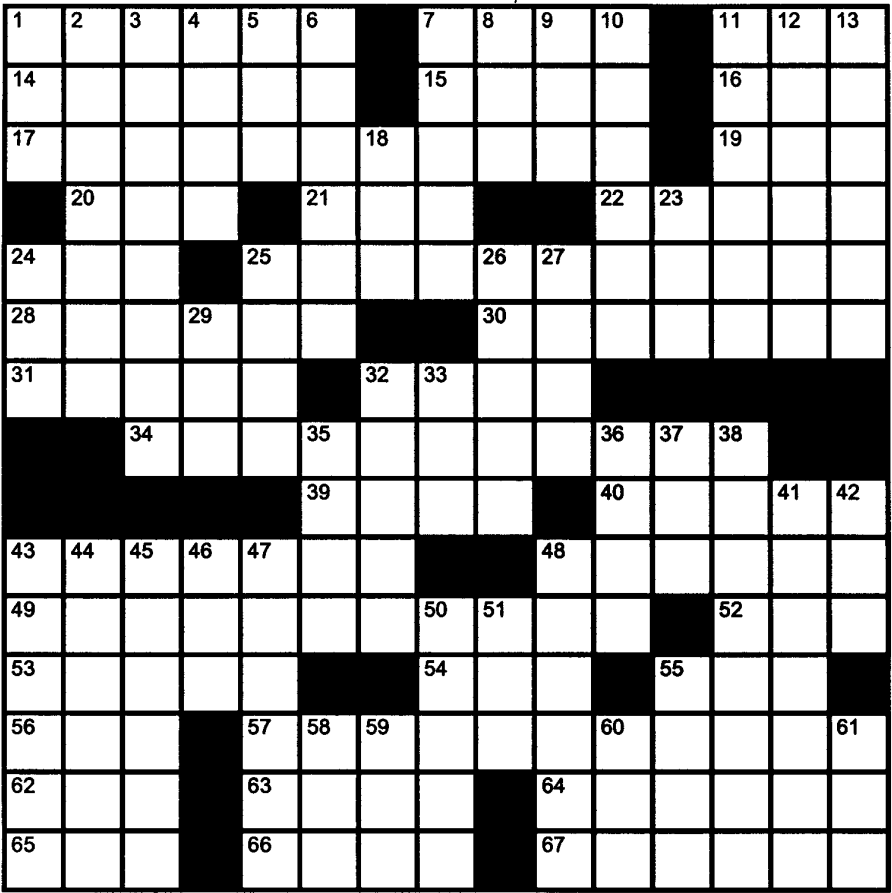
Down

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- 2. Strong wintry blast
- 3. Not electric, as a guitar
- 4. Make sport of
- 5. First thing an Indiana cheerleader calls for
- 6. ____ de Montaigne
- 7. Metal fastener
- 8. "The best things in life ____ free"
- 9. Aunt and uncle, e.g.
- 10. What you will
- 11. Claire of "Key Largo"
- 12. Go through again
- 13. Put one's feet up
- 18. Intl. org. begun in 1958
- 23. Advanced deg. holders
- 24. Programmer's solution, briefly

- 25. Prurient prints
- 26. Last Supper question
- 27. Kind of tide
- 29. Aussie jumper
- 32. Pet store lizard
- 33. Public hangings?
- 35. Conceited
- 36. "Oh, sure!"
- 37. Musket ending
- 38. 1868 Dostoyevsky novel
- 41. "The Devil's Dictionary" author
- 42. Pumpernickel alternative
- 43. Duo of a children's rhyme
- 44. Excessively proper
- 45. "Mr. Belvedere" star
- 46. Dam builder since '33
- 47. Critical innings
- 48. Crown ____
- 50. Deep Blue's game
- 51. Middle X or O
- 55. Manhattan's Lincoln and Rockefeller, e.g.: Abbr.
- 58. By way of
- 59. ACLU focus
- 60. Wages
- 61. "Platoon" setting

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page.
- And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 6/23/05.

Of the 200 entrants, 189 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Dorothy Waterman, Santee
- 2. Ethan Ocean, San Diego
- 3. Brian Rizzi, San Diego
- 4. Chris Hinman, La Mesa
- 5. Eric Weisman, San Diego

SERVICES

No-Deductible Health Plans!

RightPlan PPO 40

	AGE	No Rx (P958)	Generic-Only Rx (PE48)	Comprehensive Rx (PE49)
Single	19-29	\$51	\$54	\$62
	30-34	\$64	\$67	\$77
	35-39	\$72	\$76	\$87
	40-44	\$101	\$106	\$124
	45-49	\$128	\$133	\$157
	50-54	\$161	\$167	\$201
	55-59	\$239	\$248	\$298
	60-64	\$312	\$321	\$380

The above rates from BC Life and Health Insurance Company are level 1 (standard) monthly rates effective 3/1/05 in rate area 6: Imperial, Riverside (except ZIP code 92883), San Bernardino and San Diego Counties. Rates are illustrative only and may vary based on an individual's underwriting review. Some areas may have higher or lower rates. Refer to the plan for a more complete list of coverages, conditions, restrictions, limitations and exclusions.

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CARDIFF. Share 4 bedroom house near beach. Fireplace, hot tub, washer/dryer. \$375 plus utilities. Call after 5pm, 760-436-6500.

CARLSBAD. \$540/month, plus utilities. New 2-story home in quiet neighborhood. No pets. 15 minutes to Palomar and beach. 619-235-2415, x24336.

CARLSBAD. \$675, 1/3 utilities. Furnished master bedroom, walk-in closet, private bath, balcony, garage. Cable Internet. Pool, spa, tennis. Available immediately. Nonsmoking male preferred. 760-632-0410.

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.

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.

CARMEL VALLEY. Bedroom \$600, or bedroom and sitting room \$1050. 3 bedroom house. Share kitchen, living space and patio. Nonsmoker. Sorry no pets. 619-235-2415, x14647.

CARMEL VALLEY. House. \$650, 1/3 utilities. Room for rent. Share bathroom. Quiet, clean. Phone line. Close to beaches, shops, freeways. No pets. Available 7/24. 858-245-7188.

CHULA VISTA. \$400/month. Room for rent. Call Susana 619-865-0208.

CHULA VISTA. \$550. Need 4 roommates. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage, laundry, fireplace, dishwasher, nice land-

scaping. Nonsmokers. Quiet area. Near shopping. 619-719-7493.

CHULA VISTA. 1 room in large 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Female preferred. \$550 plus utilities. \$550/deposit. No smoking. Large yard. Close to 805. 619-244-0925.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$600/month, \$400 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo. Washer/dryer in unit. Split electricity and cable. Off-street parking. Available now. 619-246-3064; 619-235-2415, x17999.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$550-\$750. Room in remodeled home with new kitchen, new appliances, granite counter-tops, 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.

CLAIREMONT. \$530, plus utilities, \$500 deposit. Female to share 3 bedroom, 1 bath house with female and male. Nonsmoking. Washer/dryer. Near beaches/freeways. 858-220-4308.

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. \$500/month, no utilities. Room for rent in 4 bedroom house. Close to Mesa College. Older house. High-speed cable Internet, satellite TV. 619-379-1635.

CLAIREMONT. \$525 plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. Huge room in beautiful 3 bedroom house. Amenities. Laundry. Storage. Nice neighborhood/location. Female only. Nonsmoking/pets. 858-361-8665; 619-602-5821.

CLAIREMONT. \$525. Master bedroom, large closet, private bath, Internet available. 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. No pets. Month-month, deposit \$300. Utilities \$40. 619-889-0281; 800-814-3312.

CLAIREMONT. \$550, deposit, 1/2 utilities. Nice home. Large bedroom, 8' closet, personal bath. Laundry, storage, Tai Chi backyard. Near Mesa College. Nonsmoking, no pets. 858-874-7774.

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. \$450, 1/4 utilities. \$250 deposit. Shared bathroom, quiet, kitchen/laundry privileges, private phone line. No smoking/drugs/pets. Available now. 858-229-8315.

CLAIREMONT. \$550, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Clean and comfortable. Large closet, private phone line. Near Mesa College, freeways. Available 7/1. 858-437-3810.

CLAIREMONT, NORTH. Male for large house near Clairemont Square, freeways, buses with fireplace and direct patio access. \$550 plus shared utilities. No pets/drugs. 858-274-5234.

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. \$675. Female, private bedroom, den. Including utilities, cable internet. Share large, comfortable, quiet cul-de-sac house. Parking, laundry, private yard, pool. Small deposit. 619-286-1421; 619-235-2415, x24003.

COLLEGE AREA. \$600 plus utilities. Share spacious 5 bedroom, 3600-square-foot home. Gourmet kitchen, laundry room, ocean/bay view. Nonsmoking. 858-274-4703.

COLLEGE AREA. Master bedroom with jacuzzi bath for rent. \$550, plus 1/2 utilities, deposit. Laundry, kitchen, living room available. Non-smoking, drugs, pets. Quintin, 619-993-1671.

COLLEGE/DEL CERRO. \$650/deposit. Huge bedroom facing pool, private entrance. Walk to lake, mountains, 15 minutes downtown. Washer/dryer. Small dog/cat OK. 619-857-0571; 619-235-2415, x25337.

COLLEGE/ROLANDO. \$485. Second-story house, large living room, private yard, patio, hardwood, fireplace, storage, mountain views, great neighborhood, cable Internet. Call Tavis, 619-583-5330; 619-235-2415, x20280.

DEL CERRO. \$475. Near SDSU. Room in 4 bedroom house. High-speed Internet, digital cable, phone, full kitchen, 2 bathrooms, washer/dryer, jacuzzi, pool table. 619-501-3713.

DOWNTOWN. \$500, plus utilities. Large Victorian house. One room with bathroom in 5 bedroom house, wood floors, lat ceilings, large shared living spaces. Gordon, 619-234-3898.

DOWNTOWN. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, den, 300 degree panoramic downtown, harbor and ocean views, 18th floor, full amenities, gym, parking. LaVita Building. Mike, 619-233-6849.

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.

EL CAJON/LAKESIDE. \$475. Room in 4 bedroom house. Washer/dryer, high-speed Internet, parking. Close to freeway and shopping. 619-390-7668; 619-654-0146.

ENCINITAS. \$550. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Share with 1 other person. Good parking, tennis, pool, jacuzzi. No pets. Call Pat, 760-635-3600; 619-235-2415, x14681.

ENCINITAS. \$650, 1/2 utilities. Spacious room, near beach, walk-in closet, yard, balcony, view, cable, DSL. Have cat, no pets or smoking. 619-235-2415, x28504.

ENCINITAS. Spacious room \$550, large room \$625, master \$950. Utilities included, plus deposit. Large quiet house. Near amenities, MiraCosta College. No smoking/pets/drugs. 760-634-1637; 619-235-2415, x32751.

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ENCINITAS. \$700/month including utilities. Available 7/1. Share 3 bedroom house with one male. Own bath, pet possible, short or long term. 760-840-9408.

ENCINITAS. Clean, quiet room, private bath, phone. Gated community, pool, spa, tennis. \$625 negotiable, first, \$250 deposit. Nonsmoker, no drugs/pets. Near beach/shopping. 760-632-0415.

ESCONDIDO, WEST. 10 by 10 ft. room in beautiful townhouse. \$550/month. \$350 deposit. Share utilities, kitchen, cable, Internet, washer/dryer. No smoking/drugs/pets. 760-443-7763.

ESCONDIDO/SAN MARCOS. Clean room available in newer home. Shared residence \$375-\$525 plus utilities/deposit. Shared bathroom. Pool available. No drinking/pets. Becky, 760-743-9993, 760-798-0054.

FASHION HILLS. \$500, includes utilities. Female roommate wanted to share house. Ocean view. Washer/dryer. Private, quiet cul-de-sac. No pets. Star 82, 858-565-7294.

GOLDEN HILL. \$525. Own room/bath. Spacious apartment, fireplace, balcony, parking. Great location, convenient to all. No smoking/drugs. More information, 619-232-2979.

KEARNY MESA. \$900. Brand new beautiful 3-story townhome. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, garage. Will finish being built 8/1-

8/15. Check KBHome.com (Tribeca Communities). Allie, 619-787-1451; alicesalitti@yahoo.com.

KEARNY MESA/LINDA VISTA. \$625. Room in great location! 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Private bedroom/bath. \$200 deposit, split utilities/housekeeper. Nonsmoking/pets. 858-405-6146.

LA JOLLA. \$750. Large 3-level townhome, fully furnished except for bedroom, tennis, jacuzzi, pool. Near stores/UCSD. Prefer nonsmoker. Located in Villa Mallorcas. 619-206-7590.

LA JOLLA. \$580, plus \$600 deposit and utilities, Roadrunner. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Share with male. Walk to beach. Credit check. No pets. 619-917-6666.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. \$625. Furnished room, quiet house, backyard, near ocean. Kitchen, laundry. Female. Includes cable, utilities. Beautiful neighborhood. No smoking/drugs. 858-459-8356; 619-235-2415, x21721.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$650 plus deposit. Cable, utilities paid. Internet access. Furnished room in private home. Kitchen, laundry facilities. No drugs, smoking or pets. 858-453-5007.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Room in large 5 bedroom home. Large yard, quiet neighborhood. \$600 plus utilities. Available now. 619-997-9954.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$810, 1/2 utilities. Female to share luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Newly remodeled. Available 7/15. All amenities included, secure parking. 858-587-1627; 619-235-2415, x22731.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$825/month. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo at Lucera Project. In-unit laundry, pools, spas, gym, clubhouse, gated, patio, sport facilities. Share utilities. Water included. Nonsmoking, no pets. Available now. Female only. Manager. 619-300-4918.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$825/month. Female to share luxury 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Newly remodeled. Stainless steel appliances, washer/dryer. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis courts, gym. 858-752-4257.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA BEACH. \$800, includes utilities. Completely furnished bedroom. Cleaning service in house. Private entrance, cable, Internet access. Near UCSD. Nonsmoker. No pets. 858-459-3089; 619-235-2415, x24583.

LA MESA. \$440. Furnished room with large shared closet. Quiet older home, easy parking, laundry. Pets possible. Storage available at \$40. Say phone slowly/clearly. 619-235-2415, x12019.

LA MESA. \$475. Partially furnished. Share utilities. Quiet neighborhood. Lovely home. Cable ready. \$200 deposit. Easy parking. Near SDSU. Centrally located. Available now. Credit check. 619-235-2415, x13019.

LA MESA. \$500. Furnished room, own bath, utilities included. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with 1 person, 2 dogs. Near transportation, shopping. \$300 deposit. References. 619-235-2415, x18614.

LA MESA. Beautiful 3 bedroom condo, fully furnished. Nonsmoker preferred. No

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LA MESA. Roommate to share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in a triplex. Room is furnished/unfurnished. \$525/month, \$400 deposit, 1/2 utilities. 619-818-5487; 858-382-9326.

LA MESA/SAN CARLOS. \$400. Near SDSU. Large bedroom/bath. Female preferred. Peaceful, cable, pool, jacuzzi, gym. Deposit. No smoking, drugs, alcohol or pets. 619-644-8711; 619-235-2415, x24051.

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LEMON GROVE. \$595/month, plus 1/2 utilities. Big bedroom, large home, swimming pool, cable TV. No smoking. Prefer male. Available July. 619-235-2415, x28834.

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LINDA VISTA. \$470. 3 bedroom home, ocean view, central, tropical yard, quiet, new carpet/marble, laundry. \$300 deposit. No smoking/pets, male preferred. 858-518-1517; 619-235-2415, x15716.

LITTLE ITALY. \$800. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in the Acqua Vista building. Jacuzzi, pool, gym, washer/dryer in unit, street parking. Nonsmoking. Male preferred to share with male and medium-sized dog. 619-846-1015.

MIRA MESA. \$400-\$550. Share big 2-story house. Pool, jacuzzi, deck, cable, wireless Internet, washer/dryer. Female only. No pets. 858-549-3197.

MIRA MESA. \$495. Furnished or unfurnished room available. Share large house. Excellent location. Close to freeways and mall. Available now. 619-871-4582.

MIRA MESA. \$475 plus utilities. Furnished except bed. Private phone line. Jacuzzi. Clean, redecorated home. Near buses. Nonsmoking male. No pets/drugs. Available now. 858-815-8617.

MIRA MESA/SORRENTO VALLEY. \$550, includes utilities. Room in large home, nice and clean, parking, laundry. No smoking/pets. Male preferred. Available immediately. 858-271-6647.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. Private room in view apartment. Share kitchen, bath. Utilities paid. Male. Call mornings 619-295-0444.

MISSION VALLEY. \$470. Room available in 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Shared bath. Near stadium and trolley. Pool, jacuzzi. Available 7/1. \$100 deposit. 619-249-8502.

MISSION VALLEY, EAST. \$550, utilities, deposit. Available now. Unfurnished bedroom in nicely furnished condo. Nonsmoking female. Own bath, parking, pool. No pets. Convenient. 619-583-1329; 619-823-8488; 619-235-2415, x22093.

MISSION VALLEY. \$800. Large master bedroom, private bath, private entrance. 700 square feet. No pets. Available 7/5. 858-717-1846.

MISSION VILLAGE. \$725, 1/3 electric, \$400 deposit. Large secluded resort-style condo with golf course views. Own bed/bath, garage space. Nonsmoker. No drugs. 619-281-8664.

NATIONAL CITY. \$460. Laundry and kitchen privileges. Cable. Nice area. East of I-805. No smoking, drugs or pets. 619-421-0098.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$475 including utilities, \$200 deposit. 1 bedroom in 2 bedroom, 1 bath. References, female preferred. Large, walk-in closet, on busline, share kitchen. Mark, 619-284-1963.

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NORTH PARK. \$550, plus utilities. Share 2 bedroom apartment with male. Bedroom furniture available. No drugs/pets. Available now. Call Steve after 6pm, 619-865-6843.

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OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$600, \$350 deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment on South Sunset Cliffs. Credit check. Deposit. No pets. 619-226-0616.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$600 plus deposit, includes utilities. Share spacious, custom, coed house with 4. Hilltop ocean views. Hardwood floors. Nice neighborhood. Nonsmoker/pets. 619-223-8497.

OCEAN BEACH, SOUTH. \$895/month plus deposit. Own master bedroom/bathroom. Panoramic view of ocean. 1/2 utilities. Newly remodeled condo. Laundry, garage. Nonsmoking/pets. Tim, 858-342-7331.

OCEAN BEACH. \$600 includes utilities, \$400 deposit. Female preferred. Bedroom/

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OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$875-\$900. Share spectacular ocean view home. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Den, fireplace, washer/dryer, garage. Maid, gardener. Pet OK. 619-223-1014.

OCEANSIDE, Carlsbad border. \$800. Share condo. All new. Rent 1 bedroom, 1 bath, much included. No drinking, no drugs, no pets. Call for information, 760-533-1124.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$800. Large bedroom with hardwood floors available Crown Point home, 2 blocks to bay. Available 7/1. Call Tamara, 858-735-2866.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$800, plus deposit. Share beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Bedroom/balcony upstairs. Patio, rooftop deck. No pets/smoking. Available immediately. 858-395-5124.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$725/month. Own room and bath in large 3 bedroom condo. Garage, laundry, small yard. Deposit, split utilities. No smoking. 619-235-2415, x17616.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$700. Close to beach and bay. Great area. Own bath. Quiet, gated condo, patio, sauna, ceiling fan. Nonsmoker. 7/1. seSWIM@aol.com. 858-272-0612; 619-235-2415, x30267.

POINT LOMA/OCEAN BEACH. Room for rent. \$500/month plus utilities. Available now. Private bath. Own entrance. No pets. \$500 deposit. Screened patio. 619-823-5991.

POINT LOMA. Beautiful 4 bedroom home to share with hot tub. Female preferred. \$650 plus utilities. 619-379-4489.

POINT LOMA. \$500, plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. Room in spacious 3 bedroom house. Washer/dryer, all amenities. No drugs, pets. Available now. Message, 619-917-1117; 619-723-0608.

POWAY. \$675. Nonsmoking. No pets. Large master bedroom, private bathroom with all conveniences for lease. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, microwave, beautiful view. Available 7/1. Wally, 619-252-1600.

RANCHO BERNARDO. Share 2 bedroom 2 bath condo. View, club privileges. Utilities, cable included. Walk-in closet. Non-smoking, no pets. Female. \$750. Available 8/1. 858-675-0568.

RANCHO BERNARDO. Two rooms for rent in 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house. All amenities including hot tub, game room, maid. Full privileges. \$525 each. 858-243-1773.

RANCHO BERNARDO. \$700. Share 1450 square foot condo, spectacular views, balcony, fireplace, new appliances, cable, fully furnished except bedroom, community clubhouse, beautiful landscaping, quiet. 858-945-4182; 619-235-2415, x11593.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$700. Female seeking 2 roommates for 3 bedroom, 2-1/2

bathroom. Minutes from I-15, 56 freeway. Cute place, nice backyard. Nice neighborhood. E-mail, sampy06@yahoo.com.

SAN CARLOS. \$550, plus deposit, utilities. Furnished room in large, quiet, remodeled condo. Internet, pool, jacuzzi, mirrored closets. Loving cat. No drugs, nonsmoking female. 619-698-7350.

SAN CARLOS/SDSU. \$600 plus deposit. Utilities/cable included. Private furnished room with bath. Own phone. Secure trilevel townhome. Nonsmoking/drugs. Washer/dryer, pool. 619-287-9434; 619-235-2415, x29801.

SAN DIEGO, SOUTHEAST. \$400. Room for rent. Quiet neighborhood. No drugs/smoking. Rent includes utilities. Semi-furnished room. Female preferred. Leave message, 619-829-4362.

SAN MARCOS/San Elijo Hills. Room with private bath. Includes all utilities. Brand new townhome. Fully upgraded. Garage. \$900, plus \$250 deposit. Male or female. No pets. 858-344-8168.

SAN MARCOS. \$550. Private bath. Female preferred. Garage space available. Dish-Network/utilities included. Near CSUSM. Share large, luxurious, sunny home. Fireplace, Jacuzzi. Nonsmoking/pets. 858-361-5500.

SAN MARCOS/CSUSM. \$600/\$750. 3 spacious bedroom with 2 walk-in closets, 2 private bathroom in new 4 bedroom house. Share with owner. Garage parking, plasma TV with surround, laundry room, fireplace, kitchen appliances, huge landscaped backyard. Victor, 760-744-1724, sendtome04-rent@yahoo.com.

SANTEE. \$500. Small bedroom in 3 bedroom home. No alcohol or drugs. Smoke outside. Share kitchen and bath. Nice area. Utilities included. 619-258-0666.

SCRIPPS RANCH. Share dual master. Private bath, walk-in closet, vaulted ceilings, washer/dryer, gym, tennis, pool. Female preferred. \$690, 1/2 utilities. Leave message, 858-566-6729.

SCRIPPS RANCH. \$950. Beautiful townhome. Large master bedroom and bath. City view. Private decks. Pool, jacuzzi. Garage. Great private gated community. Share all amenities. Washer/dryer. No drugs. 760-295-5505.

SOLANA BEACH. \$1100. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath beach home. Private backyard with koi pond, waterfall. Share with one and cat. Nonsmoking. Available 8/1. 858-722-5824.

SOLANA BEACH. \$900, includes utilities. Beautiful studio cottage in backyard/garden. No pets, drugs, smoking. Near beach/train. Minimal storage, laundry. Available 8/1. Female preferred. 858-755-5546.

SOLANA BEACH. \$1025, including utilities. Walk to beach. Seeking nonsmoker to share lovely brand new home. No alcohol/drugs, pet free only. 760-822-1508.

SOUTH PARK. \$600, 1/3 utilities. Available now. Sunlit room, beautiful old-craftsman home. Great neighborhood, near Balboa Park/downtown. Easy freeway access. No drugs. 619-231-6401; 619-235-2415, x19587.

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Allona Jones
Student
Mission Valley

I think it's dangerous. I have a friend whose car just got stolen when he was down there. The boys down there are dirty and the streets are dirty. You have the military guys who are wild; they're looking for whatever they can get. When I go down there, I worry about having things stolen. I'm always worried that I'm not going to get back over the border and be stuck down there. I have friends who have gotten in trouble when they're crossing the border; they've gotten thrown in the drunk tank and from what they say, you don't want to be in there. It's better to go during the day because it's not as expensive to get into bars. The *policia* are the most dangerous because they look for any reason to get money out of you. The cops will stop you and be, like, "You are too blonde. Give me 50 dollars."



Michelle Evans
Cashier
Poway

No. I took a spring-break trip down to Mexico, and it was crazy. There was a bus that brought us to Rosarito. The hotel lost our reservation; we were stupid, though, because we didn't have our confirmation number. While they were looking for our reservation number, we got shit-faced. We were trying to sneak in six people, but we only paid for four people. There were security guards and you needed wristbands, so we claimed that we lost two of our wristbands and it worked out perfectly. The locals constantly harassed us; my roommate was a blonde and they have a special thing for blondes. The locals liked my blue eyes, though. We also went horse-back-riding, and I didn't trust the horses. There were a lot of flies around, and I thought the horse was going to throw me off. There are a lot of sleazy American guys, too, and the prostitutes are very dirty; I wouldn't recommend them.



Jackie Tokos
Tanning Consultant
La Mesa

Absolutely not. I used to go to Cabo and Puerto Vallarta with my parents; those places are absolutely gorgeous. I was really young, though, so it's hard to remember everything that was going on around me. My parents and sister drank quite a bit while they were down there. I've also been to Tijuana and Rosarito and, between the two, I'd much rather walk around Rosarito. One time, I was in a TJ taxi and the driver was going a different way to the bar than I'd been before. My friends and I were scared that the driver was taking us somewhere to kill us. We ended up at the club, but we were scared. I had another taxi driver in Rosarito who made us give him 40 dollars, then he said we only gave him 20 and told us to give him another 20 or he was going to take us to the *federales*. If you have money in Mexico, you're fine.



Deandre Burrs
Student
Southeast San Diego

I really don't think it's that dangerous of a place. I think since [Southern California] is a part of their original territory, there's still that hostility from their side that roots back to the Spanish-American War. The only thing that I'm scared about in TJ is the police. Their government is corrupt; you always hear about people going down there and getting their money taken. The cops "tax" you and there's the whole problem of being in the wrong place at the wrong time and ending up in jail. You can walk down the street [in San Diego] and have the cops arrest you; but if a Mexican cop arrests you in TJ, they'll throw you in real bad prisons. It's not like here, where you have a dependable legal system. It's a nice place to visit. As far as closing the borders, I don't see the benefit in immediate change.



Glen Fortgreen
Student
Chula Vista

Well, it depends on the territory. I think closer to the border is more dangerous because of the kinds of activities that are happening there. A couple months back I went down to Mexico. It was a mellow trip; I was sober. A problem that some people have is that they go down there and cut loose. My advice is, if you're going down to Mexico to have a good time, stay sober enough to come back over. Some people go down there with an attitude that there're no rules. I think most Mexicans are pretty chill; it's the Americans who make them hostile. People shouldn't be scared to go down there.



Celila Nuñez
Student
San Diego

Not really. There are a lot more guns in the United States than there are in Mexico. I know a lot of people still get robbed by people using knives in Mexico, so maybe the danger is about the same. You still have to be scared of cops down there. Police are a lot different over there than they are here. I don't think the cops take it any easier on Hispanic people from the United States; it's still dangerous. My friends have had all the problems with the cops wanting them to pay them for whatever reason. I don't think the cops further down in Mexico are too much different than the ones in TJ; the TJ cops might be more used to getting money from Americans.

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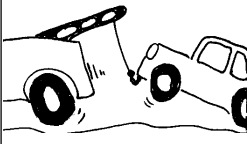
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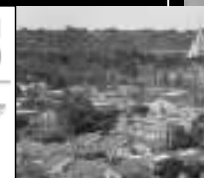
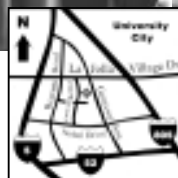


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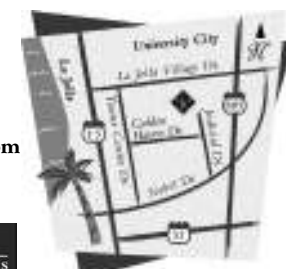
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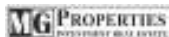
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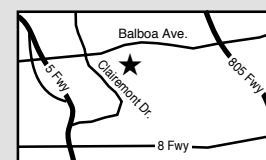


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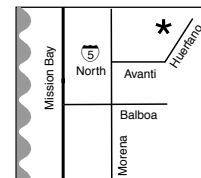


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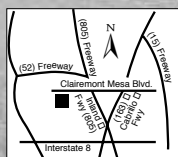
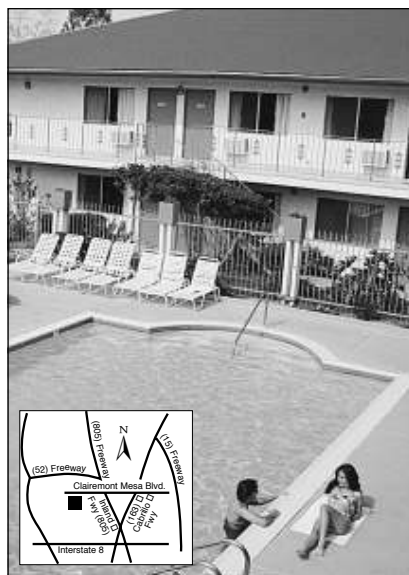
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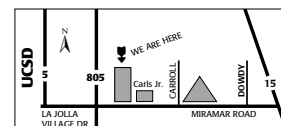
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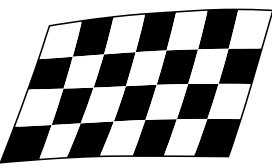

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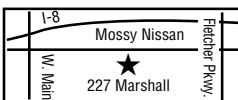
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BOOKS ARE STILL MY WEAKNESS

I don't remember learning to read. I enjoy fancying that I was born with this innate knowledge, that I tumbled out of the womb with the talent. It's my own personal fairy tale. Completely bypassing sticking individual letters together, lumping like dumplings, forming words. The words just seemed to come together, like fully formed characters. I'd imagine that the words had their own little homes, that CAT and DOG lived next door to each other, with easy access to TREE.

As an only child for nearly five years, I was read to every night. Most of my memories regarding reading center around my father, the more active reader of the family. Dad would sit in his favorite yellow chair, engrossed in a heavy book, while Mom buzzed around, busy accomplishing some minute household task. I remember my mother holding me close at night, reading *Little Cloud* with all the right voices, never trying to skip pages as I hear other parents do. I'm sure that I did what most children do, memorize those favorite books. I'd chant along with Dr. Seuss's *Hop on Pop*, giggling at the line "Dad is bad, bad dad!"

I am quite sure that I had plenty of books, but I was on a never-ending quest to add to my collection. I'd save my allowance, a dollar a week, and every two weeks, go to my favorite book shop. Oddly, it wasn't your normal bookstore, but something like a Hallmark store. There I could find the Berenstain Bears and Dr. Seuss, paying a grand sum of a dollar fifty for a new book. Perhaps my parents were wise in not showering me with books — they were always special treats, a

reward pulled from a closet shelf. I'd watch Dad absorbing his hardcover Tom Clancy books, then stick them on a bookshelf, where they languished, lonely in their consumption. One night I said in frustration, "Daddy, you just waste your books!"

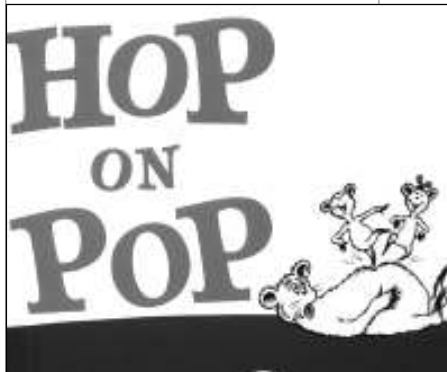
"Waste my books? What are you talking about, child?"

"Daddy. You only read a book one time. I read my books a million times over." I can't say I didn't hold it against him.

Observing my father retreating to the bathroom with his current volume, staying for long stretches of time, I would do the same. I'd take a stack of well-worn books, plowing right through them, happily swinging my scabbed legs. My mother worried that I was having digestive problems and took me to the family doctor, asking if she should start me on prune juice. Mortified, I explained to her that I just thought it was what you were supposed to do, read books and stay awhile.

I recall being bored, like a socialite at a barn raising, over phonics. Since I was an

advanced reader, I was allowed to skip phonics, the whole color-coded folders with their P's and Ph's. I took pride in being in the best reading groups, and felt sorry for the kids who moved slower. I didn't understand that reading just didn't fall from the heavens, a gift upon birth. Of course, I'm the kid



who got royally flummoxed over simple addition. I'm certain the child who whiled away hours with his primary-colored abacus was confounded by my trouble with the foundations of math.

In the first grade, I was one of the chosen few to bypass picture books. Given access to the chapter books, I didn't know where to start. A special blessing rests upon the librarian who handed me

the classic *Ramona the Pest*. I couldn't stop reading about Ramona, her family, friends, then moving on to *Ralph the Mouse* and *Dear Mr. Henshaw* and *Emily and Her Runaway Imagination*. My family certainly had no choice but to listen to me read all the funny passages out loud, snorting obnoxiously over the best parts.

As an adult, books are still my weakness. I affectionately refer to my bedroom as "the library" since all four walls are lined with overflowing bookcases. Most built by my father, who now spends his time reading for his long-delayed college degree.

I dream of the day where I can buy all the books I desire, but I know, secretly, that good books come on their own accord, and you can't be too greedy. Sometimes you have a lucky streak, where every book is gold. Each night I fall asleep with a book by my side, several more scattered at my feet. Soon I'll add a husband to that mix. I hope he doesn't mind sharing his bed.

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Location: 407 El Cajon Boulevard, El Cajon
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. on 6/17/05

Résumé of Incident: The suspect entered the business [Ram 99 Gas Station] and displayed a handgun to the clerk...demanding money. The victim became angry and slammed the cash register

shut. He yelled at the suspect while grabbing the suspect's handgun. The suspect pulled away from the victim and ran out of the business. The victim followed him and laughed at him as he ran down the alley.

Officers responded to the area, including an undercover El Cajon Police officer. He saw the suspect [later identified as Leonard B. III] on Palm Avenue, walking toward the trolley station, approximately two blocks from the crime scene. The detective gave a detailed description of the suspect and coordinated uniformed officers into the area. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. He was booked into San Diego County Jail. There was no loss and no one was injured.

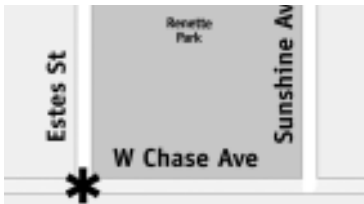
SEXUAL ASSAULT

Location: 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar
Time/Date: 9:00 p.m. on 6/16/05

Report: A vendor at one of the booths lured a fourteen-year-old female to a nearby storage area under the premise of showing her some VIP products. Thinking she was going to get a free gift, the victim accompanied him to the area. Once in the storage area, the suspect sexually assaulted the victim. She was able to escape and return to her mother. The victim identified the suspect and deputies placed him under arrest. The suspect, twenty-year-old Kent H. from Sacramento, is being held on \$75,000 bail.

ATTEMPTED STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

Location: Corner of Chase and Estes, El Cajon
Time/Date: 9:00 p.m. on 6/15/05



Résumé of Incident: The fourteen-year-old victim was riding his scooter in the area of the 7-Eleven. The as-of-yet unidentified 36-year-old male approached him and tried to take his "razor" scooter. The victim held onto the scooter and the suspect punched him in the face, then fled on foot. The victim never let go of his scooter.

The victim alerted his friend and grandmother, who searched the area and chased the suspect. They located the suspect in the 900 block of Estes and held him for the police. He was charged with attempted strong-arm robbery and felony child abuse.

STOLEN VEHICLE

Location: 7700 Calle Mejor, Carlsbad
Time/Date: 6:43 a.m. on 6/10/05



Incident: Residents...called to report two suspects were attempting to break into their vehicle. The reporting person (victim) was able to obtain a description of the suspects and get the license plate number from the suspect

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vehicle. The license plate returned to a Nissan Pathfinder, which had been stolen from Encinitas on 6/9/05. Officer Bryan Hargett located the suspects, driving the stolen Nissan, at the Shell Gas Station at El Camino Real and Leucadia Boulevard in the City of Encinitas. Officer Hargett called for additional Carlsbad Police units to assist. Several units arrived to assist and the officers attempted to stop the stolen vehicle. The suspects fled and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit ended in the driveway of 1950 Calle Barcelona in the City of Carlsbad. The suspects fled on foot and officers gave chase. Carlsbad officers apprehended the suspects within minutes. The suspects were booked at Vista Jail for attempted auto theft, attempted auto burglary, possession of a stolen vehicle, evading officers, possession of stolen property, and possession of dangerous drugs.

SHOOTING — BORDER PATROL AGENT

Location: South end, Tierra Del Sol Road, Tierra Del Sol
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. on 6/3/05

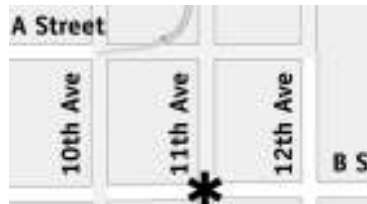


Incident: While on routine patrol, [a] Border Patrol Agent saw a pickup truck stopped next to the border fence. A large section of the border fence was missing where the truck was stopped. Several individuals were loading bags into the back bed of the truck. The suspect truck fled from the scene with the Border Patrol Agent following. Immediately after getting behind the suspect vehicle, the Agent's

vehicle was struck with several bullets. The Agent was hit in the right calf. The Agent's vehicle struck a rock, stopping his pursuit. Other responding Border Patrol Agents saw a green pickup truck matching the description of the suspect vehicle leaving the area. A second pursuit began northbound from the border. The suspect vehicle sustained a flat tire during the pursuit. One or two suspects ran from the disabled vehicle. Approximately 1,000 pounds of marijuana was in the bed of the suspect vehicle. The Agent was transported to an area hospital [and] treated for the bullet wound.

BATTERY

Location: Corner of 11th Aveue and B Street, Downtown
Time/Date: 12:35 a.m. on 6/18/05



Victim's Statement: I was hanging most of the night at the Roseary Room. I left to go home and get something when I was attacked from behind. There may have been two or three of them. They were in their late teens or early 20s. I didn't see the color of their skin. One of them called me "a white boy bitch." They rushed me. I could hear their feet and they were laughing. They hit me with their fists. When I was down on the ground, they kicked me. I was covering my face with my arms for protection so I didn't get a good look at any of them. They took my wallet and my watch. I think I had about \$20 in my wallet. My ribs kind of hurt.

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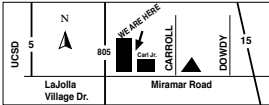
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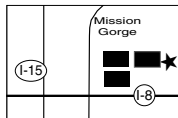
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Kaiser Amidst the Junk

I ask Kaiser owner Gene Krine for a brief history lesson. He says, "Kaiser and Fraser, I think they were the last major independent auto makers. And then I think Fraser went with Studebaker. And sometime in the '50s, Kaiser started making inexpensive cars like the Henry J, and they began to go downhill.

"My stepfather bought his Kaiser new. He was in the merchant marine, and he took it everywhere he went. That car has been to China, to Panama, to Japan. When I bought it from him, he was still driving it. He had another car by then, but he loved his Kaiser. He always wanted to fix it up. He bought stuff for it but never quite got around to putting a new bumper or whatnot on it. If you open

the trunk, if you can get to the trunk, there are carburetors and things. It's got all the original manuals.

"I didn't mean for it to get buried in the garage. I wanted to keep driving it around, but over the years the family piled stuff on my workbench and all around it until I said, 'Aw, hell with it, I'm just going to start piling stuff on the Kaiser, I'll take it down when I get around to it.' Now it's got a mattress on the top, and rugs. But at least we can see the rocket-shaped hood ornament, which is my favorite thing about the Kaiser.

"We had it running a few years ago. But there were problems with the brakes. We replaced the rear axle. Then the carburetor wasn't working very well, so my uncle, who was in his 80s, he came to help. He's a little guy, and he crawled up under the hood and squatted there and took the carburetor off. There must've been 150

parts to that carburetor, between all the little screws and springs and stuff. And he says, 'Gene, in the old days, hell, I had a coffee can and I'd just throw the stuff in, and when I put it back together I would just reach in for the part I needed. But it's been quite a while.' So this time he put every part in a line on the workbench. He said 'We'll start at the end and just go backwards.'"

I tell him Robert Pirsig recommends that method in *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*.

Gene says, "My uncle looked at the diaphragm in the carburetor kit we bought and said, 'You know, this is plastic and the original one is leather, and I think this plastic one won't work very long.' So he tried to refurbish the leather diaphragm, using gasoline and rubbing on it.

"But the last time I tried to run it, after me not driving it for a while,



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I think the leather diaphragm had dried out again. When I started it up, gas came pouring out of the carburetor.

"I'm going to clean out the garage. My wife says either the junk goes or she goes. It took me a while to decide what to do, but I'm going to clean it out this summer. Then I'll make up my mind what to do with the Kaiser."

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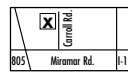
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SWEAT CRACKED ACROSS MY FOREHEAD, pooled in my eyes, and stung my cracked lips. The skin peeking from beneath my collar turned from irritated to burned. When my hands touched the granite, I smelled charred flesh.

“Do you know where we are?” I shouted up to Tony.
“I think,” Tony said, peering from beneath the shade of his hat brim. “If we keep going this way, the waterfalls are behind that ridge.”
“That’s what you said an hour ago,” I reminded him.
We decided to forge ahead instead of turning back.
“Eight American Hikers Found Dead in Mexico,” I imagined the headline.
Eight of us were camping in Cañon de Guadalupe to celebrate our friend Renee’s birthday. We heard of a waterfall and natural pool high atop Guadalupe Peak and set out to find it.

That was this morning.
“Bones of American Hikers Bleached to Crisp White in Mexican Sun,” the headline would read. “Rattlesnakes Slither through Eye Sockets of American Hikers’ Skulls.”
I told myself that if we didn’t find the waterfalls after the next ridge, I would have to turn back. I didn’t bring enough water. My foot crunched in the sandy crevice of a boulder. My sunscreen had worn off. I reached up to find a handhold in the rock. I pushed with my leg and pulled with my arm, up and over, onto a flat rock, and I looked out upon the sparkling blue-green pool and rushing white waterfall.
“AhahahwooooooOOOoo!” I yelled. I pulled my left shoe off and hopped toward the water. The right shoe came off and I was closer. My shirt fell across my sandy footprints seconds before I breached the cool surface of the water with a splash.
After swimming, splashing, diving, and jumping in the water, the eight of us lay in the shade. When you’ve just accomplished a task and tasted a reward so sweet you will remember it for the rest of your life, the conversation turns from the mundane to the heavy. “So, what do you do?” discussions are replaced with big topics.
“Let me get this straight,” I said. “I’m the Skipper and Tony’s Gilligan.”
“That’s right,” the group assured me.
“Ed and Brianna are the Professor and Ginger; who wants to play the millionaires? Who wants to be Mary Ann?”

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

FUGLIEST ROCK STARS
MTV 7:00 A.M.
I am in a theoretical band. A theoretical band is a band that exists, has a name, members, the whole nine yards, but has never played a note. In fact, no one in our band knows how to play an instrument. We have theoretical costumes and an album that exists in our imagination. We’re a hard-rock band that dresses in the period of the late 1800s. Theoretically, we have large mustaches and cravats. Our band name is the Foppish Dandies. Our first single is called “Whorish Strumpets,” an ode to our theoretical groupies.

FOOD 911
FOOD, 3:00 P.M.
While camping last weekend we realized that the price of beef jerky is close to \$50 per pound. “We

should make our own jerky out of good steak,” Renee said.
“You don’t want to use good steak for jerky,” I said. “You want to use the cheapest meat you can. Which means we should probably jerk Spam.”
“Can you jerk Spam?”
“You can jerk a lot of meats” is the last serious thing I said before my sixth-grade sense of humor took the conversation right into the gutter.

FRIDAY, JULY 1
BEST WEEK EVER
VH1, 11:00 P.M.
In my youth I chased obscure music. If a kid played the sitar with a pair of scissors, I was his only fan. If a British woman made electronic music from the sound of copy machines, I had her

album special-delivered from the U.K. Until I realized I was listening to crap. My only criterion for selecting music now is that it has no special significance to the world of music. The song must hit me hard in the hypothalamus and leave no room for intellectual discussion.

SATURDAY, JULY 2
MICHAEL JACKSON:
THE MAN IN THE MIRROR
DISCOVERY HEALTH CHANNEL, 9:00 A.M.
I locked myself out of my apartment. My plan was to reach through the mail slot and unlock the front door, but my sausagelike arms wouldn’t fit. I was looking around the neighborhood for someone with skinny arms when I came across a kid in the Laundromat. He was standing in front of the consoles and pretending to play video games because he didn’t have any money to activate the games. “Hey, kid. You want some quarters?” is the single creepiest phrase I’ve ever spoken. After the words fell out of my mouth, I clutched at the air in front of my face in a futile attempt to unsay them.

SUNDAY, JULY 3
WORD MACHINE
INDEPENDENT TELEVISION SERVICE, 7:25 A.M.
Crystal and I chose a word that was repeated often, and we made it our “word of the day.” The words were silly, smart, funny, or common. At the end of the weekend we jumbled the words to make the phrase: “Tepid Mud Butt and the Bananas.” My theoretical band, the Foppish Dandies, is trying to work this phrase into our next single.

THE WWE EXPERIENCE
SPIKE-TV, 11:00 A.M.
I don’t consider myself a short man, but rather an enormous, towering dwarf. I am Andre the Giant of midgets.

MONDAY, JULY 4
It’s the Fourth of July, you commies. The holiest of the High Holy Hillbilly Holidays. Put that tofu down. Wine? Bah! Crank up the classic rock, drink watery beer, and eat barbecued steak, like God intended. TV? To hell with watching TV. Get so drunk you talk with a pirate accent and pass out in a patio chair. It’s what George Washington would’ve wanted, damnit.



Dirty Dancing

TUESDAY, JULY 5
TRI VITA HEALTH
FAMILY CHANNEL, 5:30 A.M.
Now, get a little coffee to, you know, feel human again. If you’ve got any B vitamins, take a fistful of them. Advil and Gatorade are your best friends today.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6
LOST
KGTV, 10:00 P.M.
After leaving our campsite, we set out to cross the dry lake bed and catch Highway 2 into Mexicali. Five hours later, the men of the group were huddled around a map drawn in the sand, and we were saying things like, “We’ve driven the wrong direction for three hours,” and “I have half a tank of gas and two gallons of water,” and “How can we signal someone to find us?” The women in the group were hugging each other, and some were crying. Twelve hours after that, I am sitting on my couch sipping coffee through chapped lips and typing with cracked, burned fingers. Even when things look bleak, they tend to work out for the best.

THURSDAY, JULY 7
DIRTY DANCING (1987)
FAMILY CHANNEL, 8:00 P.M.
My friends and I share a phrase for when we say something stupid. The line is from *Dirty Dancing*, when Baby meets Patrick Swayze — her dream man — for the first time, and the only thing she can say is “I carried a watermelon.” When one of us utters a particularly obtuse sentence he can say, “Oh, man. That sounded dumb. I really carried a watermelon,” or the rest of us will chime in with, “Nice. You’re really carrying a watermelon there.”

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The children's section was always a war zone.

By John Brizzolara

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— *Metaphors and Myths of Cross-Cultural Literacy: Autobiographical Narratives by Maxine Hong Kingston, Richard Rodriguez, and Malcolm X, by Shirley K. Rose, professor of English and comparative literature at San Diego State University (in MELUS 14, Spring 1987)*

The Malcolm X Library at 5148 Market Street is "one of only two public institutions in the USA that dare to bear that heroic name!" So reads one of the flyers for Gift Day 2005, sponsored by the Friends of the Malcolm X Library. The other public institution is "a junior college on Chicago's west side," says Marc Chery, branch manager of the library and performing arts center.

Friday, June 17, was the first of a projected annual Gift Day to benefit the library, coupled with a blues concert and

dance featuring 12-bar practitioners Code Blue. The idea is to presell 100 tickets at \$15, \$20 at the door, to benefit the children's book fund. Children's books were, in fact, on sale as one entered, taking in the statue of Malcolm X (née Malcolm "Red" Little) looking thoughtful. I pored over the adult titles. These included an autobiography of Quincy Jones; *Why I Love Black Women*, by Michael Eric Dyson; *Genevieve*, by Eric Jerome Dickey; *The Measure of a Man*, by Sidney Poitier; *Maybe You Never Cry Again*, by Bernie Mack; and *Grown Ass Man*, by Cedric the Entertainer.

"Originally I was from Haiti," 45-year-old Chery tells me in response to my inquiry about his accent. "My folks were from Cuba and Haiti."

I ask, "What kind of children's books are you looking for?" "You know those cardboard books?" I think he may mean pop-up books. "We really like those. Families come here that cannot always afford books for children." Pop-up books, as I recall, are particularly expensive. "Our collection [of children's books] gets used so much, and our collection is so much older than most libraries. We can't always replace them as quickly as we would like. So it's not a shortage. We spend a cut of 70/30 — 70 percent for children and 30 percent for adults — at this branch, so we're doing okay."

I worked in bookstores for years, I tell him, and the children's section was always a war zone. It wasn't pretty. The books became teething devices, always drooled upon, smeared with strained peas, upchucked Gerber this and that.

"We fix them up, patch them up a little longer than we should, but that's okay. The Friends had a goal of preselling 100 tickets and I think it looks like they'll make a little more. We'll do it every year."

Guitarist and singer/front man for Code Blue is Dennard Clendenin, a former instructor at Mesa College in black studies. "We're a multicultural group. Lead guitarist, Chris Lin, is Asian. On drums is Stevie Brickman; bass, Ed Canepn; and on harmonica, Alan Vincent.

"The concept behind us is that the blues can be for anybody. We play around town. We play at Rosie O'Grady's a lot, up in Kensington. We do a Chicago-based blues." Clendenin's main influences are Muddy Waters, Buddy Guy, and Jimi Hendrix. "Not many people are aware that Hendrix was a tremendous blues player.

"This library, by the way, is critical. You get bits and pieces in other institutions, but here it goes deeper. I was 13 years old when I went to college, and I knew that black people were slaves and then there was Martin Luther King. There was



Malcolm X Library

this whole piece in the middle that I didn't discover until I took it upon myself to go study black history. I found out that African-descended people had done all these wonderful things beside being entertainers and athletes. Most of these black kids in jail, if you ask them 'What do you know about yourself historically?' they don't know anything."

Gina Jackson, president of the Friends of the Malcolm X Library, was on hand to introduce the band and pose next to the benevolent-looking sculptural rendering of the assassinated activist, which greets anyone entering the comfortable and well-appointed facility. Certainly any children looking for *Where the Wild Things Are* or *Green Eggs and Ham*, or, in fact, anyone under 30 (anyone at all, really, who may have a 1960s-shaped gap in their education) will be impressed by this metal icon. They might well ask who this man was. The answer lies in a uniquely American story and an indispensable American lesson.

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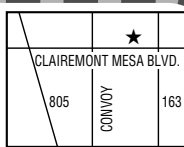


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