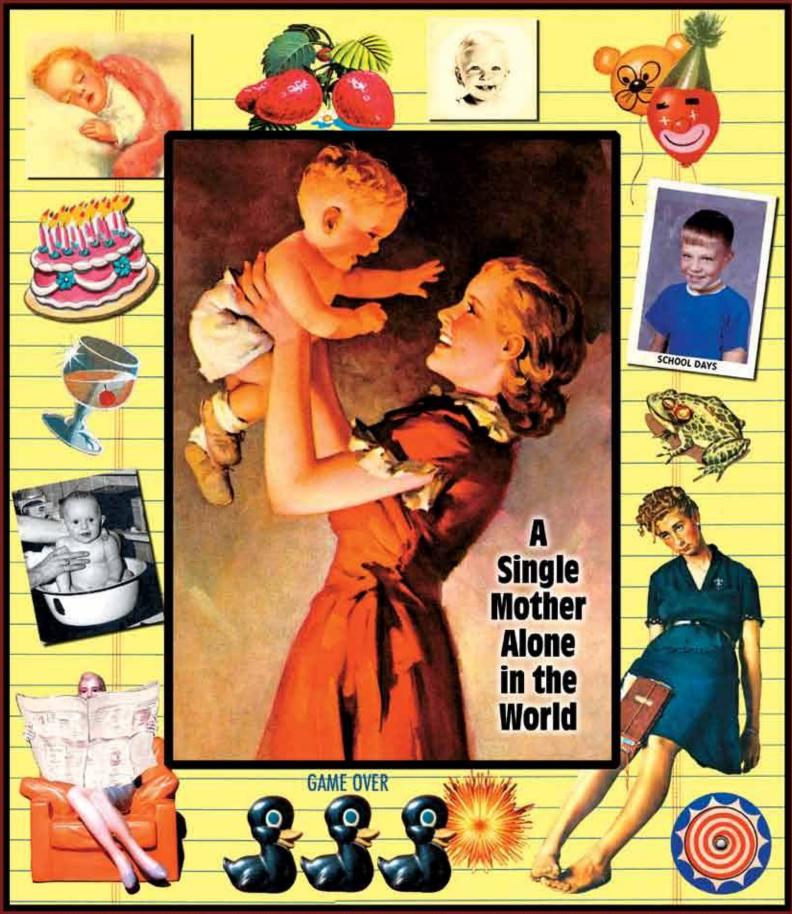
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You and I both know what saved me: My son. A gorgeous Botticelli-in-diapers on the day his father left for good. The reason I am a single mother is that, over long swaths of time, there's a certain amount of grace in being a single mother. Something exquisite and beautiful, crammed with the experience of life and death itself.

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Mengele Choice

Matt Potter's cover story, "Bad Blood" (July 28), should be required reading in every medical school in the nation. Certainly it's not the first time that avarice and arrogance have triumphed over compassion and common sense, but it's still deeply disturbing when physicians view poor minorities as little more than lab rats. That Northfield Labs would be willing to do anything to push their product to market is not surprising. Like most corporations, their only goal is profit, by any means necessary. But for UCSD to act as willing co-conspirator is unconscionable. We expect better from people who take an oath to first do no harm.

As for Dr. David Hovt and his defense of the exception to informed consent policy, I'm reminded of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, of the experiments conducted in the 1930s by Dr. Cornelius Rhoads, and, of course, of the master of human experimentation, Dr. Joseph Mengele. Lest I be accused of hyperbole, I point out that in each case poor, powerless people were deprived of something that even God Himself refuses to deny, freedom of choice. Dr. Hoyt says that UCSD has the support of the community. I hope that the community proves him wrong by diverting any planned giving away from UCSD and choosing to donate to other organizations. Kelly Johnson

Great Crooks

I would like to thank the Reader and, in particular, Mike Davis for writing a wonderful, inclusive report about the history of San Diego ("Welcome to the City of Crooks," July 28). I thought it was great, and I

via e-mail

would like to compliment him for writing a wonderful history of this bunch of damn crooks we've got here. And most of all, we're Republicans. I wonder if anyone noticed that. And, particularly, we've still got a lot of them around here, and I hope someday we will manage to get rid of the whole damn bunch of crooks that we've got here.

I'd also like to thank Don Bauder for his wonderful reports in the Reader. I religiously read every one of the *Reader*'s reports by Don Bauder because I know they're going to be truthful and honest, and I'm sorry that he had to leave but I understand that it was a good thing for him to leave that lousy rag that he left and work for some company that produces at least half of the truthful, objective reports.

Jack Frogue North Clairemont

Idiot Pastor

I'm calling in response to the "Sheep and Goats" article (July 28). I'm calling because I was curious if the piece was meant to bash the Mormon religion or to show that Pastor Gabriel Carlin is an idiot and has no clue what he's talking about and he's a racist, hateful bastard. I'm not a Mormon, but I was offended, or not offended — I'm not sure yet. Just wondering what the purpose of the article was.

Name Withheld

Discord Energy

I recently visited beautiful San Diego on a business trip and picked up a copy of the Reader to find some interesting places to visit and things to do. A completely out-of-place article struck my attention. A very slandering article written about Mormons ("Sheep and Goats," July 28). I firmly believe that people can worship any way they would like to. And if this Pastor Carlin is truly Christian, he wouldn't be focusing his energy on discrediting anyone's religion. So my suggestion is to stick to things that make San Diego great instead of publishing articles that promote discord in a world that is full of it already.

> Troy Brown via e-mail

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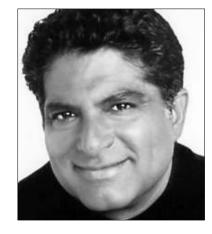
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Stadium Mess

By Don Bauder

t's a sorry state of affairs when your ace in the hole is a black hole: possible bankruptcy.

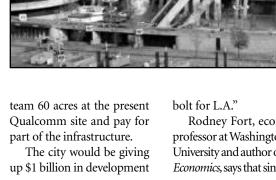
That's the situation with the City of San Diego:

its best defense against another pillaging by the Chargers is the fact that the city is broke. San Diego is already a national laughingstock. Think what it will be if it gives a billion dollars' worth of development rights to the Chargers, then goes bankrupt.

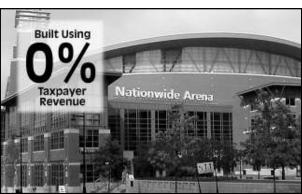
But will penury protect the city? In the past few years, there have been a few hopeful signs that major-league sports teams are no longer as rapacious as own money for sports facilities.

Alas, it's not much more. Team owners are not sensitive people, except when fingering their pocketbooks. And when you examine sports deals closely, there are a lot of concealed payoffs that the biased mainstream media don't report.

Next year, the Chargers want voters to okay an urban village development plan that, the team claims, will pay for a \$450 million stadium. It would



Rodney Fort, economics professor at Washington State University and author of Sports Economics, says that since 2000,



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they were. Supposedly sensitive to criticism for extorting public funds from education, libraries, infrastructure, affordable housing, and the arts, they are putting up more of their

include 6000 housing units, retailers, and a hotel. The footballers assert they will even plunk their own money into some of the infrastructure. The city would have to give the

rights, says former councilmember Bruce Henderson, who fears that once again, the team is fleecing San Diego. First, in the late 1990s, it promised to stay if it got a 60,000-seat guarantee and a refurbishment of the stadium now called Qualcomm. It got both and then reneged on the agreement, wangling a deal that reduces its rent by \$6 million a year and permits it to blow town in 2008. In return, it dropped the 60,000-seat guarantee, which was going to expire in two years anyway.

Chargers have set themselves up," says Henderson. "With their rent reduced, they can make lots of money staying at Qualcomm, which is an excellent stadium as is. Or if they get development rights free, they can make billions from the urban village, even after subtracting the cost of a new stadium. Or if they get a deal from Los Angeles, they can move. Don't be surprised if right before the 2006 election, they insult the city so they can lose the election and

taxpayers have paid on average 63 percent of sports palace costs. "That's better than what it was in the 1970s, when the public was putting in almost 100 percent," he says. "More private money is going in, especially for [hockey and basket-

to put a heavy subsidy into the Staples Center, which is used for basketball and hockey. But its politicians decided to play hardball. In the end, the city put in only 3 percent. Now it refuses to pay for stadium subsidies, even infrastructure. Of course, it has an enlightened newspaper, the Los Angeles Times, which has been willing to put the city's fiscal health ahead of its own narrow economic interest. Fort explains that newspapers profit from sports pages, special sections, and promotions, while radio and TV stations rake in bucks from game broadcasts, talk shows, and the

There have been some pos-

itive developments. In the late

1990s, Los Angeles was ready

The San Francisco Giants lost four elections seeking subsidies, finally winning the fifth by promising to pay for everything but infrastructure. Government picked up 8 percent

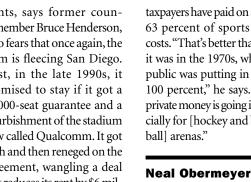
of the tab. Massachusetts kept refusing the pleas of the New England Patriots. Hartford, Connecticut, said it would give the team everything it wanted, but it was a cockamamie scheme that mercifully died. Finally, the Patriots paid 83 percent.

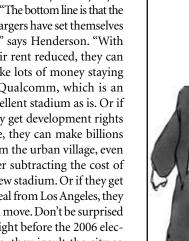
An arena for the Columbus Blue Jackets hockey team was built with zero public funds. The arena for the Dallas Mavericks and Stars was 30 percent taxpayer funded. The St. Louis Cardinal ballpark to open next year will be 22.6 percent funded by taxpayers.

Some governments are putting up stiff resistance. Minnesota and Florida state legislators won't pick up the tabs for the Twins and Marlins, respectively. "The Twin Cities have

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Touch One, **Touch All**

By Bruce Kauffman

hen Michael Moore finally arrived at the Del Mar Fairgrounds on October

12 to rail against a second term for President

Bush, he promised to devote the ticket proceeds to scholarships for the biggest hellraisers on the Cal State San Marcos campus.

The renegade documentarian (Fahrenheit 9/11) spoke to a crowd of some 10,000. He said he was still smarting from university president Karen S. Haynes's veto a month before of the use of Cal State San Marcos money to pay for the preelection visit. Her reason: there would be no balancing — or pro-Bush voice represented, and too little time to find one before Election Day.

The veto overturned the



Michael Moore

student government's vote to use student activity fees to cover Moore's appearance. Student leaders raised money and brought him here anyway.

Eight days after the anti-Bush tent revival in Del Mar, just after midnight on October 20, Jason Edwin Williams, a 23-year-old communications major and star 400-meter hurdler, was pulled over by university police for allegedly running a stop sign at Campus Way and Campus View Drive, just up the hill from his room at the University Village dorm complex.

Williams had to wonder why he was being pulled over. He felt certain he had come to a full stop at the intersection. After all, he said, he had seen the police car parked nearby.

Williams also could not help wondering if his race he was one of fewer than 200 blacks among the more than 7000 students enrolled at the university — had something to do with it.

Police searched his car, a 2001 tan Honda Civic, showed him a steak knife and an open bottle of rum they allegedly found inside, charged him with felony possession of a weapon on a college campus, and carted him off to the Vista jail.

He was released some 19 hours later, about 7:30 at night, on a \$15,000 bond. On October 27, he entered a not guilty plea in Superior Court in Vista to a misdemeanor charge of weapons possession

knocked down by prosecutors from a felony - and to the infraction of an open bottle of alcohol in a vehicle. He faced a year in jail and a fine of as much as \$3201.

Over the next week, he talked with friends and teachers about the incident. One, Sharon Elise, a sociology professor and African American who counted herself among those who had endured racism over the years at the campus, urged him to speak out. And on November 4, he did. He accused the police of racial profiling and wondered aloud if a "blue-eyed white" would have gotten the same treatment.

At a forum sponsored by the African American Faculty and Staff Association, Williams told a rapt audience that overflowed Academic Hall 102, one of the largest lecture halls on campus, that the evening had started out in celebration as he joined his parents and a klatch of cousins and uncles and aunts at a Red Lobster restaurant to fete his grandmother on her 75th birthday.

He said he had stopped at the stop sign. He also said that little if anything is visible through the windows of his car even in the daytime because they are darkly tinted. So how, he asked, could police have seen a bottle of Malibu rum through the back window at night? Police said they found the rum on the floor behind the passenger seat.

This justified a search, Williams said. He passed three



Jason Williams

field sobriety tests. He said he did not know that the bottle was in the car, that it probably had been left there by one of the cousins he'd shuttled about for the birthday party.

The search also yielded the knife from the open storage compartment on the driver'sside door — an EverSharp steak knife with a 51/2-inch blade affixed to a black handle. "I never once thought that having a kitchen knife — a kitchen utensil, a steak knife — in my car was against the law," Williams

He told the crowd that the

police were wrong in reporting that he said he used the knife "for protection." Williams insisted that he never said any such thing. He said instead that the knife belonged to his mother, and he used it to pare apples and cut up other food he brought to campus.

Then he accused the police of brutalizing him. After putting him under arrest, Williams said, they patted him down, grabbing his right testicle so forcefully that he screamed. When they did it again on the left side, he said, "That's when I went ballistic."

"I speak the truth," Williams told the crowd. When he was done, after about 40 minutes, the audience rose to its feet and gave him a sustained ovation.

Asked at the time to respond, the university said race was not a factor in the incident and that police were "very confident" they had followed correct procedure.

The denials did not sit well with students.

On November 11, a Thursday morning, about 30 students marched across campus to deliver letters to the university police in protest of § what they called racially motivated traffic stops and arrests. One letter called for police to make a formal apology and g for people to pray for the police to change.



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resisted for a long time," says Rob Baade, professor of economics at Lake Forest College, north of Chicago. "But once cities start kowtowing to team demands, it makes it more difficult for other cities to resist, because of the argument that a team will be less competitive."

There's a wonderful Marlins story. The team pulled out the usual ploy of threatening to move. The brass visited Las $\,$ Vegas to hear Sin City's pitch. The president of the Florida state senate shut them up: he said he wouldn't "negotiate with terrorists." If only San Diego pols had had such backbone.

There's bad news too. Washington, D.C., wooed a team, owned by Major League Baseball, from Montreal. A taxpayer-financed stadium was part of the package. Suddenly, some politicians and citizens groups got spine: they argued that with schools and infrastructure in horrible shape, the private sector should pay a chunk. Indignantly, Major League Baseball said it was going elsewhere. Washington surrendered. The \$600 million-plus stadium will probably be 90 percent funded by the government.

CITY LIGHTS

The Indianapolis Colts will get a new \$625 million stadium, and the team will put in a mere \$100 million. At one

point, the public's portion was to be paid off through receipts from a downtown gambling casino. That was scrapped. Earlier, plans to have casinos pay off the cost of a stadium for the Chicago Bears were jettisoned. In the future, however, there will certainly be more financial ties between pro sports and gambling. As Dan Moldea's book Interference shows, the original owners of National Football League teams came from organized crime and the gambling industry. Financial necessity will lead to more marriage vows.

Some recent developments were less promising than advertised. "When a stadium is said to be privately financed, you have to look at the details," says Baade. The Dallas Cowboys advertised that they were putting up half of a proposed \$650 million stadium. However, the Heartland Institute points out that while the governments would use new taxes to retire their part of the debt, the Cowboys were permitted to slap a tax on tickets and parking. The team gets 95 percent of the naming rights and also a loan from the league it doesn't have to repay. The team's subsidy could reach \$1.2 billion, says Heartland.

A proposed billion-dollar subsidy to the New York Jets was knocked down by two state politicians this year. Polls showed that New York City residents had consistently opposed the proposal, partly because the New York Times editorialized that the billions for owners should go for critical public services. But the Jets will be back, because other teams have their hands out.

The New York Yankees and Mets are claiming they will build their own stadiums, with the government kicking in some things such as parking. But FieldofSchemes.com says that the teams will collectively get more than \$900 million from city and state funds, rent rebates, bond subsidies, property tax savings, and the like. If you add in the \$451 million that the Nets, a basketball team moving from New Jersey to Brooklyn, want in city and state funds, New York governments could be on the hook for more than \$1.3 billion.

Fort is not optimistic that what he calls "the stadium mess" will improve. Politicians can't resist a stadium subsidy: teams, the business establishment, labor unions, and the construction industry lobby heavily. The media (with some exceptions) are generally biased for the public subsidy that is in their economic interest. "There is little hope that direct democracy can curb the stadium mess," he says.

Knowing that the city is broke and services will be slashed and taxes raised, San Diegans may still vote a billion-dollar gift for their beloved Chargers, who will take the money and laugh all the way to the goal line. ■



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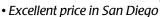
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Jason Williams joined the crowd. As the route took them past his dorm room, he pointed out the cover of his compact disc, Tha Hurdlez, displayed in the window. A rap artist, Williams has been selling the albums for \$10 apiece out of his backpack and the trunk of his car. He said he wants to convey a positive and uplifting message to his black contemporaries. "I feel that I'm the next Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the next Malcolm X," he said, "because I am a messenger."

On Monday, November 22, nearly 300 students walked out of class, descended on the plaza at the foot of University Hall, and denounced the campus police for alleged racial profiling. Scores fell to their knees and clasped their hands atop their heads in the posture of suspects about to be arrested.

One after another they took to a microphone in front of a banner that read, "Free Jason Williams. Touch one, touch all." The protesters called CITY LIGHTS

for an economic boycott of the campus, urging people to spend not a dime at such places as the Starbucks at the Kellogg Library across the way. They said the boycott should last until all the charges against Williams are dismissed.

"If one person does not have social justice," said student Heidi Doyle, "I should not have it." Noted Williams, "I am preparing to spend a year in the penitentiary."

Six days later, on November 28, university president Haynes asked distinguished writing and literature professor Susie Lan Cassel and former Cal State Fresno police chief Lynn Button to conduct an independent inquiry into the Williams case. She also indicated she would convene an in-house task force to examine the role of the police.

On November 30, the police went into damage control, holding their own public forum at the Clarke Field House to assure a skeptical crowd they would thoroughly investigate any formal complaints about officers in the department.

Four weeks later, on

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December 28, Williams filed a statement at the Vista Courthouse. In it, he swore that police had stopped him illegally, told him he did not "belong here," searched his car without his consent, roughed him up, and then falsified their arrest report.

By February 4, investigators Cassel and Button had completed their work. The university released 4 pages of what's thought to be a 25-page report. It concluded that in the Williams arrest, campus police had acted "within the policies and procedures established."

Nonetheless, the investigators called for a study of arrests by race, a community committee to oversee the police "to ward against race inequity," and the training of officers to be more sensitive to cultural diversity.

By early May, with graduation approaching at Cal State San Marcos, Michael Moore had still not been heard from as to his scholarship awards. Reminded of this by a reporter, Moore swiftly moved into action, put up a website inviting nominations, and declared, "It's not easy to take on the establishment, but when students do so for the right reasons, they should be rewarded."

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On May 13, just two days before commencement, Moore announced the awards. He gave out six scholarships worth \$15,000, tripling both the number of recipients and the amount of cash. Among the winners: Jason Edwin Williams, \$2500 richer and now with the money he said he needs to finish college.

According to Moore, the student had "tirelessly pursued justice," battled racial profiling, and represented "exactly the type of student who belongs at CSUSM."

In a newspaper interview later, Williams said, "I stand for that citizen who is tired of being mistreated."

At the end of May, with the campus quiet and in between semesters, the in-house task force issued a report that urged the campus police to be more community oriented in their patrols. But it rejected the idea of forming a citizens' review board to oversee the department. Instead, the task force leaned toward forming a panel — drawn from the region, the faculty, and the student body — that would only offer the police advice. Williams's trial is scheduled to begin on September 2 at the Vista Courthouse.



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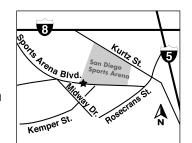


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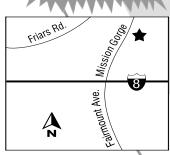


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Y MATTHEW ALICE

Matt: Why is Canada so special?

-GZ, the net

Lucky for us, Canadians seem to spend most of their free time answering survey questions. Maybe we can find some clues in statistics from public and private agencies clearly obsessed with the same question as GZ. Here's a quick scan of the Canadian brain: 45 percent of Canadians have never had a cavity, maybe because 30 percent floss daily; 34 percent say their marriages are most like Marge and Homer Simpson's; 20 percent believe aliens regularly visit Earth; 58 percent of Canadian e-mail users still have more trust in the postal service; and 71 percent would welcome more tax audits by the country's internal revenue service. A whopping 40 percent of Canadians own vibrators, a third more than the world average. A survey of Toronto college freshmen found that 78 percent of them use the expression "eh" (as in, "Nice day, eh?" made internationally famous by the Mackenzie Brothers and *SCTV*), even though nearly 100 percent called it uneducated hick talk. Seems they're proud that "eh" is as typically Canadian as hockey and beer.

This figure is dropping fast, but when last asked, 57 percent of Canadians considered the U.S. their country's best friend. Amazing loyalty when you consider that 37 percent of Canadians consider George Bush the greatest threat to their own national security, second only to worldwide organized crime. So what do we give them in return? A mere 14 percent of Americans call Canada our best friend. There's something poignant about all that unrequited geopolitical love. But in the end, as Grandma would say, it's all about attitude. A recent U.S.-conducted survey of Canadians shows that 94 percent believe the rest of the world likes them a lot. I defy you to dislike a grinny, hand-shakey bunch with strong teeth and an outlook like that. Yay, Canada.

Heymatt:

On the day of the tsunami, did the world population go up or down. I trust it didn't stay the same.

— Joel Fentin, the net

Trust misplaced, Joel. The most recent total (estimated, of course) for the 11 countries with tsunami-related deaths is 200,000 (though not all died on the day of the event). The U.S. Census Bureau's world population clock estimates there is a net gain worldwide of 202,419 people per day. Spooky but true.

The Endless Yard

Once again, Matthew Alice opens a worm can best left closed and suffers the consequences. "The whole nine yards" debate will not die, and why I figured we could play Dr. Kevorkian to this particular bit of common knowledge I really don't know. We even heard from one Lyle Davidson, saying we had the joke all wrong, giving us the corrected version, and saying it had nothing to do with the expression. The only conclusion we've drawn so far is that Scottish jokes are really, really unfunny, no matter which version you hear.

Phil Coyle of netland sent an e-mail similar to this received from George Weisz of Carlsbad: [The expression] goes back to WWII. The fighter airplanes were equipped with six or eight .50 caliber machine guns mounted in the wings. Each had a canister attached containing a prepackaged belt of ammunition measuring 27 feet long, NINE YARDS! When questioned by his crew chief upon landing after a busy mission about how much ammo he thought he had used, the pilot would report, "The whole nine yards!" meaning he had [given it] all he had.

We're still looking, so this isn't the final word, but we've yet to find a military ammo specialist who will confirm that nine yards was a standard length for cartridge belts for the popular M2 .50 caliber Browning (used on land, sea, and air) or any other machine gun. The first thing they point out is that a yard isn't a relevant measure. The belts as well as the drums or canisters that held them were measured in rounds, a much more useful figure. Granted, this story has everything going for it. Of all the guesses, this is my personal fave. The military, especially in war time, contributes mightily to casual speech and adds borrowed words and phrases from foreign countries as well. And the machine-gun story is at least plausible, requiring no imagination stretching or abandoning of credulity. It just isn't supported (so far) by the facts. It's possible, I suppose, that some crew arbitrarily picked nine yards as the length of their ammo belts and the expression spread from there. But there isn't even a solid anecdotal story to suggest this is true. If George actually heard some pilot say this, we need to know. If George simply heard the story that some pilot said that, well, that's maybe the whole yard and a half. Not quite up to snuff.

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Sportsman Of The Year

efore we move into football (the NFL preseason kicks off on Saturday), the Box would like to award its Sportsman of the Year trophy. Regulars will recall that the trophy is a handsome 18-inch-tall bronze statue depicting a solitary professional athlete standing in an Iowa cornfield, weathered cap clutched tight by callused left hand, manly right hand extending outward to receive a check for ten million dollars. The trophy is awarded every August 1 to commemorate the Battle of Jutland.

This year's recipient is Barry Bonds. In addition to the statue, the Box would like to express regret for the unkind innuendoes that have appeared in this space concerning his use of steroids, head size, and unrelenting pig-like selfishness. They made me do it.

On Monday, Bonds announced he would not play this year, which, for those of us who love him and follow his good works hour-tohour, was a nasty disappointment, but not a surprise. Bonds was merely closing the circle on a perfect season — by far, the most productive baseball season of his professional career.

As you may recall, back in March, Barry was cornered, he was treed, he was dinner. His lifelong buddy and personal trainer, Greg Anderson, among others, had been indicted on 42 counts of money-laundering and providing drugs to well-known athletes. Attorney General John Ashcroft announced the indictments, live, on national TV. A grand jury was empanelled and testimony portraying Bonds as a steroid user was leaked, or, more accurately, waterfalled to the press. Even a mistress turned up to rat-out Bonds, reportedly testifying that he told her he began using steroids in 2000.

On March 17, Baseball, in the form of Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Jose Canseco, Rafael Palmeiro, Bud Selig, Donald Fehr, Sandy Alderson, and Kevin Towers, came to Capitol Hill and revealed themselves to be guilty, corrupt, stupid, and arrogant. For the first time, all eyes turned to Barry Bonds.

One of America's great myths is the power of the press. Journalists cherish that myth for obvious reasons. The actual fact is, writing a story that changes anything — from getting a pothole filled to helping an innocent man get out of jail — happens once every 546,666 man-hours worked.

Another dirty secret about the press is that its members, on the whole, are jobafraid, which makes them terrified to be caught out of step. This is why the steroid epidemic went unreported for ten years; everybody knew, nobody wanted to be first.

But, every long once in awhile, critical mass happens and the media herd stampedes, all together and all toward the same story. The power of the press is actually the power of the stampede.

Being the all-time home-run champion is a record like no other in sports. The 2005 season was set to start in two weeks and every time Bonds came to the plate, you can be assured the stampede would scream, "Steroids!" Every time Bonds hit a home run, the stampede would generate stories about the home run, about his possible steroid use, wondering if that home run was the result of steroids, observing that Babe Ruth did not use steroids, nor Hank Aaron, nor Warren Harding. A version would be printed in major newspapers every single day.

Bonds would start this year with 703 home runs, 11 behind Ruth, 52 behind Aaron. Passing Ruth was a lock for 2005. Bonds needs 49 home runs to tie Aaron, 50 to pass and become The Man. As each milestone came up, the stampede would intensify. Hundreds, then thousands of mediaempowered slugs would follow Bonds AT ALL TIMES, calling out the same questions, "Will you take a steroid test right now?" "Do you think you deserve to beat Babe Ruth's record?"

Suddenly, corporations, reporters, private detectives, lawyers, prosecutors are looking into everything Bonds has ever done or said. Every acquaintance, friend, relative, every woman he's slept with, will consider selling him out in return for a small check or an appearance on Fox News. No human being born of woman can withstand that kind of pressure. He was over, I thought.

Instead, he's triumphed by deciding not to play baseball. Now, maybe Bonds didn't have a choice, in which case his gimpy knee is the best injury an athlete ever had. Not playing this year stopped all the stories and scattered the stampede. Bonds can come back next year and hit 27 home runs, return the following year and hit 27 home runs, own the single season and lifetime home-run records, be 45 million dollars richer, and retire to the life of Living Icon.

He had help. I mean, how do you figure the government dropping 40 of 42 counts against his trainer and others, plus writing into its plea agreements the dispensation that no one had to cooperate with the government, thereby assuring Bonds of an uncomplicated future? That was a basesloaded, bottom-of-the-ninth-inning home run for Barry Bonds and that's why he's Sportsman of the Year!

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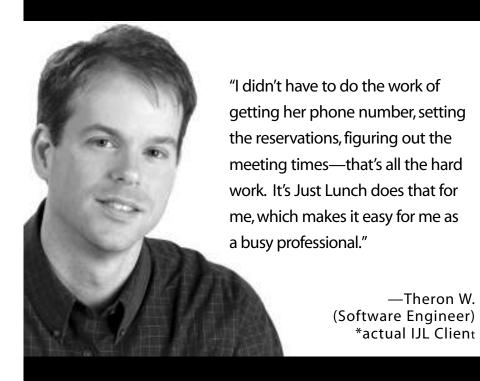


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Denomination: nondenominational **Address:** 9919 Carroll Centre Road, San Diego, 858-549-7729 **Founded locally:** 1984 **Senior pastor:** Barry Minkow

Congregation size: 1300 Staff size: 17 Sunday school enrollment: 300 Annual budget: 2.4 million Weekly giving: \$30,000–40,000

Weekly giving: \$30,000–40,00 Singles program: yes Dress: casual

Diversity: diverse **Worship times:** Saturday, 5:15 p.m.; Sunday, 8:15, 9:45, and 11:15 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1¹/₂ hours **Website:** *www.cbcsandiego.com*

"It isn't often that you find a pastor who has been in prison and been divorced but has a real heart for people. He isn't judgmental at all. If you are struggling with sin, this is a great church to attend because you won't be judged," said

Blaine Morgan, a church volunteer, about Pastor Barry Minkow. "We don't condone sin here, but we value the process of forgiveness and change."

change."
"There are many people who serve here who are ex-convicts," added Fumi Tanaka, a congregant."This really is a great place for people who need to be restored." Tanaka said several of the church staff served prison time, including small-groups director Frank Wooters, David, the men's ministry leader, and senior pastor Barry Minkow. Frank Wooters's biography on the church website states, "By my 20s I was running in the wrong direction with the wrong crowd, in and out of jail. I was running in a world of violence and selfdestruction."

Barry Minkow's criminal past and subsequent life change has received national press. Minkow, who was the

youngest person ever to take a company public at 20 years old, was convicted of fraud in 1987. Minkow served seven years in federal prison and was ordered to pay back \$26 million to investors. In prison, Minkow changed his life and says he felt God's call to enter the ministry. Minkow was hired as senior pastor of Community Bible Church in 1997. In addition to his role as senior pastor, Minkow assists the FBI in busting fraud scams. In January, Minkow released a book about his life, Cleaning Up: One Man's Redemptive Journey Through the Seductive World of Corporate Crime.

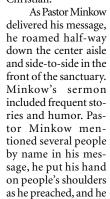
Hawaiian shirts, jeans, and shorts reflect the casual attire of the 200-plus congregants who attended the Saturday-evening service. Community Bible Church meets in a converted office building in Kearny Mesa. The black industrial pipes and low ceiling serve as a reminder of the building's past. In the front of the sanctuary, a large wooden cross is flanked by two 10-foot projection screens. An 11-piece band led the congregation in "modern, contemporary worship" as described by worship

pastor Leroy Patton. "A lot of our songs are guitar-driven pop-rock songs. I only pick songs that are easy for people to sing. We don't play things that are difficult for people to catch on to," explained Pastor Patton after the service. Common praise songs such as "Be Glorified" and "You Are Holy" were led by Patton as he played a *cajon*, a wooden-box percussion instrument with South American roots.

Pastor Barry Minkow's sermon began with a movie clip from *Flight of the Phoenix*. In the clip, Liddle (Scott Campbell) encourages Frank Towns (Dennis Quaid) to continue to help rebuild a crashed airplane even if it meant the crash survivors would die. "I think a man only needs one thing in life," said Liddle. "He just needs someone to love. If you can't give him that, then give him something to hope for. And if you can't give him that, just give him something to do." Pastor Minkow connected the film clip with John 3:16.

"The world only offers people pseudolove," said Minkow. "They offer us something

so that we will be happy. They give us happy hour because they know we are miserable at work until 4 p.m. and will be miserable when we go home." Minkow preached that only Jesus can offer people everlasting happiness because of his love for us. "God created people so that he could express his love to us." Pastor Minkow ended his message with a prayer for people to accept Jesus. A piano played softly as Minkow explained the steps for someone to become a Christian.



invited a woman to stand and recite John 3:16 and kissed her on the cheek when she finished

After service, Pastor Minkow greeted people as they left the building. People gathered around booths set up for different church ministries and a snack table with Krispy Kreme donuts, juice, and coffee.

In Minkow's sermon, he spoke about what happens to people after they die. "The Bible tells us that [Christians] will not perish. Buddha and Muhammad both died and did not resurrect. Only Jesus died and rose from the dead, so I'm going to believe in the words of Jesus," said Minkow. "It is the people who fear death who are the ones who aren't prepared." Minkow believes non-Christians will go to hell. "People say, 'My god would never send anyone to hell.' Well, you are worshipping the god in your own image and not the God of the Bible."

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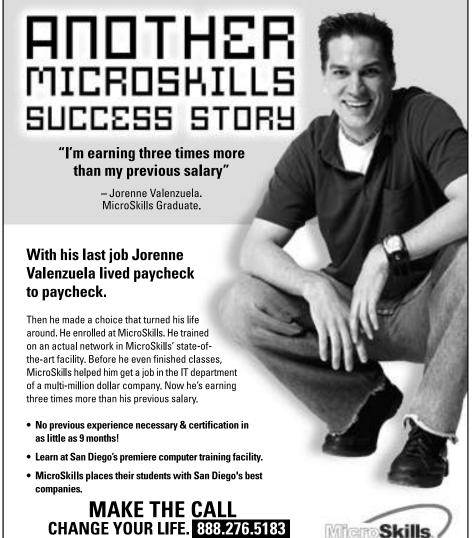


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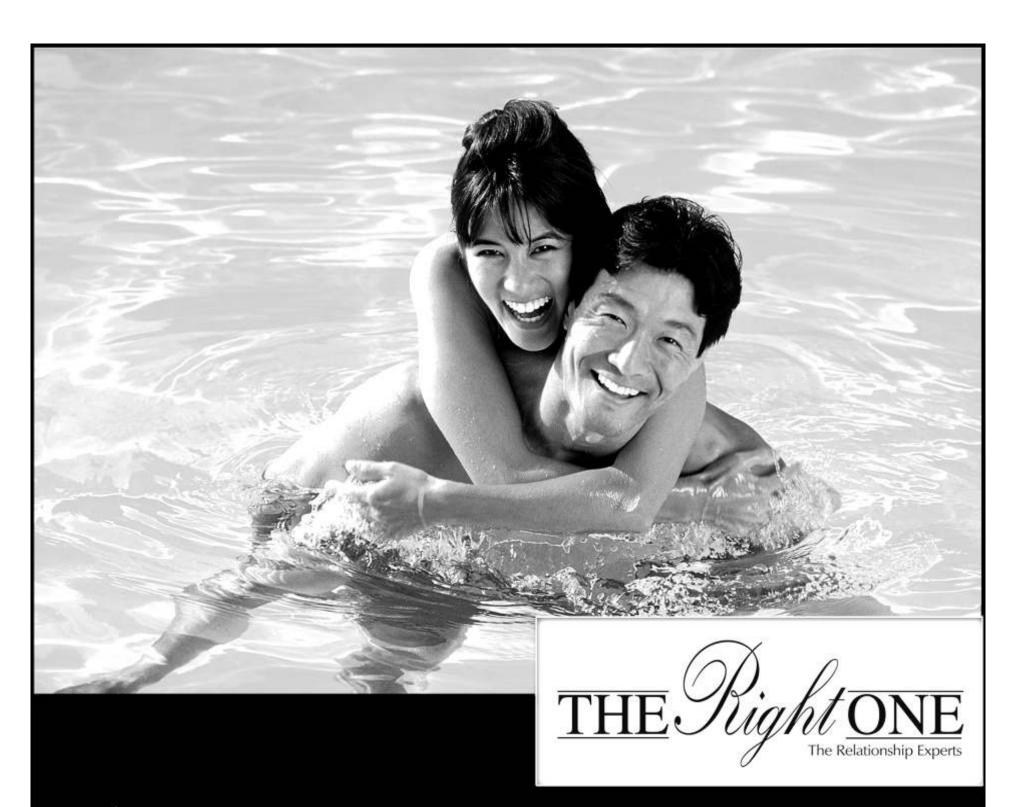
Dear Romeo,

First, promise your wife that you will never again tell this man about your plans unless it's regarding some activity where you both don't mind if he shows up. You said this isn't the first time this has happened (and perhaps that's why your wife is so pissed off), so make it the last. Then you have to decide what is worse: disappointing her or breaking his heart? I don't envy you. If your wife can stand to have him horn in this one final time, then get down on your knees and thank her, enjoy yourselves, and consider it a good deed you and your wife can do as a team. If she is absolutely going to leave you or have a breakdown if this guy goes on your anniversary trip, then you have to explain to him that you'd had something more intimate in mind and you hope he understands that it would be best if someone shifted plans.

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When I moved here from Boston years ago," says Elizabeth Huller-Eisemann, "I brought ten goldfish with me on the plane. Or rather, they were supposed to be in cargo. They actually missed the flight, and they had to stay in their little bags for 23 hours. They all survived. Most of them lived another five years;

one of them is still alivehe's nine. When I got here, I wanted my license plate to be GLDFSH." Now, Goldfish is her brand, the name she has given to her line of customized jean jackets.

"I went to art school
30 years ago," she says, "but I had
never sewn or worked with fabric. But one day,
I got bored, and I wanted to decorate my bed.
I bought pillows and fabric. I cut out pieces of
the fabric and glued them onto the pillows
with fabric glue. I had this fabulous fringe left
over, so I decided to make a jacket. I glued
the fringe on, and everywhere I went,
people thought the jacket was fabulous. They told me I should make
more of them. So I bought a
good used sewing machine. But
I still didn't know how to sew."

The project went on hold until "I moved in with my husband and lined all his shelves with shelf paper — clear plastic with a white grid pattern on it. I thought, 'This stuff would make fabulous backpacks. So I taught myself to sew on plastic, which was challenging. Plastic doesn't bend. I used multicolored ribbon for the straps." After the backpack, a jacket seemed like a no-brainer. "I covered it with sunflowers. The fabric I bought for the trim had its own hem. I cut it and sewed it onto the cuffs with funky stitching — it didn't matter if it was crooked."

Things got moving when Huller-Eisemann wandered into Matti D's shop in Del Mar (858-523-0693) while wearing one of her own backpacks. "The salesman said it was fabulous. I said I was sewing other things as well, and the owner agreed to take a look at my jackets. She thought they were great; she ordered five."

Making the jackets starts with buying the jackets. "I used to buy jean jackets at TJ Maxx or Burlington Coat Factory. I bought whatever I could find for under \$30. I went for shorter, more fitted jackets with some stretch to them. Then I bought some Gap jackets at an outlet. Finally, I got a resale number — which made me a legal manufacturer and found a place in L.A. where I could buy the jackets wholesale. I buy the materials for decorating the jackets in the L.A. garment district but also from anywhere I find things. I bought some patches — really good flags, Fresca, Goodyear — on eBay. I buy whatever fabrics

Step one is replacing the buttons. "It's such

catch my eye."

"I'm very good with a stitchripper; I'm very particular."

a pain. I have a tool that cuts the button in half so you can pull it apart. My stepson is 17. I pay him to de-button the jackets, and even though he's an athlete, he hates it." Once the jacket is stripped of buttons (and whatever else she doesn't want), Huller-Eisemann tries to let the

fabrics dictate the design. "I bought a white antique beaded collar, and it was my guide for the rest of the jacket. I used white velvet for the base of the collar and the cuffs. I started with big cuffs, but the velvet was too bulky, so I made them shorter. I'm very good with a stitch-ripper; I'm very particular. If something doesn't look right, I take it out and redo it."

She takes pride in the details. "All the buttons I sew on have backer buttons. If a jacket has a black motif, then all the thread in the inside is black; if it's pink, then the thread is pink. Some things are designed to be fixed to the jacket with

heat, but I sew them on. I spend anywhere from 3 to 15 hours

on a jacket, depending on the details. Sewing on the buttons takes over an hour. Then I have them dry-cleaned to make sure everything can make it through." She sells some jackets out-oftown, but locally they are available exclusively at Matti D for \$250.

Huller-Eisemann's latest creation is a racing jacket. "I love buttons, ribbons, and patches. One day, I found a rhinestone zipper; I didn't know what to do with it, but I thought it was great. Then, a little later, I was in a fabric store and saw some silver quilted satin. It was like a light went on. I thought, 'Racing jacket: silver sleeves and rhinestone zipper.' I went home and started to play with the idea. I cut the collar, button placket, and sleeves off a jean jacket, then added the sleeves, zipper, and patches. I grew up with my family selling Goodyear tires, so that's why I use the Goodyear patches."

The result was a hit. "Everybody wanted one, but I couldn't afford to manufacture them quickly enough. So, I had a prototype manufac-

tured by a company in L.A. I liked it, and I bought 100. I add the patches and other details. A woman saw one at the Del Mar Nationals, which is a horse show, and she wanted it for the Baja races in June. Her husband's company makes Deutsch shock absorbers, so she wanted it with a Deutsch patch, a peace sign patch, and a BF Goodrich patch. Goodrich was sponsoring the races. I started researching the Indy 500 race, and I found there was a lot of interest in trading pins. I bought a bunch at a flea market, and I'm going to add those to the jackets."

Huller-Eisemann's Goldfish brand jackets are also sold at the Del Mar Nationals and at a women's boutique set up next to the Indy 500. They retail for between \$400 and \$500. Her website is www.goldfishdesign.biz; contact her at 760-233-0051 or at info@goldfishdesign.biz.

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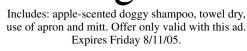
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Thirty Years Ago

At the other extreme, you find the "modern country-western nightclub," like the Alamo in Clairemont. There's a bowling alley that runs the length of the hall, which advertises a special of three games for a dollar and a quarter — after midnight only.

Walking into the nightclub is somehow like walking into a beating heart, à la Fantastic Voyage. It isn't the heat and noise of the hundred-odd occupants, but the red lights casting their glow over the plump red booths and pink walls, turning every blonde to strawberry, giving every skin the hectic flush so popular in porno flicks.

-"LOST IN THE CORN PONE AGAIN,"

Anne Hutchison, August 7, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

I look at the names of the horses. If there are two French names, I pick the two French names. If there's two Spanish names, I pick them — if they sound right. You match the names together. Like a horse by the name of Wind. What goes with Wind? Flyer. I'd pick Flyer. Wind-Flyer — they match. It works for me a

Hania Hamm, Hairdresser —OFF THE CUFF: "HOW DO YOU PICK A WINNER? (DEL MAR RACETRACK)," Lin Jakary,

Twenty Years Ago

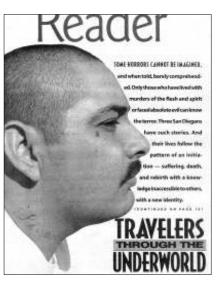
August 7, 1980

Hedgecock is the sort of person who says, "Let's go. I don't know what's out there, but let's go in that direction. I'm so confident of my capabilities and skills that whatever happens out there that might involve public policy, I'll make it right." He's an intelligent person. He's fearless even now. I used to compare him to Nixon, but I think that Nixon feared how history was going to regard him, and I don't think Roger cares.

—"JACK ORR TAKES THE FLOOR," Paul Krueger, August 8, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

The San Diego Trolley's bayside line, which started life in 1983 as a campaign pledge by then-mayor Roger Hedgecock, carried its first passengers six weeks ago. But business has not been robust. Trolley officials claim that up to 500 people ride the new line each weekday, and 2000 climb aboard on Saturdays and Sundays. Others contend that it isn't uncommon to see a mere five or six people riding entire two-car trolleys designed to hold up to 300 passengers. A recent inspection of the bayside line during Friday afternoon rush hour revealed ghost trains



San Diego Reader, August 2, 1995

plying the route; no more than ten people waited at each of the large station platforms.

—CITY LIGHTS: "A FINE LINE," Matt Potter, August 9, 1990

Ten Years Ago

Sherman funeral rites had their own logic. When one of Rios's best friends was killed with more than two dozen shots by a rival gang, 200 people showed up for the burial. Rios remembers Miguel's body lowered into the grave as his homeboys filed by and tossed in marijuana, PCP, and beer.

"All I could think about was revenge — to get back at the people who did this," Rios recalls. When the funeral was over the Shermans met with the Lomas gang and planned their attack.

"There were about 400-some people. We were gonna go down to Logan Heights because we heard they were having a masquerade party, and we were gonna go and shoot everybody."

—"TRAVELERS THROUGH THE UNDERWORLD." Jory Farr, August 2, 1995

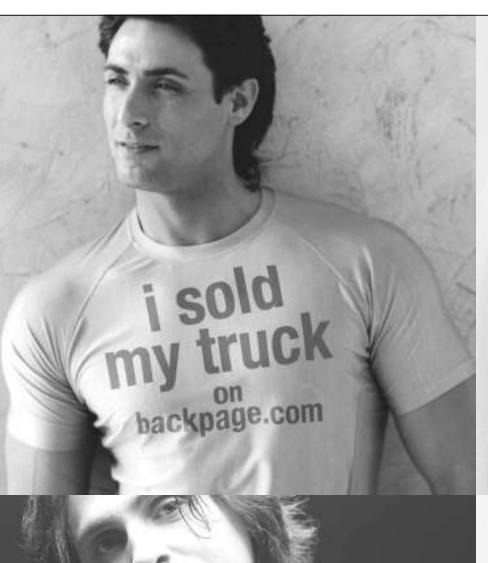
Five Years Ago

"Absolutely sterilized" jars is her primary commandment; you wouldn't want a home-canned good to be your last meal.

"You have to be so aware that botulism can happen. I wash my jars by hand, not in the dishwasher, then hold them up to the light to be sure I got every speck. And you need to let them air-dry. Can you imagine all the germs that are on your dish towel? Those germs are something and a half."

—CALENDAR: "LIMES SO CRISP THEY MAKE YOUR EARS RING," Jeanne Schinto, August 3, 2000

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INFLATABLE JOUST

by Josh Board

In June I got a call about Patrick Henry High's gradnight event at Party Pals in Sorrento Valley, not far from where I live. I had three other parties to go to that night (tough life, huh?), but the grad-night event didn't start until 11:00 p.m.

I got to Party Pals around 1:30 a.m. There was a palm reader and kids getting henna tattoos. Several students had real tattoos.

I talked to Ryan Koerner, PR man for Party Pals. I asked Koerner how many grad nights they host each year, and he said 30 to 40. "We've done over 300 since we started 11 years ago."

They have net climbing, wall climbing, cables that you attach a vest to and slide 300 feet down at high speed. I asked if the equipment was safe. "Everything is, but we've had a few minor injuries, as expected with any activity that is physical. But our staff is there to insure that the games are being used properly and safely."

Koerner told me about an incident that occurred at another grad night. "Two guys were battling on the inflatable joust game. As you know, baggy pants are in style. The



two guys were trying to knock each other down, and one of them lost his pants and...dropped the pole that was in his hands and covered the one that was in his pants."

Insurance must be through the roof.

"It costs us approximately \$100,000 a year."

I saw they had lots of food. There were Papa John's pizzas and lots of chips and telling jokes. I overheard one say he almost threw up on the trapeze. "Even though you are held by a cord, it's still freaky when you lose your grip on the swing and start falling."
The trapeze was high up; it

"You're used to wearing a helmet. You had to wear one all through your childhood."

desserts. That stuff disappeared faster than the carrots and celery.

Outside there was a fire pit with students around it. Couples were in each other's arms, and a few guys were looked terrifying.

Some of the activities required helmets. One kid dissed his friend: "You're used to wearing a helmet. You had to wear one all through your childhood."

Two girls walked by with henna tattoos on their lower backs. One guy said, "I bet in two years, they get real ones there."

I walked over to the 300foot cable line, and it looked just as scary climbing up the ladder to get to the top as it did sliding down the cable.

I noticed a lot of kids were wearing shirts with college logos on them — UCLA, SDSU, UCSD. One guy was wearing an "ARMY" shirt.

Some students had their yearbooks with them. I overheard one guy say, "Why are you carrying that thing around with you?" His friend said, "I didn't get all my friends to sign it at school, so I thought this would be easier. Now I don't know where to put it, though."

Inside the Party Pal building were blackjack and craps tables. None of the kids were playing craps, so I talked to the gentleman working that table. "You can't tell me kids know how to play this game?" He laughed and said, "No. I usually have to explain it to them. They seem to have fun learning it." He told me he graduated high school in 1966. We agreed that this grad night event was cooler than the ones we attended. He told me he's had three kids graduate from Patrick Henry but still volunteers for grad

There were some video games and a pool table. In the middle of the room there was a dance floor. Occasionally a girl would drag her boyfriend out there.

During my grad night, my girlfriend and I had snuck out and spent the night at a hotel. I asked another parent-volunteer how they keep things like that from happening. "We have three buses, and the kids aren't allowed to leave. This

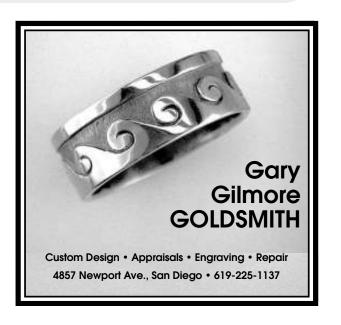


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way, we don't have to worry about them driving when they are tired at 5:30 in the morning. And, of course, alcohol is prohibited," she told me.

I went out to watch the jousting. Two guys were standing on a log trying to knock each other off with inflatable lances. I overheard two kids bet a dollar on who would win. The guy who won that match won several in a row. He started getting cocky and challenging others around him. One girl took the challenge. He didn't want to fight her. She said, "Don't go for the head. That's mean."

I flipped through the **Patrick Henry Grad Night** program. They had a "Fantasy Island" theme, and a Red Bull promotion at midnight, which probably energized the kids through the night.

One couple started kissing by the fire. I later saw them kissing by one of the rock-climbing courses. I asked them if they felt uncomfortable being affectionate with each other with their teachers and parents

around. The guy said, "No way, man. Maybe they can watch me and learn a few things." His girlfriend laughed and said, "Hey, he's going away to college. I need to get kisses from him now, while I still can." The boyfriend told me they often held hands and kissed at school, but that a few years back, there was a rule forbidding it. "Nobody listened to it back then. I think they just didn't want people making out in class."

I asked if they will do the long-distance-relationship thing. They nodded yes. He said, "My family will still be here, so I'll be coming back for all the holidays. And with e-mail and cell phones, we'll probably talk every day."

She looked at him and said, "If you hook up with any of those sorority girls, I'm going to beat your ass." ■

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Scrabble Scrimmage

Children make the most desirable opponents in Scrabble as they are both easy to beat and fun to cheat.

— Fran Lebowitz

hese are tough letters," I said, sliding my "Z" tile to the left of the "Y". I was bluffing, of course, and hid my smile when it dawned on me that if I could get my word,

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crazy, over that red square, I'd earn a whopping 57 points. This wasn't poker, but no matter the game, I always bluff. I am convinced this gives me a psychological advantage. Get them complacent and they'll take bigger risks. Tell them you're doing poorly and they'll listen to your words before discovering the truth you're slaughtering them.

"You're playing Scrabble against Barb?" Because he had been facing his computer, David had missed my silent but eager challenge to our friend Nathan, which involved a mere shaking of the box in front of Nathan's face until he offered an indifferent "Sure."

"Yeah, I am," Nathan responded. "Why? Is she gonna kick my ass?"

"No, no, I'm sure you'll do fine," I quickly interjected, before David had a chance to ruin my next play. "And if you happen to lose," I added, "you shouldn't feel bad because I probably play more often than you do."

"Like every day on your Treo," David mumbled."

"What?" Nathan asked.

"Nothing, don't listen to him," I insisted. "It's your

Nathan thoughtfully rubbed his recently grown Fu Manchu mustache. While he deliberated for what seemed like an eternity, I engaged the game I had going with my Treo - I was ahead of the computer by 70 points. Finally, Nathan placed the tiles "C", "A", and "T" on the big board between us.

"Seven points, not bad!" Stroke their egos and they won't forfeit before you have your chance to shine. He'd opened me up for the triple and I seized the opportunity, making a show of counting my points slowly, deliberately. It's easy to get over being a sore loser. Being a good winner is another thing entirely. "Fifty seven!" Self-satisfaction was evident in my tone. "Wow, that's even good for me. It's your turn again."

Two weeks before I opened this can of whoop-ass on Nathan, I played Scrabble with David's two nieces at his parents' house. We played teams, with the 8-year-old on my team and the 11-year-old on Ellen's. It was supposed to be fun, a way to engage the girls. But Ellen and I are Scrabble adversaries, which made it impossible for me to let my guard down.

"No, no, that's not a word," I said. "Let's check the dictionary." Ellen verified that I was correct — the word she and Becca had fabricated was more make-believe than Narnia. Does it really matter? I asked myself. Yes. It's not a word, and by the way, that play would have set them ahead, I answered. Then, forcing myself to appear humble and understanding, I said, "You can play it anyway, I just thought it would be good if the girls could improve upon their vocabulary." Another bluff.

Gauging my sincerity, Ellen said, "No, that's okay, we'll think of another word." I sighed with relief and waited for my turn — I mean Carly's and my turn. "We" won by a

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least in our culture, it's common to want to be the best at whatever it is you're doing. If the spectrum of competitiveness were Kinsey's scale of sexuality, I'd be a badass bull-dyke.

Despite my competitive nature, I've never earned first place in any of the many contests I've entered. But games are different; they offer me a chance to come out on top. To be the best at something, even if it that something is a simple game of Slap-Jack, which is a card-game turned wrestling match when I play against my

Jenny is just as bad as I am when it comes to competition. We both play to win and she who loses does not go down gracefully. Handing us a deck of cards is like putting two captains on the bridge of the Starship Enterprise. In Slap-Jack, we each get half the deck and face each other Indian-style. We alternately toss a card face-up into a pile and when a jack appears, the first one to slap it gets all the cards stacked up beneath — the goal is to get the most cards.

If Jenny makes it to that jack first, she earns an immediate retributive slap to the back of her hand before she has a chance to lift it off the jack. And vice versa. The first hit is easy to justify because our hands are moving so fast to get that jack. But we work ourselves into slapping fits -I hit the jack, she hits my hand, I hit hers, and the cycle continues. To spare our dignity, Jenny and I keep to more civilized games of chance. like Sequence.

These days, my favorite game is Scrabble. I've become somewhat of a Scrabble geek worthy

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of a place next to the nerds depicted in the Scrabble documentary, Word Wars. There's no telling when or where you'll come across one of these game geeks. Last summer, Dr. Michael Baden of HBO's Autopsy and his lovely wife, Linda, dropped in to visit David's parents and happened upon David and me playing Scrabble in the kitchen. Thirty minutes later, Michael was tossing down medical terms and it was clear that Linda had memorized every two- and three-letter word in the Official Scrabble Dictionary

I still think we should have challenged some of that forensic jargon, but I doubt that would have given us much of a chance. Because English is their second language, David's parents chose to sip their coffee and observe the intent, singleminded creatures their guests, and son, had become. After kicking our asses and stifling their urge to gloat, Michael and Linda bid their hosts adieu and left me and David sulking.

The old saying about tennis suggests that if you play with someone who is better than you, your own skills will improve. I don't like that saying. I don't like to play Scrabble with Heather, an English teacher, because she always wins. David is hit or miss. But Nathan, on the other hand, is a joy to play

"What's the score?" He'd done okay, considering his novice status.

"320 to 190," I answered. "But that's not a bad score, I mean, I just scored 385 against my Treo, so you held vour own, man."

Nathan swore he would practice and come back over to challenge me and win back his pride. While he was taking it in stride and sharing with me his plan for my ultimate Scrabble demise, I recited the two- and three-letter words in my head and tried to remember those terms I'd looked up in the Physician's Desk Reference. If we teamed up, David and me against Michael and Linda, I might just be able to beat them. But if we lose again, I have a back-up plan — to challenge the good doctor to an old-fashioned game of cards and slap my way to victory. ■



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A Single Mother Alone in the World

"Single mother?" I've begun taking umbrage to the phrase. If you mean to call someone unmarried, you should simply say "unmarried" and assume responsibility straight out, instead of pussyfooting about with the word "single." For unmarried mothers like me, the world is difficult enough to negotiate without people being deliberately obtuse about what they mean to say. Put your cards on the table, will you? Step into my shoes, if you can. If only because you might find it nice to step out of them again.

In return, I will share some shocking admissions, and a handful of observations made by other unmarried mothers — women who are out there, running around like savages, as I am.

I spend Saturdays with my son Pablo, assuming the fatherly role of reading the newspaper, while he spends the day playing video games. It sounds like a tedious way to spend my time, but listening to his running commentary, I find myself picking up nuggets of relationship-centered wisdom. And while Pablo is only six — and his advice can't possibly be intentional — he's pleased to have his mother sitting behind him as he plays Full Grizzly and Jet Ducks. He likes an audience. All the Finnamores do; it's a creative asset, as well as a narcissistic character flaw.

While playing Jet Ducks, I notice that Pablo is only shooting the fastest specimens. I ask him why.

"I only like the most challenging ones," he says, having shot 16 out of 20 ducks. That's about what I shoot, too. He then switches games, advancing to Level One of Full Grizzly.

The next nugget I pick up gives me a clue as to what to tell family and friends when becoming romantically involved with another person:

"Go on reading the paper," Pablo says. "I'll let you know if I get to Level

Instead, Pablo's star falls off the edge and into a black void, and "Game Over" appears on the screen, spelled out in large print. The same happens in real life, try as we might to ignore it.

I ask him what he'll do now.

"Try again," he says.

In Full Grizzly, a golden pot appears at the very top of the screen — Pablo is climbing up a very frail-looking tree to get to it. What happens if he does? I ask.

"I never got there before, so I don't know," he replies. "It's just fun to try to get there."

When Pablo's done with his video games, I take a long nap. I plan another for tomorrow. Sleep seems to be the best remedy for whatever ails me — providing I am allowed to nap and putter around the house a bit, I can be fey and

sporting; I can accept my life for what it is, instead of woolgathering and fashioning my single-motherhood into a sort of silent horror film.

Before I do, caller ID tells me that Pablo's father is calling for him; magically, I can hand the phone over to him without uttering a syllable. We live in such a wonderfully exciting age!

I might mourn for my marriage from time to time, but I know that everything happens for a reason and that my ex and I couldn't have lived together much longer without one of us getting hauled off to the asylum. Instead, Pablo's father now lives in New York — a very nice state, which happens to be located 3000 miles away — and can only get here by airplane, giving me lots of advance notice between visits and a good deal of time without any interac-

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tion at all between us. This is what I call an "amicable divorce." The courts call it "joint custody," which causes me to laugh out loud, full and hearty.

Here are some plot points you already know: The grief of a mother watching her son grow up with a faraway father, who is happily ensconced with his own, new family. The irrational grief of a tired woman who feels she is less than lovable. The unassailable fact that although tomorrow came, many things did not change. The feeling of being a member of the undead; feeling

dead inside. And every time it happens, I can't believe it's back, this feeling.

It returns when I have a severe flu and still have to care for my son alone. It comes when I see a boy playing catch with his father and want to lie down on the concrete and weep. Instead, I keep walking, smile to passersby, pick up my son, make him dinner, read to him, and send him off to sleep. Afterward, I think I should have hugged that concrete after all. It would have been more honest.

Not long ago, I paid \$3000 in biannual house taxes so that Pablo could live near a good school. I'm also paying for his food, housing, clothing, art classes, and after-school programs (which allow me to work) and making full medical and dental payments. Alone, on an unmarried mother's single income. One income. One.

Things get a lot better every day. Unless, of course, they get dramatically worse. If the child-support check is late, I let it be. I resent having to beg for anything. I used to be on my ex like white on rice, saying how I needed the child-support money and needed it on time. "I want mah \$200!" I'd say, quoting Tatum O'Neal in *Paper Moon*. I'd tell him it was a court order, that his son deserves it, and that, if he were even a shade of the man I thought I'd known, he would put it in the mail right now. Just so you know: When a man hears that, he waits two more days: Silence is best.

So I plunge into debt for our boy. Practically speaking, child support is a drop in the bucket — it doesn't even pay for the summer camp I never got to go to. Which, of course, is why Pablo must be able to. All the kids from Wee Care go; Oliver and Ryan will be there. And they love Pablo at camp. He's become a cult figure of sorts. They call him Pabbles. *Paaah*-bulls. It's like a mafia name, and his father doesn't know it.

and that my ex and I couldn't have us getting hauled off to the asylum.

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A year after the divorce, I convinced myself that a limited amount of e-mail and phone contact between my ex and me would be safe and healthy for our son. Of course, boredom and nostalgia played into my motivation, as did that Father-of-My-Child, Master-of-My-History attachment that contact only enhanced and made worse, more aggravating, and prone to cause hurt feelings. I did not look at behavior at this time, his or mine: I listened to words — a most dangerous tactic where he, or for that matter, anyone else, is con-



cerned. Things were reminisced over. Blame was reassigned. Then would come a meltdown (mine), in which, just as during the divorce, I felt like hammered feces and thought myself the biggest idiot on the planet, next to him, of course.

Communicating with him on any level, I've learned, is potentially toxic. "You'll be able to speak with him later," a friend says. "Just not yet. You're still developing the antibodies."

Sleep is the only restorative that doesn't come in a childproof bottle, and it has been my savior. People who allow me to sleep are my angels. I long ago decided that, at 3 a.m., I would rather take a Xanax and sleep than stay awake and remain drug-free. In the beginning, I changed my sheets every day. I had to start treating myself like the queen I was, because when you've become an unmarried mother, you feel like a beggar woman in rags. You think, perhaps it was your fault. That it was because you weren't young or good enough that the father of your child left. That's why you imagine him being perfectly happy, forever.

I found out later that they aren't perfectly happy, the fathers who leave their children. That made things easier. But when Pablo first went to visit with his dad, I had no job lined up and didn't know what to do with myself. I stared wildly around the house, as if I expected it to fall down at any minute — probably from the sheer filth of the place, the dirt that only I knew existed. It was taunting me, the dust, the dirt, the grime, and the piles of bills, magazines,



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and newspapers. I started with the refrigerator and went from there. My rolltop desk was packed to the gills with detritus, so I cleaned that out. Realizing it was April 13, I decided that I might want to get my tax receipts in order, and did. Naturally, I filed for an extension, as I do every year. Another way to screw the government — I take every opportunity. I got the data to my Thai bookkeeper just in the nick of time. I foiled the system.

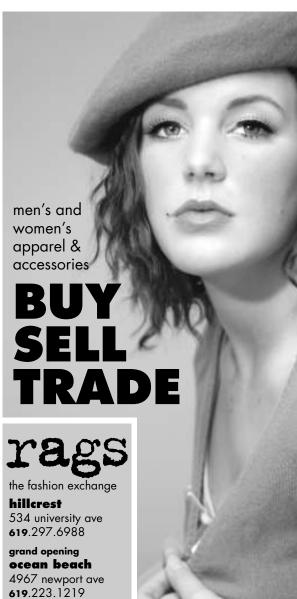
All the same, I still need the occasional kick in the ass. Spouses do that for you. I have no spouse; therefore, no one kicks me in the ass. Therefore, I also missed the county house-tax deadline. This year, I filed an appeal and hope to avoid a penalty. It was a very fine appeal, though, of course, the attached documentation was entirely falsified. Sainthood is not yet within grasp, but I can live with that.

Pablo gets tutored at his school at 7:30 on weekdays. We blast out of the house at 7:00 — I like beating the elementary school rush and seeing the sunrise with my son. Talk about what's blooming, what's dead. His tutoring adds an hour to my free time, and I like my days to be unstructured. To compensate for the lack of a regular paycheck, I get to wander about and stare into space, with no one giving me meaningful looks of disapproval. Yes, I like having a bit more time to clean house, procrastinate, and think about where it is I might be going. Does the furnace filter need to be changed? And where is the pourtop to the olive oil bottle?

On the other hand, you could argue that "unstructured" is simply a euphemism for "boring." For "not having a job that gets me out into the world." For "being single," and so forth. You can fill in the emotional blanks.

In the meantime, I shall voice my alarm that the subject of online dating was on 60 Minutes II and Frontline recently. Everybody's doing it, and





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while I'm not ready yet, I'll admit, I'd admit to being a bit closer to ready. I could do it if I had a gun to my head and if somebody else typed the profile up for me. I'm not all that social; most writers aren't. I hate children's birthday parties, which I see as hell on a stick. I frown on forced interaction with a roomful of strangers, unless they are paying me personally and by the seat, and I get to just talk into a microphone. They, of course, get to say nothing. Otherwise, interaction feels the tiniest bit like dissection without anesthesia.

The biggest gift divorce imparts is the knowledge that I own my own experience. For example: If I can get a babysitter, I can rediscover the secret to life. I've done this. I've driven into San Francisco

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to have two drinks with eight friends. I've laughed until I've fallen down, not from drunkenness but from intense mirth, and a feeling of complete freedom:

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I am an ex-wife. I can live with that, now. I'm just fine, thank you very much — much smarter and harder to fool. I can sense that any sudden "Oh I need a man" obsession is yet another diversion from the novel I'm writing, or the floor I need to scrub again. It's a way out.

Unfortunately, it was also the way in. I adore men, and yet, it was a man who turned me into a struggling and unmarried mother — instead of a happy wife, a mother, and a financially secure

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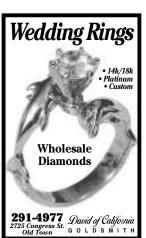
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woman — in the first place. I don't forget that for a second.

Woody Allen's said that a wife is only yours for the length of your marriage, but an ex-wife is forever. So I get to be the witness and the torchbearer, the dream lover, Madonna, and whore. But I am kicking ass with this one good leg: That's what it's like to succeed as a single mother. It feels great; as though you've overcome polio to dance *Swan Lake*.

Yet, the anniversary of the divorce is always difficult, and every year, I'm surprised at the submerged feelings that surface. At some point you just have to say to yourself, "How much blood can I shed for this one, random man who can't even run anymore?" There. I laughed out loud just now. Which is how I get through: See how she runs.... I look at my life, I cry, I laugh, I lean ahead just slightly into the





infernal and welcome wind.

Yesterday, I realized that Pablo's now the perfect size and age to help mama clean out her closet, which kind of dips back into the bedroom wall. So he slaved away while I gave directions from my bed, pointing with a yardstick. We made a large pile of clothing for the less fortunate. (Pablo sometimes slips up and calls them "the fortunate" — it's very Jesus of him, I'd say.) And a pile of shoes and such.

When all was done, and I was on the phone with my best friend, my son took a big wool coat out of a dress bag and brought it upstairs to me. I thought about how my ex had given me that coat; my first, real "East Coast" coat, ankle length and double-breasted, with a fur-lined hood. Without getting off the phone, I brought it back downstairs and flung it on the bed.

Hours later, when I

entered the room again, I was shocked at how much the coat resembled a body, a large black feminine figure against the white sheets. The arms stretched out, the hood a head with hair around it, the long body inert. A dead woman with snow all around her.

That's who I was: The wife. And that woman is gone. Ripples of remembrance of our courtship, the early years, wash over me. But it's a small wave and I look at it from all sides now, without repression or analysis. There was much good in my marriage. Some happiness before we actually wed, before Pablo was born. Some from the wedding, and some after. Unquestionably, Pablo is the greatest good of all, and worth a hundred bad marriages. The next small wave gives me a moment's pause, and I ponder: It was five years ago that he left. The very next day was April Fools' day. That fact alone may have saved me. But no, you and I

both know what saved me: My son. A gorgeous Botticelli-in-diapers on the day his father left for good. The reason I am a single mother, Pablo, is that, over long swaths of time, there's a certain amount of grace in being a single mother. Something exquisite and beautiful, crammed with the experience of life and death itself.

Only last Sunday, one of Pablo's frogs died. Greenie.

He cried a bit, and we talked it over on a variety of spiritual and practical levels. Blame was not assigned. We buried the frog.

An hour later Pablo came to me and said, "Now that the Greenie's dead, can I dig him up and cut him open?"

"Oh yes," I said. "Yes, we can. But let's not. Let's just enjoy this crate of strawberries."

And that's what we did. Two people and one crate of strawberries. No one could stop us. ■

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EMERGENCY ROOM

THE POLICE OFFICER PUSHES HIS PRISONER,

locked in a wheelchair, through the Emergency Room doors. The man, a well-dressed scuffler, sits with his head on his chest and says nothing as the officer checks in at the front desk. The officer then wheels the chair through Emergency Surgery and into an examination room in Emergency Medicine, where he locks the man to his bed.

"We caught him inside a department store where we've had around \$125,000 in burglaries lately," the officer says. "His modus operandi fits the pattern. The burglar hides in the store just before closing, under a bed or something, then when everybody's gone, he'll get up, get the stuff he wants, no more than he can run with, throw a chair through a window, and break out. It takes us a few minutes to get there, wherever we are, so he might get away. But this guy set off a silent alarm in the fur locker."

The prisoner's chains rattle and the officer ducks into the room. "I want to take off my coat," the man says.

The officer unlocks the cuffs and, stiff-armed, helps the prisoner with his coat, keeping one hand at his gun-side. When the coat is off, he locks the man to his bed again.

"What did you bring him to the ER for?" the nurse asks.

"Says he's sick. Says he passed out and just woke up. He called our dis-

patcher about the same time we were pulling into the parking lot and said he was locked in the store. I don't know if he's the one we've been looking for. But the fur locker's one floor down and the other side of the building from where he says he passed out. He's got a record, too. How does he look to you?" he asked the nurse.

She shrugs. "Most of the ones you bring in are frauds. 'Chest pains' and 'fainting.' I know you're obligated by law to bring the guy here if he says he's sick. Oh, well, it buys him some time, and he gets a free checkup. Besides," she adds, "we might find something."

The Emergency Room at University Hospital greets its patients with the neutrality of a business office. They walk or roll or are carried through its pneumatic glass doors into the familiar atmosphere of nothing special: forms to sign and phones and IBM cash registers going *tacka-tack*. The doctors are rarely dressed in surgical



white; they wear, instead, striped shirts, bow ties, Wallabees. The centrifuge in the back room, with its little vials of blood spinning out and around, whirs constantly, but it could as easily be the sound of a vacuum cleaner or *Star Trek* on a faraway television, and the sound blends easily with the hum of small talk.

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The ambulance radio announces a fight victim coming in. Two minutes later the victim rolls through the door, his jean jacket and clothing stuffed on the rack below the gurney. Except for his eyes, which he opens and closes slowly, halfway, he doesn't move. His friend, in jeans and jacket, with a wine

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bota slung over his shoulder, walks alongside. "You're going to be okay, man. You just take it easy, okay?" The man on the gurney, already being wheeled into the emergency surgery exam room, doesn't answer.

Nurses help the man onto an examination table.

A pulpy blue wound covers his forehead and he moves his body sluggishly. While they inventory his personal belongings, nurses and staff try to coax his name, his cooperation, any response from him. He doesn't talk, only opens and closes his

When the doctor comes, he asks the man what has happened. The man moves his lips, but no sound comes out. "Have you been taking any drugs?" the doctor asks, then turns to the man's friend, watching from the doorway. "Has he done any drugs tonight?"

"Just a couple of brews. Maybe a quart..."

The doctor turns back to the table. "Put your tongue out. Okay, now show me all your teeth."

The friend walks around to the head of the exam table. "Say something, man." No answer. "Hey, is he going to be all right?"

"What happened to him?" the doctor asks.

"These guys jumped him in Horton Plaza. Two big guys, man, for no reason. I can't believe this — he's a healthy dude."

The doctor returns to his patient. "Can you lift your

feet? Good. It's important that you answer the questions, all right?" The doctor presses his fingers around the forehead wound. "This hurt? This?" Suddenly the man lurches upright, shouting, "Hey, man, hey, man," groping in the air.

"What's the matter with him?" his friend utters, aghast. "Man, he's a healthy dude."

One of the nurses pushes him toward the door. "You'll have to wait outside. We'll let you know how he's doing."

The friend loiters around the exam room, peering in occasionally, asking incessantly about his companion. "Please go to the waiting room," the nurses say, "we'll let you know."

The friend puts on his dark glasses and slouches out. "Man, talking to these nurses is like talking to a brick wall."

University Hospital is the closest thing San Diego has to a county facility. Police cases — fights, auto accidents, city ambulances uniformly come here for emergency treatment, as do drug overdoses, the indigent, MediCal patients, and any other rejects from private emergency facilities. According to one licensed vocational nurse, who got his training in Vietnam and has worked at several local hospitals, the University Hospital Emergency Room will "treat anyone," while some hospitals"just want to know who has your insurance."

As a result of this policy, he says, the UC hospital is in trouble because it can't collect its bills. But what counts is that it's got "the best staff around."

The intern calls down the hall to the psychiatrist.

"Doctor. Richard's back." "Tell him I'm sorry, but I can't see him."

Richard's eyes protrude nervously. He stands by the door, his neck craning forward, a green T-shirt showing beneath his open jacket. He responds to the news in a staccato hiss, "You just don't care. I need help. I'm not kidding, if something doesn't change, I'm going to kill myself. You people are supposed to be here to help. You won't do anything, you just don't care." His eyes peer dryly down the hall at the intern.

The intern begins to



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interrupt, fitting his statements into chinks in Richard's bug-eyed rant. "Richard, we can't help you. You've got to help yourself. You're not psychotic. You think you're going to spite me by doing yourself in. If you want to do it, you won't tell me, you'll do

Richard, tired of hearing this sort of thing, turns away and drags his tired eyes out the door. Maybe he would, maybe he wouldn't.

The intern, shaking his head, stops at a counter where a few people have gathered, watching. "What do you do for that?" someone remarks. "He wants you to do psychiatric surgery?"

"I wonder if he'll do it," someone else says. The intern shrugs.

One doctor lowers his magazine. "If he does, I hope he leaves the hospital first."

The pediatrics examination room is done up in bright colors, with mobiles in the corners and a Mickey Mouse clock and Bozo the Clown grinning down from the wall in paternal reassurance. Everybody's voices are pitched up to kiddie banter. In addition to specific treatment, the pediatricians have to be able to sway their small patients toward adult behavior, into accepting a pattern of breakdown, recovery, and lollipop reward. Mothers say, leaving, "There now, that wasn't so bad, was it?"

The pediatricians say their business comes in rushes. One at sunset, when the kids come home with the badges of their adventures to be discovered by mom who'd hoped they were done for the day; the second at midnight, when colds, flu, and congestion still have everybody in the house awake. "I prescribe dematol by the gallon," a pediatrician says. "That's the chemical name, so it's cheaper that way. One decongestant is as good as another."

He steps outside to join a conversation in the hall.

"I wouldn't mind working out at the zoo. I heard about an operation they gave an orangutan there, they used the same instruments we use."

"Well, animals get sick the same as kids."

"Yeah, those vets have a good job, they get to work outdoors, don't develop these flabby doctor bodies."

"I'd like to work out at Sea World. I went there to apply. You'd think I could get a job with this kind of experience...No way! So many people want to work with animals."

"Well, some of the methods might be the same, but it doesn't just go straight across. How'd you like to treat a giraffe with the croup?"

The massive, lumpy woman wheels herself along beside the counters and desks, belittling anyone who will listen.

"You really needed that room. Oh, yeah, you really needed that room. You made me get out because you say you needed it for emergencies, and now it's empty. You really needed that room."

The doctors at their desks, studying the staff behind the counter, all ignore her. She persists, more volubly.

"You really needed that

Finally one of the doctors breaks down. "Mrs. Grier, would you wait out front please."

"No, I won't wait out front. If I were a doctor and



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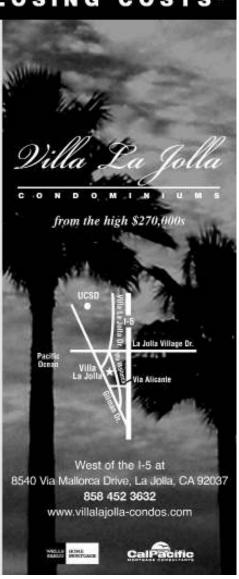
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The doctor goes around behind her chair and tries to wheel Mrs. Grier away. She locks the brakes.

"Now come on, Mrs. Grier, let's not be childish."

"Let's not anyone be childish," she says. "I have a right to be treated like anyone else. I want to see the psychiatrist."

"The psychiatrist doesn't want to see you. He's with another patient. What he's doing is important to them, too. He can't see you now."

"Then you can call the police. I'm not leaving."

A few minutes later, one of the hospital security guards rolls Mrs. Grier to a nearby phone, where she's been promised a chance to talk to an administrative head.



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"Call the police," she cries into the phone. "I don't care. I can't stand the pain. It hurts. In my head, in my lungs, in my back, in my legs. I just want to be admitted."

The crowd around the desks half-listens to the familiar scene. "I don't believe how much time she spends around here," one doctor says. "She's not very welladjusted to her disease."

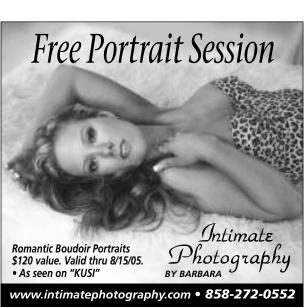
Finally, somebody upstairs agrees to admit her, and two doctors laboriously help her into a bed; service, according to their colleagues, above and beyond the call of duty. Within half an hour, she's been released.

As she wheels herself out of the Emergency Room, she stops a few feet from the drinking fountain and, petulantly, asks the nurse to get her some water.

The nurse fills a paper cup and gives it to her. "It's okay," she says. "She just needs a lot of attention."

Conversation in the ER is like anywhere else highly trained people are gathered, pressing their verbal capacities against the limits of their work, waiting to see what gets through, what comes back. For patients, it's a matter of answering a few questions, and otherwise expressing whatever comes to mind:





"Hey, knock off the noise."

"I want to go home."
"Let's move."

"She got any clothes on?"

The conversation is detached, matter-of-fact. Without any context, caught phrases feel like bits of cold tape spliced from the cutting-room floor.

"Does anyone want to talk to Border Patrol?"

"That place full of jive women. But they got a good band."

"Don't go in there, ma'am, that's not his room."

A drunk, bitten by a cat, sits hiccupping in the corner. "This hospital takes good care of its people," he states, and he apparently knows. Overwhelmed by gratitude, or self-pity, or just because he wants to, the drunk begins to cry. His doctor tells him, "You don't need to come back unless this flares up. Okay? Okay?"

"Uh, okay," the drunk sniffles.

Moments stretch into lulls, the noises pale, and talk turns to just about anything.

A comic yelp comes from one of the exam rooms.

"What's the matter?" a nurse answers.

"I'm having trouble taking down somebody's pants," the doctor calls.

She ambles off. "Oh, I'm good at that."



The man has been in a fight. He has a three-day beard, a rude purple eye, and a broken hand, which the doctor finishes wrapping. "I really think we ought to check this out further, maybe admit you," the doctor says. The man grunts his complaint.

The doctor leaves and goes to his desk, where he consults one of his books. "It's an odd break," he tells one of his colleagues.

"What's the usual mechanism of injury?"

"Direct blow to the thumb." After thinking it over, the doctor says, "Well, let him get dressed for now, but don't let him leave. Orthopedics might want to take a look at him tonight — if they can do it, we'll put him in."

The man gets dressed, slipping an ornate black patch over his offensive eye, and wanders around the ER, waiting.

"I wonder where he got that patch," the doctor says.

"He says he's been injured there before," a nurse replies. "I don't know where you'd get a patch like that."

Walking off, the doctor says, "He probably knows the guy who makes Hathaway shirts."

The nurse nods her head as she finishes writing in the man's red chart folder, then picks up another red folder and glances over at the Mexican patient it signifies. Thick bandages cover a nasty dog bite and fresh stitches. He stands with a border patrolman.

The patrolman shakes his head. "This fellow has no money or people, either in San Diego or Tijuana. He's from Oaxaca, walked across the border. CHP saw him walking down the street, his hand dripping blood. Good thing he got across the border, because he'd be out of luck for treatment in Mex-

ico. He's got to come back here for treatment in a few days. They want me to keep him, but shoot, if I do, I have to charge him with something. We'll probably give him a reentry visa and send him down to Tijuana meanwhile."

The man stands beside the patrolman, silent, uninvolved, apparently feeling no pain. "He'd have probably ended up in LA, flopping with sixteen other guys in a two-room apartment. Not too healthy. LA spent \$8 million on aliens' hospital bills last year. They'll never see that money."

"Four or five hundred fellows like him get over every night. They'll take any job they can get, any money."

He asks the man how many years of schooling he's had.

"Cuatro."

"Four," the patrolman repeats.

On a slow night, it's not so hard to grab a breather. There's time for a smoke in the custodial room, standing next to somebody's tray of half-eaten and no-longer-steaming dinner. There, on the desk, a paper-bound novel lies open, broken from the many interruptions pressed into its back — Venus on the Half-Shell, it's called.

Paradoxically, some complain that "business" is slow. "You ought to see this place under a full moon," a receptionist tells me. "It really does make a difference."

Another woman sits on her bed at the open door to her exam room, waiting. "It's just this persistent cough," she says. "They started to send me upstairs. If they'd done that, I'd be home now."

"This way you're ringside for the action," the nurse tells her.

The woman gazes into the still corridor, across the idle counters. On one of them sits a copy of *Physician* magazine. Its cover shows a frontal view of a boy baby's tummy and genitals, pink, robust. "Great," the woman says, "that's just what I need."

On the far side of the corridor, one doctor holds an X-ray up to the light and calls to another. "Say, Gary, take a look at this—it's really very interesting."

It usually doesn't take long for something to happen.

The Mexican cook sits on the examination table, soaking his hand in a bowl of sudsy water. He rolls his eyes at the ceiling and shakes his head, talking to himself in Calo, barrio slang, "Ah, I'm a dumb tortilla."

"Let me see that finger," the nurse asks.

He takes his hand from the bowl and holds up the finger, shiny red where a sliver is missing off the end. "Sixteen years I've worked in kitchens, and never an accident," he laughs. "They didn't find this missing piece. Some customer back at the restaurant is probably eating part of my finger right now."

Waiting.

One intern says, "This is easy work. You have a day on, and a day off." Interns, during the year before they become a resident, do block study, a month or two at a time, in the various hospital departments, such as orthopedics or urology. The ER is one of those blocks. "There's a lot of work when it's there. Still, this is the easiest month." Perhaps it's because there's no chance to follow every patient through a complete recovery. And the ER only functions when the doors are banging open. A lot of the time, "there's just not that much to do."

Four doctors are playing Hearts at one of the desks, exercising small strategies,





working the odds. One has his feet propped up on the desk, showing his white socks; another taps his own knee with a reflex hammer. A few bystanders watch disaffectedly as the dealer shuffles, fanning the cards across his palm. He snaps them back into a block and flips them around the desk.

In a back room, a drunk, strapped to his bed, begins singing. Then laughing, then cursing. "He's in here all the time," a nurse says. "We get a lot of repeaters."

Is she bored? "Naw. There's a siren coming now. We can tell how bad the victim is by how soon they turn off the siren. They're not supposed to use it within two blocks. If they use it up to the door..."

The police radio sputters and calls. "PD Ambulance to University ER. We have a bad G-I bleeder, pulse bounding, breathing labored. ETA in two." The duty nurse acknowledges the message. "Auto-admit," she mentions, to no one in particular.

Without instructions, the ER personnel begin to move about, preparing a room, checking instruments, phoning for special equipment. They glance at the door as they finish their cigarettes and phone calls. The receptionists lean across their counter, curious, while visitors, waiting, look around expectantly. Everyone hears the siren now, pouring through the dark residential streets around the hospital.

And then the gurney is rolling through the open glass doors, pushed by a police attendant, carrying a man who is bleeding freely from his gastrointestinal tract. Blood smears his cheeks and chin, and oozes through the sheets around his hips. By the time the gurney passes the receiving counter, it has picked up a nurse, then a doctor, and by the time it has crossed the corridor to Emergency Medicine, it has a small crowd around it, the man's pulse has been taken and a portable EKG machine

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The lines on the man's EKG readout look like torn

cardboard. "We've got to have blood," one doctor states, and someone goes to call the blood bank. "Fix a spot, and let's get him over to Emergency Surgery."

Within moments the man and his tubes have been wheeled across the hall to surgery, leaving tracks on the shiny linoleum. The nurses begin their pre-op protocol, preparing instruments and injections, checking vital functions, fluid levels, everything. They hurry back and forth between the patient and supply counter, where their conversations

"This patient's not doing too well for some reason," one says.

"You drink that way for twenty-five years..."

...some of the parties at nursing school. We'd be drinking grain..."

"Don't tell tales." "Well, I have to make it

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The man, still conscious, begins to cough.

"That's okay, sir, you just bring it up, I'll get it out," the nurse at his head tells him.

Then, uncontrollably, he vomits blood onto the bed, followed by gut-racking coughs of blood across the floor and onto the linen cupboard five feet away. The surgeons have to stop working while the body shakes; the nurse calmly begins to suck up the mess with her hose.

"I'm sorry," the man

wheezes.

One nurse notices the linen. "God, the cupboard door was open," she whispers. Her stockings are splattered with red. She doesn't stop to clean them.

"Can somebody talk to the blood bank?" a volunteer calls into the room.

"About what?" one of the doctors answers.

"About the blood."
"Jesus."

As the nurses and doctors work around the man, somehow not getting in each other's way, another gurney rolls through the ER doors, across the corridor and into a room painted working white.

Nurses and a doctor

drift away from the G-I bleeder to attend to the new patient, washing their hands on the way.

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One of the interns working around the bed approaches a nurse leaning against the doorway, then turns back to the activity in the room with enthusiasm.

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Hoover and Dominelli lived the life of luxury with investors' funds — not their own. They also steered some of that money surreptitiously to Del Mar politician Roger Hedgecock, who got elected San Diego mayor. Chapter 10 relates that as the Ponzi scheme collapsed, so, too, did the Hedgecock financing scheme.

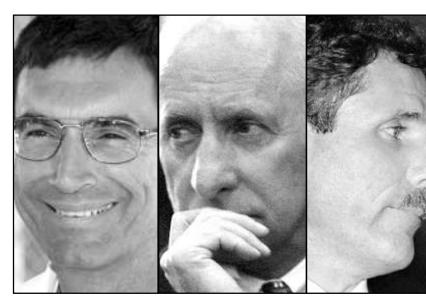
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In early 1983 an FBI investigator interviewed a former J. David employee — a prominent San Diego Democrat. The FBI wanted to find out whether Dominelli was running a Ponzi scheme. The former employee didn't know, but he was sure of one thing: "They're buying the mayor's job. They're corrupting the place and they're doing it in the name of good government." The FBI widened its investigation into J. David's activities, looking into the support that Hoover and Dominelli were giving Roger Hedgecock.

For an investigator or prosecutor, a case on the financing of a political campaign is usually extremely frustrating. On the one hand, the public wants untainted politicians, so there are strict laws on campaign financing. But on the other, in many states and localities it's impossible to win an election without breaking those laws. It's like college football: You can't have a winning team without violating the rigid recruiting

rules. So everybody cheats — and the public looks the other way. Occasionally, a school gets caught, and then every other school, although doing the same thing, heaps scorn on the offender.

San Diego has very unrealistic campaign financing laws. A city ordinance limits contributions to \$250 per person and bans businesses, partnerships, unions, or political action committees (PACs) from donating. Thus, local political fund-raisers complain, the law blocks politicians' access to the very groups that are set up to dispense money. By contrast, the state of California permits unlimited political donations from corporations and other organizations; most contributions are acceptable if they're disclosed. The San Diego law is so severe that "it's almost unworkable," says a pro who has managed three major campaigns in the city. "Furthermore, people are confused. They can write a check on their business for someone running for U.S. Senate or the California legislature, but they can't do that in a San Diego city election." Obviously, if someone wants to give \$1000 to a candidate, he simply finds three other people to say they gave the other \$250 increments. Often it's the donor's spouse or children. As a state



Roger Hedgecock, George Mitrovich, Tom Shepard

investigator wryly noted, San Diego juveniles manifest amazing interest in local political elections.

The person running for a major San Diego office faces a problem: What is legal at the state or national level is illegal locally. If candidates and contributors evade the local law, they have to fudge on their state campaign filings, too, lest they be caught at the local level.

Nancy Hoover had publicly stated she wanted to be a power broker in San Diego politics. She and George Mitrovich had been close to Roger Hedgecock and Thomas Shepard, a Hedgecock ally and political

consultant, since their days in Del Mar. Hedgecock, a specialist in environmental law, had been Del Mar attorney while Hoover served on the council.

Hedgecock is a bit of a political enigma. He is intelligent, articulate, charismatic, and persuasive, with an uncanny feel for public sentiment and particular support among minorities, such as blacks and gays. He has never been defeated for political office. He looks a little like Abraham Lincoln and acts the same way -rough-hewn and solicitous of the little people's concerns.

Throughout his career Hedgecock has been a maverick. Nominally a Republican,

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he is liberal on environmental questions but relatively conservative on fiscal ones. This gives him a huge constituency, because San Diego's liberals and conservatives, generally speaking, are united on one point: They don't want their city to become another Los Angeles. Conservatives greatly outnumber liberals, but even many conservatives would prefer slow economic growth to seeing their city bulldozed, coated with concrete, and plastered with tacky homes.

Pete Wilson, San Diego mayor from 1971 to 1983 and now a Republican U.S. senator, was the first to pull together a left-right coalition of voters who would sacrifice economic growth to avoid clogged highways, industrial and vehicular pollution, and a rapid population increase. These voters tend to favor nonpolluting industries such as high tech and tourism, development of the inner city, growth moratoria in individual communities, and limits on industrial expansion. Since Southern California — San Diego in particular — faces major long-term water problems, the growth-management position makes sense economically. It's not just a matter of improving the quality

The establishment is split on the question. Retailers, the construction industry, lending institutions, and others who profit from rapid economic expansion vehemently oppose the nogrowthers and slowgrowthers. But some quintessentially proestablishment, wealthy movers and shakers — especially longtime San Diegans — prefer slow growth. Historically the Chamber of Commerce has had to walk a fine line between the two establishment factions.

Politicians are divided on the issue, too. As a rule, the more conservative politicians favor fast growth, and the liberals want to slow it down. But the politician favoring slow growth doesn't get campaign funds from the construction industry. The pro-growth businesses contribute big money to candidates who can defeat the slow-growthers.

Some slow-growthers became disenchanted with Pete Wilson, believing that once he had begun aspiring to higher office (he lost in the gubernatorial primary before winning his senate seat), he ignored his environmentalist constituency to gain financial support from the wealthy construction companies. Roger Hedgecock, although ambitious for higher office, has never cozied up politically to pro-growth interests. Throughout his meteoric rise, he has been bitingly critical of the San

Diego establishment, its progrowthers in particular.

While he was attorney for Del Mar, Hedgecock would often take aggressive legal positions on environmental questions. "He would say, 'We're special here. We can do that.' Hedgecock, Hoover, and Shepard considered themselves the elite. They were self-righteous. Rules didn't apply to them," recalls a powerful San Diego political organizer. It was during this period that the Del Mar coterie — led by Hoover and Hedgecock — gave themselves the smugly self-effacing monikers "the Insatiables" and "the Del Mar Crazies."

Maureen O'Connor, the prominent San Diego Democrat who had snubbed Hoover at the 1980 Democratic convention, was also running for mayor. She is married to one of the richest men in town, Robert Peterson (who, coincidentally, had been a partner of Dominelli's in the refinancing of Yuba Natural Resources). Since under San Diego law there is no limit to how much money a candidate or candidate's spouse can give to the campaign, O"Connor would be a formidable candidate.

But Hoover had money to spend, too, and she set her sights on Hedgecock, who had been a county supervisor since 1976. There was a stumbling block, however: Hedgecock was disgusted with her for divorcing George Hoover to take up with Dominelli.

In public Hedgecock's style is to be outspoken. In private he is outrageously so. He has offended numerous city officials with his highly personal, vitriolic attacks on them. One of his marks was James Hamilton, the expert on campaign-financing law in the San Diego District Attorney's office, who happened to have spent several years in the Imperial Valley desert before coming to San Diego. After he criticized Hedgecock a couple of times, Hedgecock started calling him "that sunbaked flunky." Hedgecock once denounced an opponent as "mentally ill." And he incurred the enmity of lawyers and other civil servants by continually downgrading their skills.

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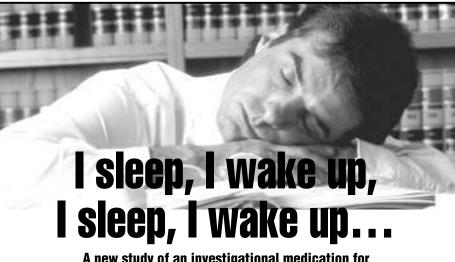
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know him, he denounced Hoover and Dominelli in the crudest of terms.

It was Mitrovich's job to bring Hedgecock and Hoover back together. According to Alfred O'Brien, a former J. David official, he and Mitrovich had lunch with Hedgecock at the Hilton, and Mitrovich told Hedgecock he would have to stop badmouthing Hoover if he wanted her financial support in his mayoralty bid. Mitrovich can't recall making such a statement, but, in any case, Hedgecock and Hoover were soon fast friends again, and Mitrovich became one of his close advisers.

Knowing that O'Connor was likely to be his opponent and that she would be well financed, Hedgecock—against his own better judgment, it is said—permitted Captain Money and the Golden Girl to become his personal angels. His early actions show he may have been suspicious of the J. David operation, but at least it didn't have the taint of the construction lobby.

In late 1981 Hedgecock's county aide Thomas Shepard set up a political-consulting firm, and in the next three years Hoover and Dominelli pumped hundreds of thousands of dollars into it. The firm occupied space in J. David's headquarters, and at least one person who was working for Shepard got her W-2 form from J. David. In 1983 Hedgecock beat O'Connor in the special election to replace Wilson, who was headed for the U.S. Senate. After Hoover and Dominelli threw their lavish inaugural party for the new mayor, it was clear there was a major new force in San Diego politics: Hedgecock and Hoover. Hedgecock was so popular that he was considered a shoo-in for the regular election to be held in November 1984. In fact, it was thought he would clinch the reelection in the spring primary by winning over 50 percent of the vote.

But in early 1984 J. David collapsed. It wasn't long before Hedgecock's involvement with the firm became public. At first he admitted that he had inadvertently failed to report his \$10,000 investment in J. David's interbank fund on public finance forms. A few days later, however, he explained that he did not report the investment because

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the law did not require a politician to report investments in business entities located more than two miles outside his jurisdiction. By putting money into J. David Banking, he was really investing in a Montserrat enterprise, he argued. Some people concluded that Hedgecock was just another lawyer intent on following the letter of the law, rather than the spirit of the law.

This perception was reinforced as the mayor tried to explain away other involvements, including the \$130,000 he received from Hoover to remodel his home and the \$16,000 trust deed he said he had sold to Hoover but continued to receive interest on. By way of a defense he would cite loan agreements and contracts that had been "memorialized" in writing only after the news had come out. Suddenly, for the first time in his political life, Hedgecock was under heavy fire — just as his reelection campaign was getting underway.

Some of the major politicians in town, such as O'Connor, decided they did not want to get into the primary race, even though Hedgecock appeared vulnerable. Richard Carlson, a former TV newscaster and savings and loan executive — and a political novice — then jumped in with considerable establishment support. Rightly or wrongly, he was perceived as the candidate of the establishment pro-growthers. Carlson had one physical liability: obesity. The slowgrowthers, wanting to play up his savings-and-loan background and establishment backing, were quick to turn this liability to their advantage. All over San Diego posters appeared featuring Carlson's profile with a big X through it and the words No Fat Mayors. Carlson's double chin clearly had a double meaning: It stood for the pro-growth establishment members who backed

The public soon learned that Carlson, like O'Connor before him, had a rich spouse — an heiress to a huge food fortune. And Hedgecock's supporters began asking voters: "What's the difference between a candidate that takes money from questionable people and one that is rich enough to fund the campaign himself? Do

you have to be rich to be mayor of San Diego?"

Political pros suspected it was just a matter of time before there would be official charges against Hedgecock. FBI investigators already had information on the financial relationship between Hedgecock and J. David. A criminal grand jury and California's Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) had started investigating Hedgecock's monetary ties to Hoover and Dominelli

and other aspects of his campaign financing. The district attorney did not have time before the primary to get an indictment, so he filed a civil suit charging that Hoover and Dominelli illegally funneled \$357,000 into Hedgecock's 1983 campaign. The DA felt he would be criticized if he sat on this evidence until after the primary vote. Hedgecock supporters saw it another way: They charged that the DA was trying to get the mayor defeated in his reelection bid.

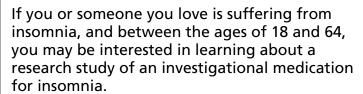
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press (mainly the San Diego Union) with trying to smear him, and finally he accused District Attorney Ed Miller of waging a vendetta against him. Although primarily a Republican paper, the Union had backed O'Connor in the 1983 special election. Miller, a Democrat, had also supported O'Connor.

At first, the strategy only whetted the press's appetite. But then Hedgecock got a break. On April 20 the Union reported that investigators had uncovered as much as \$400,000 in unexplained funds in bank accounts controlled by the mayor, and the grand jury was looking into it. Hedgecock demanded a retraction on that point and 17 others. The *Union* retracted the statement about the bank accounts and two other statements but stuck with the rest of the story. After much legal jockeying, the Union backed down and issued a major retraction on July 25. By giving some credibility to his charge of a smear campaign, the retraction gave Hedgecock a big boost.

Hedgecock's strategy

had worked — the press backed off. As eyebrow-arching details of investigators' findings surfaced, reporters, especially from the electronic media, were reluctant to ask the mayor tough questions. Hedgecock remained center stage by contending that he was the object of a vendetta.

"Early on, there had been good, solid, aggressive reporting concerning the shakiness of the Dominelli empire. Then, there had been good, solid reporting that established the relationships between Hedgecock and Hoover and between Hedgecock and Dominelli," says Steve Casey, special assistant to the district attorney and a former newsman. "But once Hedgecock emerged as a criminal suspect and launched his defense-by-intimidation technique, then a lot of the sharp questioning faded... The press didn't make him accountable for his inconsistent statements."

Hedgecock supporters, however, still believed that the *Union* and the lawenforcement authorities were out to get the mayor. As the

primary neared, many people viewed the entire matter as an attempt by the establishment to put a progrowther in city hall.

Hedgecock vehemently denied that he received any of the money that J. David paid Shepard. He asked the court to throw out Miller's civil suit because, among other things, the evidence had been gathered in secret by a grand jury. And he demanded that Miller give a deposition under oath, stating his reasons — particularly political ones — for filing the suit

Hedgecock won the spring primary against Carlson and minor candidates but didn't achieve the 50 percent plurality required for election. There would be a runoff in November. Even though Carlson was a weak candidate, political pundits were saying Hedgecock was in deep trouble.

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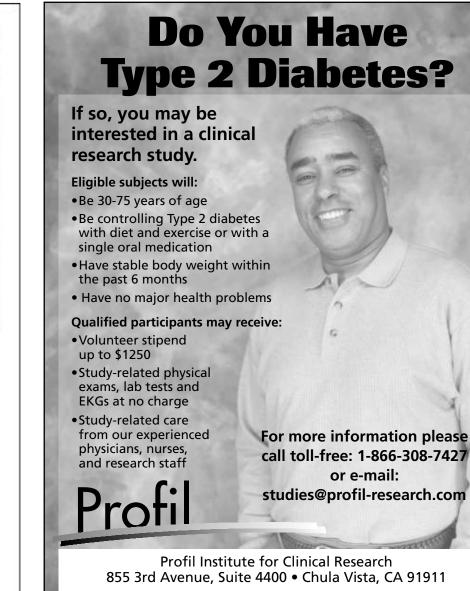




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Dominelli, and Shepard on one count of conspiracy and 14 counts of perjury for their roles in Hedgecock's 1983 campaign. Although some of the counts were later dropped, all the defendants remained under indictment. All pleaded not guilty.

The grand jury charged that Hoover and J. David illegally pumped \$357,000 into Hedgecock's campaign through the Shepard consulting firm, that county employees were working on Hedgecock's campaign during work hours, and that a number of donations had come in illegally. The indictment listed 57 overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy, including Hoover's financial help in Hedgecock's home-remodeling project. Hedgecock was cited on 12 perjury counts for incorrect filing of campaign contribution, income, and loan

disclosure statements, as well as on the conspiracy charge. Conviction on any of these counts would lead, under California law, to Hedgecock's removal from office. (Once the indictment came in, the DA dropped his civil suit.)

Hedgecock didn't appear before the grand jury, but five days before the indictment he submitted a lengthy letter (not sworn testimony) explaining his position on the major counts. Miller refused to pass along the letter to the grand jury, however, saying that exculpatory evidence had already been presented, and Hedgecock's material was basically argumentative rhetoric, not new evidence.

That was all the ammunition Hedgecock needed for his TV appearances on the day of the indictment. "The district attorney is the one who has embarrassed San Diego, not me," he railed. Without even reading the indictment, Hedgecock stated, "I am not surprised because I have known for a week that the district attorney kept from the grand jury evidence submitted by me that conclusively demonstrates nothing was done wrong by me or by my campaign committee."

Miller, a competent if colorless lawyer, denied Hedgecock's assertions, yet lacked the charisma and forcefulness of the media-savvy mayor. Some powerful San Diegans such as Senator Wilson said there was no evidence that Miller had any hostility toward Hedgecock. But the mayor's charges seemed to stick.

The broadcasts of the TV stations favored Hedge-cock. The newspapers ran lengthy stories on the indictment—including the mayor's

letter to the grand jury but the fine points were lost in the wake of Hedgecock's performance, which was magnificently orchestrated for the electronic media.

In the weeks before the election, the whole Hedgecock affair seemed to become a battle between the forest and the trees. The trees were a myriad of specific, complex charges on whether the mayor had properly reported the money he received for his campaign. The forest was the broader issue: The people seemed to be saying that the campaign laws were probably too stringent, and, in any case, Hedgecock's campaign financing was a matter that the court would decide. Meanwhile, the people were worried about their real trees. Hedgecock's slowgrowth coalition was asserting itself: The growth management issue was so overriding that even the grand jury's charges could not smash it

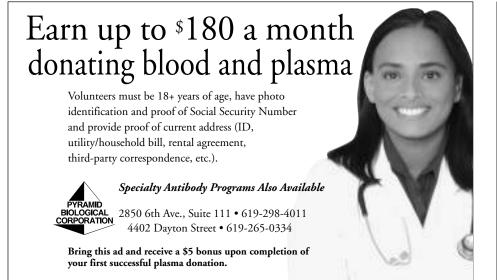
The public was oblivious as Hedgecock and his lawyer Michael Pancer (who was also Mark Yarry's lawyer) made statements that did not hold up under examination. For example, Hedgecock and Pancer complained that the grand jury had admitted it sped up its procedures to bring the indictment before the election. Referring to the grand jury transcripts, Pancer stated, "The District Attorney's purposeful political motivation is revealed when their [sic] deputy tells the grand jury that it is important they indict just prior to the election so as to influence the voters."

In fact, the DA's deputy had made a neutral statement to the jury: "If we haven't got this resolved by the eighth of October, I'll run into a problem. We very much want to get this resolved so that whatever happens, the electoral process can have time to react and the people can make judgments based upon merits and not upon where all of us stand procedurally."

Pancer also noted that Alfred O'Brien, the former J. David employee who had testified that he and Mitrovich had had a critical lunch with Hedgecock about Hoover, was "a political opponent of the mayor's." Pancer asserted that O'Brien's statement was "proved to be untrue" by other testimony. And what was the testimony that disproved O'Brien's statement? It was none other than Mitrovich's testimony.

And what did Mitrovich's testimony disprove? His words, after a fashion, speak for themselves. According to the transcripts, Mitrovich was asked by the DA's

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attorney, "Mr. Mitrovich, the question is, did you at any time tell Roger Hedgecock that he would have to make some form of peace or change his behavior with regard to Nancy Hoover in order to get her support in his quest for the office of mayor?"

Mitrovich replied, "I don't rule out the possibility that I encouraged him to effect whatever reconciliation, in terms of his relationship, but I cannot answer the question in terms of specifics, because I do not recall. I don't think — I mean, it is altogether possible that I would have said, 'I think your relationship with Nancy is something you need,' to the effect of a reconciliation, but I can't answer the question any more specifically than that because I do not recall. And I just barely recall the possibility that there was a luncheon at the Hilton involving Al O'Brien, Roger Hedgecock, and myself."

The DA's lawyer pressed on, reminding Mitrovich that he normally had "a marvelous recall of people and events and things." He suggested that "a conversation with a county supervisor who wants to be mayor about the need to mend fences with a major financial supporter might be something you'd recall."

Mitrovich allowed that he "might" have phoned Hedgecock for a luncheon date with O'Brien and himself, but he just didn't think financing entered into any discussion. "I am not - I know what I know. I do not know what I do not know. And I am not — again, obviously if you have discussed this with Mr. O'Brien, if Mr. O'Brien has a particular memory of that luncheon and what the purpose of that luncheon was, maybe then in discussing it with him. But I don't have a specific recollection of those things being discussed. That isn't like me. That is not the point of my involvement in politics."

Among the documents introduced at the hearing was the letter on Dominelli's character that Hedgecock had sent to officials in Great Britain when J. David was trying to get a listing on the

cial Futures Exchange (LIFFE). The letter had said, "San Diego is indeed fortunate to have Mr. Dominelli and his company headquartered in our city." It was introduced into evidence because Hedgecock was insisting that he had no relationship whatsoever with J. David or with Dominelli — he knew only Hoover. Pancer noted, "A letter of recommendation written on behalf of J. David is of the type prepared on a routine basis for hundreds of businesses in San Diego, and the issuance of such a letter does not depend on their having supported the mayor." When Hedgecock was asked to produce some examples of other such letters, he said he would not, because it might compromise the people about whom he had written them.

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The grand jury transcripts also revealed that on February 12, the day before the J. David bankruptcy, Hedgecock's aides met "to clean up [Hedgecock's] loan with Nancy Hoover," as one of the mayor's insiders put it.

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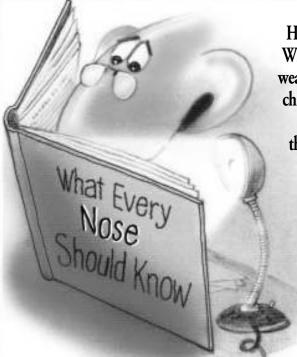
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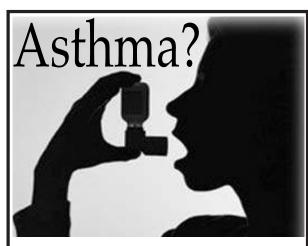


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The group members drafted documents to "memorialize" a payment Hedgecock had received from Hoover up to then never set on paper — and they raised \$80,000 virtually overnight to pay it back. Hedgecock's campaign manager admit-

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The transcripts also record testimony that Shepard and Hedgecock had reached an oral understanding about a computerized mailing list on January 1, 1982. The understanding was not put in writing until nine months later — on stationery that had not existed at the time the document was dated. Assistant District Attorney Richard Huffman called the contract "a pure fabrication," but Shep-

Two of Shepard's aides testified that Shepard had instructed them to tell investigators, falsely, that they were volunteers rather than paid assistants. They also said Shepard had offered to pay for their lawyers. Shepard refused to appear before the grand jury and to comment to the press.

ard said it properly memo-

rialized the understanding.

But all these details generally got buried as Hedgecock kept hammering successfully at the vendetta theme and repeating that his offenses were minor and "technical" in nature.

Hedgecock's final test came on October 16, when the Fair Political Practices Commission announced its findings. It filed a record \$1.2 million suit against Hedgecock, Shepard, Hoover, Dominelli, and two other associates, charging that Hoover and Dominelli funneled funds to Hedgecock during the campaign. The FPPC cited 400 violations of campaign and financial disclosure requirements. Hedgecock was named in 45 of 50 causes of action. If found guilty, his liability could be \$974,662. It was the most comprehensive action taken by the FPPC in its ten-year history—the largest amount of money sought and the largest number of alleged violations and causes of action. The staff had spent 3000 hours on the case.

But once again, Hedge-

charged that the FPPC was playing politics: It could have taken administrative action and simply imposed a fine, but it opted for legal action to try to embarrass him before the election. As it happened, then-chairman of the FPPC Daniel Stanford was a San Diego Republican who had opposed Hedgecock in his 1983 primary fight. "We all know who Dan Stanford is.

Dan Stanford did not want

me to be mayor," said Hedge-

cock. But there were five peo-

ple on the FPPC board, and

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on the charges. In any case, Hedgecock claimed, the violations were only a "rehash" of the grand jury charges, and he had answered some of them when he had filed 15 amendments to his disclosure reports earlier in the year, when his involvement with J. David first became public.

Stanford, in town to give

a speech about the FPPC's findings, allowed that there were some "technical" violations, but "there are major, serious violations [that] disclose a pattern which occurred [in] the campaign of attempts to evade and violate the local San Diego campaign ordinance." And he insisted that "the fact that I may not have endorsed Roger Hedgecock for mayor had absolutely nothing to do with this lawsuit."

Several weeks later Mickey Ziffren, another FPPC commissioner, said she was "appalled" that Stanford had come to San Diego to discuss details of the FPPC case prior to the election. His speech represented "the most blatant political act ever performed by a chairman of the commission," she stated.

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ical consulting firms in San Diego several times over. "For \$25,000 the political consulting firms would throw their grandmothers in the deal," says a La Jolla civic leader. Political consulting firms usually have little in the way of assets and nothing in the way of profits.

But, on the other hand, "I guess the defense could argue that since Hoover's other investments proved she was a twit at investing, this was just another example," commented an attorney for the DA.

Hedgecock adopted a similar defense. As the scandal unfolded, he would laugh about his business ineptitude. He just didn't follow his investments closely, he said. His wife Cindy had to do all the detail work. But people who knew his investment proclivities claimed the exact reverse was true. "At 8 a.m., he knew his positions," says the broker who had Hedgecock's stock-and-bond account. "He called three times a day. If his stock was down a quarter of a point, he wanted to know why. It's bullshit that he was naïve about investing." And he was even more meticulous about his real estate investments, according to those in the know.

Throughout the controversy Hedgecock continued to maintain that Shepard's firm was not simply a money conduit to his campaign and that he knew Hoover but had had no dealings with either J. David or Dominelli. If that was true, NEWSLINE, the weekly publication Hoover poured \$350,000 into, didn't seem to know it. On May 12, 1983, right after Hedgecock's election, NEWSLINE editor Larry Remer wrote to Hoover and Dominelli, "I want to mine the political base of support that put Roger in office for NEWSLINE...I want to leverage our relationship to the mayor's office into advertising from entities like the Transit Company...and from city lessees." Lest anyone suspect there was a conflict of interest, it would be done subtly, Remer assured them. While NEWSLINE was attacking businesses on issues such as environmentalism, an "arm's length" entity — a public relations firm that Dominelli and Hoover would hire — would be hitting up the same businesses for advertising, he explained.

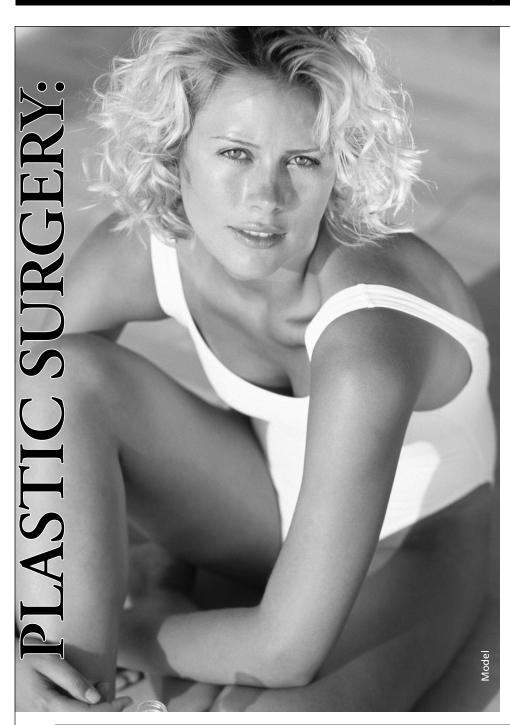
Which public relations firm would it be? "I think we need to hire Shepard and Associates, both because of the obvious clout they have (or appear to have) with the new mayor, and because of Tom's personal desire to help NEWSLINE grow. I've talked with Tom about this and he's amenable to it if you guys want to pay for it...But, more importantly, the idea of hiring a firm with compatable [sic] people politically (not just with clout) is key. I really

need someone who can be out hustling some big developers to advertise their subdivisions with NEWSLINE at the same time that we're taking on the developers on behalf of the environmentalists and have that someone not blink an eye," Remer wrote.

Remer also said he would comb the Hedgecock list for potential NEWSLINE advertisers and donors. "Where appropriate, we'd also seek to have Roger put in a good word," wrote the crusading editor, who is known for attacking the conservative establishment for its ethical lapses.

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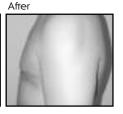
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As the election approached, San Diego was on edge. There was strong feeling that Hedgecock had been a very good mayor — even some of the establishment kingpins were willing to admit that. Nevertheless, two establishment powers, the head of the Chamber of Commerce and the county sheriff, demanded that Hedgecock resign. Both were widely criticized for it. Hedgecock deflected such opposition by alluding to the establishment "forces" that were trying to do him in. The mayor had help in making the point: A local radio talk-show host

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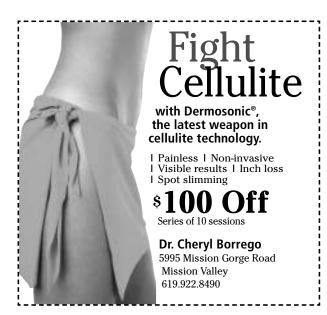
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kept asking his listeners, "Who is out to get Roger Hedgecock?" In reflecting on Hedgecock's problem, people disinterred an old Watergate apothegm: "It's better to have a capable crook than an incapable honest man."

On November 1, Hedgecock's perjury and conspiracy trial began.

Five days later, on election day, the people spoke. Hedgecock was swept into office with 58 percent of the vote — about ten percentage points more than he had received in the primary, before the indictment and FPPC suit. He took the whole city, high- and low-income areas

The vote proved that San Diegans didn't want to be bulldozed, and they didn't want their city bulldozed either. Even with Hedgecock standing trial on felony charges, the voters indicated they preferred to see the growth-management coalition run the city. As one political writer noted the day after the election, "Hedgecock's victory may mark the end of the traditional establishment mayoral candidate." Captain Money and the Golden Girl had at last won

Their victory, though, would prove tenuous and unsatisfying. Like Richard Nixon in 1972, Hedgecock was buried under a mass of moving earth soon after his landslide win.

As the mayor stood trial, the court and the media focused on whether Hedgecock was guilty or innocent, while the voters — at least at first — didn't seem to care: They were mainly concerned whether he was still capable of governing. The mayor, for

his part, kept hitting at his old themes: He had made only minor errors in filling out his financial disclosure forms, the DA's office was pursuing a vendetta, the newspapers were out to get him, the conservative establishment was trying to hound him out of office. The prosecutor from the DA's office, Richard Huffman, dismissed such talk as a "bag of trash."

At the outset of the trial,

the betting in San Diego favored Hedgecock. But as the case progressed through December and January, the odds shifted away from acquittal and toward at the least a hung jury. There were too many things Hedgecock could not explain. San Diegans found it difficult to believe that the mayor could get a \$3000 check from Dominelli and consider it a check from his political consultant Thomas

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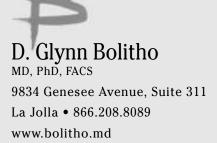
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Shepard. They couldn't accept Hedgecock's explanation that when he received monthly interest checks from the \$16,000 trust deed he had previously sold to Hoover, he erroneously thought it was rent from a tenant. They suspected he was trying to conceal details about the \$130,000 — characterized by Hedgecock as a loan — that Hoover had pumped into the remodeling of his home.

A businessman testified that in late 1981, Hedgecock, then a member of the Board of Supervisors, told him that Hoover would be financing his mayoral campaign through Shepard. It was revealed that in 1982, when the businessman had a bid pending before the Board of Supervisors for a multimillion-dollar development, he had made out a check for \$24,000 to Hedgecock's wife as a so-called loan to Hedgecock, who was at the time having financial difficulties. (The Hedgecocks, though, never picked up the check.) He had also driven Hedgecock to Los Angeles to consult with a bankruptcy attorney and had paid the \$500 legal fee, which Hedgecock did not report on his state financial disclosure forms. Hedgecock played down these lapses as technicalities and claimed that he could never have told the businessman in 1981 that Hoover would be financing his campaign for mayor, because he had not yet decided to run for the office. Prosecutor Huffman asked Hedgecock why Shepard had in 1981 spent money to test Hedgecock's name identification against that of the police chief, then considered a mayoral candidate, if Hedgecock was not running for mayor. Had Hedgecock been aiming for the police chief's job? Hedgecock glumly replied that he hadn't been.

In early February, as the jury started to deliberate, public sentiment began to favor conviction on at least one of the 13 counts brought against Hedgecock. Fully 75 percent of the citizens polled by a local TV station said Hedgecock was guilty. Upon leaving city hall one evening,

a grim Hedgecock greeted Mike Gotch, a city councilman who would be the favorite to replace the mayor if Hedgecock was forced to resign because of a conviction. "Good evening, Mayor Gotch," said Hedgecock.

Evidently, ten other jurors agreed. The jury voted 11-1 to convict on all conspiracy and perjury counts. One juror held out on each charge: a supervisor of trash haulers in the city's sanitation department. After a mistrial was declared on February 13 — exactly a year after the J. David bankruptcy — fellow jurors denounced the holdout for not considering the evidence, and some even accused him of sleeping through deliberations.

Hedgecock proclaimed the trial outcome a victory, but most San Diegans thought 11–1 tantamount to a guilty verdict. They wondered how a city employee had been seated on the jury in the first place. (Huffman later conceded that he had erred in the jury selection process.)

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a poll. Sixty-one percent of San Diegans said Hedgecock could not be an effective mayor, and 50 percent believed he should resign. But Hedgecock still had the support of black, gay, feminist, and environmentalist leaders, some of whom commented that, guilty or innocent, he was a better mayor than anyone else they could envision.

It appeared Hedgecock might be mayor for some time. Plea-bargaining sessions broke down. Hedgecock recruited Oscar Goodman, a Las Vegas attorney and real estate entrepreneur, to replace Pancer. Goodman, whose client list includes reputed organized crime figures, had earlier done legal work for Dominelli — and his firm had been J. David's landlord. Goodman said he would represent the mayor for a minimal fee. It was altruistic, Goodman explained: He owned a condominium in San Diego and believed Hedgecock was the right man for the mayor's job.

Goodman's presence caused the no-growth and pro-growth constituencies to think, at least for a moment, the same thought. They wondered jointly if Goodman would be a new power in San Diego real estate — and they marveled at the irony that Roger Hedgecock, the outspoken no-growther, had served as the catalyst in Goodman's rise. Despite overwhelming public sentiment that the mayor was guilty, some saw the odds shifting in his favor for the retrial scheduled to begin in late August of 1985. Goodman is a coy, charismatic courtroom lawyer. And, said people, the holdout juror in the earlier trial a black — had become a hero in the black community and something of a media personality. A second trial might lead to another hung jury.

Meanwhile, the city's government remained paralyzed — and some considered that the most damaging legacy of J. David. ■

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corners waiting for new contractors to arrive in vans, station wagons, and buses. Mostly men, they are dressed in Levis, boots or sneakers, imitation Members Only jackets, layers of shirts or ponchos. Some wear cowboy hats, others baseball caps. Only a few are bareheaded. Most wear bandanas around their necks or trail them from pockets. The men, from age 16 to well into their 50s, look fit,

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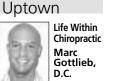


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over. The driver asks, "What side of the tree do you pick the espárrago from?" I smile back; I'm pretty sure the stuff doesn't grow on trees, though I am by no means certain. The men around

the bus laugh; I join them. The driver says, "Look, I am full. The patrón wants 20 guys. I already have 20. Try across the street."

The group of men on the opposite corner are sit-

ting on the curb or standing beside parked cars. Someone says we were waiting for a person named Rita, though it isn't a woman. Fifteen minutes later, a school bus pulls in the lot, and a

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momentarily as a turquoise border patrol car cruises slowly past, playing a light over our faces. The car stops and two agents step out. No one leaves. One agent walks among us saying, "Buenos...buenos..." to those he passes, looking everyone up and down. When he walks by me, he asks, "How's it goin?"

By 4:30 a.m., I am a little desperate. No one will take me on. Later, a foreman tells me that it's very rare that gringos seek out this work. When they do, they're invariably crazy, union activists, or both, and most contractors avoid them. Nobody hires trouble if they can help it. Eventually, I approach a man with a sheepskin jacket, who has hired on a full crew and is now alone, smoking a cigarette, tapping his fingers on his clipboard, and humming a song about "...palabras de amor." I tell him I am writing a story and wanted to know what it is like to work in the fields. Could I please come along, work for a day or two for free,

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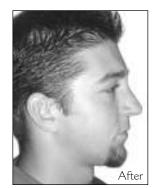
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Eventually, the bus pulls away, and we head north on Route 111, past the El Centro turnoff and into Brawley. By now, it is about 5 a.m. The bus stops at a closed market/gas station with a rack of pipes and faucets near the gas pumps. Three men step out of the rear door of the bus and begin filling orange plastic five-gallon containers with water. The word CHAVEZ is stenciled in black on each of these. When they are loaded, the bus continues north.

There are few landmarks. Darkness stretches to either side. The horizons are clusters of distant lights winking miragelike. The bus continues for another half hour, past Westmore-



land, where we turn onto a black, featureless dirt-andasphalt track called Lack Road. The bus makes a left turn at nowhere, and we drive past nothing for several miles in dust that rises in the headlights like charcoal fog. At the intersection of *nada* and void, the bus turns left and rumbles along for another few miles. At one point it stops, and four men scramble out in a drill that is precise and economical. They sling two portable sanitation units on a trailer and hitch it to the rear of the bus. Within two minutes, we are heading into the night and dust again.

At the left side of the road at what seems to be

an arbitrary point — *Why* here? What's different about this patch of dust and blackness from any other we've passed?—the bus stops and the men clamber out, stretch, spit, light cigarettes, scratch. We were here. Wherever

here was. No moon, just star-shot blackness overhead, nothing to break the line of low, flat fields to the right. Nothing seems to be growing here, just fallow rows of dirt, lighter patches of starlight against darker umbras of furrow, the smell of turned earth and fertilizer, the odor from the portable toilets now being used by the 18 men and two women. The smell of an asparagus field is that of earth and shit.

To our left are a copse of dead trees, some rustedout tin-roofed shacks, and iunked cars. One man breaks away from the group and walks purposefully into the gnarled tree line. Just to appear, equally purposeful, I follow him. He puts on gloves and uproots one of the thin, dead trees. He tosses it to me. I grab hold of it it is surprisingly light and stretch, cough, buying time: What do I do with this? He pulls up another tree about the same size and heads back toward the bus, his breath condensing against the starlight. I follow with

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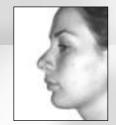
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Fire-rose light spreads across the undersides of clouds to the east, and an older man with a poncho and ranchero's hat tosses a refrigerator shelf onto the burning tree limbs. He removes several tortillas from a plastic bag and lays them on the metal. From a thermos, he extracts a few chunks of still-warm carne asada with the blade of his buck knife. He tastes it, nods. Some of the others hand him money, peso notes and American coins. He makes tacos and hands them to the paying customers. His son produces bottles of Pepsi and sells four of them for a few coins. One man wearing a baseball cap that bears the legend Mi vida es un Madre (My life is one Mother) talks about the time he was with a woman in Mexico and had to use a plastic bread loaf wrapper and rubber band for a condom. Laughter and coughing. The older woman, maybe 40, grins, exposing a gap in her front teeth. The younger woman (20? 30?) steps out of the toilet and joins the group at the fire. The comedian lowers his voice and now entertains only those close to him.

A smudged cotton dawn gradually reveals endless brown fields criss-crossed with access roads and other buses, like ours, trailing Porti-Sans, in the distance. The hundreds of seagulls wheeling over the fields seem anomalous in the middle of this desert valley. They settle on patches of asparagus that grow in single spears like hearty weeds. Every few inches is either an asparagus spear jutting defiantly from the dirt or a blackened stub where a plant had been burned to fertilize the earth around it. An asparagus farm is neither aesthetic

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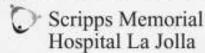
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nor appetizing, except possibly to seagulls.

At a word from the foremen, everyone boards the bus once again, and I follow in my truck. We drive past identical blocks broken only by irrigation ditches and access roads. The bus stops 100 yards or so from a tree line with hundreds more seagulls and some gutted, rusting trailers. Racks of empty wooden boxes marked with the name of a farm are set up along the side of the road, waiting to be filled with crops. Each box would hold 25 pounds or so. Next to the boxes are four burras, wooden pushcarts painted the color of dried blood, with one small tire in the front and two wooden legs toward the rear. beneath the handles.

Someone offloads a carton from the bus. It is filled with cuchillos, asparagus knives, for those who have not brought their own. I pick up one and examine the blade; it is dull. One young boy produces a filing stone from his pocket and expertly runs the file ever the tip of the blade. He eyes my knife and smiles but does not offer me the stone. I barely have time to put on my gloves and I am following the crew to the edge of the field.

Without any signal, we wade into the dirt. I watch, imitate. Feet in the furrows to avoid trampling the crop, select a healthy-looking green asparagus (as opposed to yellow) and one that isn't curved into an S shape, hold it beneath the tip, and wedge the cuchillo blade at an angle where the asparagus meets the soil. When your hand is filled, you lay the plants in a small mound along the top of the row. My mounds are smaller than everyone else's. How can they hold so many of the things before forming a pile?

I fall behind the others in my rhythm of search, step, step, turn, bend, cut, lift, search...mostly because my back, arms, and knees protest this activity strongly. I have been at it for less than ten

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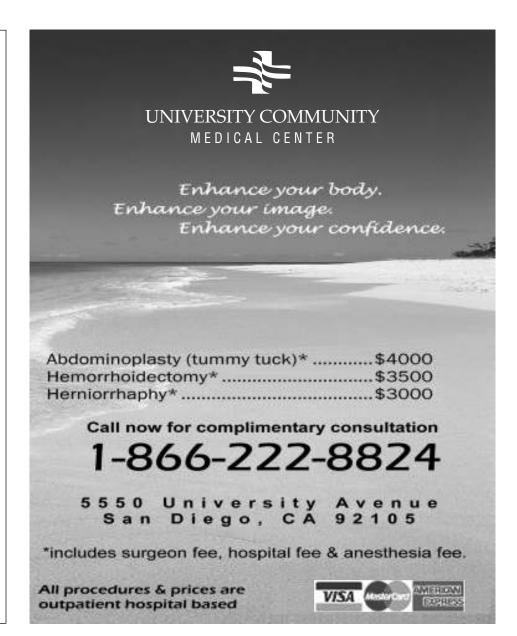
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ing at the ground with my knife.

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"You have to go faster; Alfredo will fire you." He continued to work while he spoke. "Don't pick those small ones. Nine inches, no less."

How are you supposed to do that? No one seemed to be measuring the things. I try to gauge nine inches, but the spears in my hand were of wildly different lengths. To keep from being too obvious, I hurry ahead, leaving behind a few yards of unharvested plants. It takes half an hour for the crew to cross one auadrilla (the width of 20 men or 40 rows). We now stand at the tree line, with the Salton Sea visible in the distance. A great blue heron is startled from its perch and wings over the still water. In a moment, it is followed by an egret the size of a child and the color of fresh snow. I stand looking after them and feel my clothes clinging to me with sweat. Dirt-colored perspiration falls from beneath my baseball cap and collects at my nose and

The workers pushing the *burras* with some seven to ten boxes of produce waddle the carts across the irrigation ditches on thin wooden planks. There they are offloaded in stacks to be collected by forklifts later. Once the boxes are arranged, we walk to the next quadrilla and begin working new rows back in the direction from which we had come. My back is now singing glissandos of pain; my knees and shoulders feel as if they would lock up permanently at any moment. Search...step, step, step, bend, cut, step, bend, cut.

A shadow blocks my view of the next several feet of asparagus plants. The foreman, Alfredo, stands over me. He wears a straw cowboy hat, a clean white jacket, and faded Levis. His face is mottled with either a burn scar or some birth-

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mark. His mustache is thick and long, slightly upturned at the ends, like Pancho Villa's. His eyes glow darkly from beneath heavy brows. He holds out his hand for my cuchillo. This is it. I'm fired. He points to a piece of black electrician's tape along the length of the knife. "Nine inches," he says. "Here," he takes the cuchillo and holds it beside a spear of asparagus. "Like this, see?" The spear is a little over the taped nine-inch mark. He cuts it, reaches to measure another one. Too short, He plays the cuchillo briefly over two others and settles on a third, cuts it. "You see?"

"Yes. Thanks. Sorry." I bend to resume working. I have barely managed to keep pace with the others along this quadrilla, and I am again losing ground. When I fall behind or grimace with pain or straighten my back, I feel

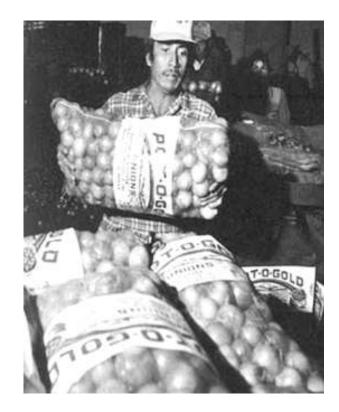
conspicuous, fraudulent, weak.

"Wait," Alfredo says. I now realize he is the same foreman I had spoken to in the dark last night in Calexico. "How are you feeling?

"No. No. My back hurts a little bit. It's okay."

"You take some aspirin later. Everybody takes aspirin." He grins. "Maybe you should work the burras. It's easier." His grin exposes perfect white teeth. He waves me to one of the carts back on the access road. "Put about seven boxes on there and push it out to the first pile of asparagus. I'll show you what to do."

At the first mound of harvested plants, he bends and shows me how to grab them. "Make sure they are all facing the same way." He scoops up the pile with both hands and taps the bottoms



lightly against the side of the wooden crates, making them more uniform in

length. "Lay them in the box in the same direction. If any of them are too big, too long, to fit in the box, cut the ends like this." He shows me with his knife. "You have a knife?

"When Rebecca comes, you better talk to her. Maybe she doesn't like you here. I don't know. Me, I don't care. I'm a writer, too. I write songs, baladas, mariachi songs and other things."

He strolls beside me as I push the burra, stopping and squatting to take hold of a bunch of spears, tap them against the wood, lay them in the box, and sometimes cut the ends. Asparagus spears are more fragile than they look. They snap in my hands whenever I try to hurry. Alfredo says we are picking Brooks asparagus today, and he gestures to a field in the distance where another variety called Harley, or 57, was grown. Asparagus grows very quickly. Tomorrow he would

have another crew in this same field picking just as many spears, they grow that fast. Would I be coming back tomorrow? Maybe I would like to hear some of the recordings he has made.

My spine is now one lance of constant pain, but my shoulders and knees are numb. As I push the *burra*, filling the 25-pound boxes, it becomes more painful and difficult to make any progress through the soft earth. When all seven boxes are filled, the load would weigh almost 200 pounds. And the wind is kicking up, blowing dust in 30-foot sheets across the fields. I hadn't worn a scarf or bandana. The others all have theirs up over their noses now. The two women look like Arabs, their faces covered with clean rags they had apparently fashioned for such occasions. The dust

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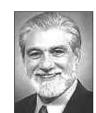
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settles in my eyelashes, nostrils, and then my teeth whenever I try breathing through my mouth, I blink constantly and have to keep my head down, eyes fixed at a spot between my feet. But the pain in my back increases and shoots through my neck when I can't hold my head upright.

I stop and revolve the baseball cap on my head so the wind won't catch under the bill and blow it off. Alfredo is no longer beside me. I can hear a chorus of muffled curses on either side of me. I find myself joining them in Spanish, because it seems natural and it helps.

We fall into a rhythm of cursing, bending, spitting, lifting, tapping, and eventually laughing in staccato bursts. We finish the block in a fugue of pain, dust, sweat, and tired laughter.

A man named Chuey helps to off-load the burra and stack the crates. He loads me down with ten empty boxes. I can't protest. The others carry ten.

The work continues for another hour. The wind dies and springs up again in fits. We stop for breakfast around 9:30. Some go into the buses, others lean against the tires, while still others line up in front of the Porti-Sans and the orange water con-

"No, this Chavez is a subcontractor, Juan Chavez, Another guy. He rents the water jugs and the toilets."

Oh. I bend to drink from the plastic spigot, and those near me say, "No! Wait!" Chuey holds my hands away from the spigot,

I am loosening up a little but figure I have another 15 minutes, max, before I freeze like a contorted scarecrow out here in some hideous, permanent posture.

tainers. All I can think of is getting to the orange water coolers with the word CHAVEZ stenciled over them. As I wait behind two other men, I point at the water and ask, "Cesar Chavez? Does the Farm Workers Union provide these?"

"Wash first. There's a lot of chemicals in that fertilizer, man. You'll get sick."

Water, Cheez-its, and an apple suffice for breakfast. It is what I have. I don't eat much. I feel stoned with exhaustion. When it is time to go back into the fields, I try rehearsing a graceful

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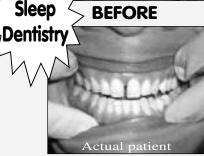
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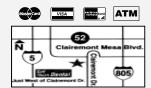
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retreat. I don't want to collapse out there in front of the others. But finally, I move in stiff resignation back to the burra and load up with empty crates. Half an hour later, I am loosening up a little but figure I have another 15 minutes, max, before I freeze like a contorted scarecrow out here in some hideous, permanent posture. All I can think of is that these people are doing this for \$4.25 an hour. After taxes, about \$20 a day. Maybe that's why there aren't many bars, discos, antique shops, and hair salons in Calexico. Maybe that's why there are just cheap motels and fast-food restaurants that specialize in egg-and-biscuit breakfasts for 69 cents.

"Hey, you!" I hear in English. "What are you doing? You can't work here." A short woman with mirror shades, silver earrings, and short-cropped red hair is marching through the furrows. She holds a cellular phone and a lit cigarette.

"Rebecca Nigos?"

"Yes. Who gave you permission to work here? I hired 20 guys for this block. I see 21. Nobody hired you."

'No, I just wanted to see what the work is like. I'm writing a story."

"About asparagus?" She stares at me as if to say, "How stupid do I look?"

"You can't be out here, if you get hurt, I'm in deep

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shit. I have no insurance for you."

"Oh, yeah." I apologize and try not to smile too

"You come back tomorrow? I'll bring you some of my songs."

Rebecca offers to drive

"If the foremen or contractors know a worker is union, they won't hire him; or if they do and they find out, they'll get rid of them."

much. I could have cried with relief.

As we walk off the field, Alfredo looks at me and shrugs, "Hey," he calls out.

me around the 300-acre farm and talk about *la vida*, "the life."

"I started when I was about ten years old. In Mexicali. I was born and raised there. My dad used to go up north for three, four months. We stayed behind, my mom and my brothers and sisters. We would pick cotton by hand in the summertime; sometimes we would pick radish or Chinese potatoes, green onions. I came from a big family, six. We made enough money to buy food. We gave it all to my mom. Then my dad got us green cards. Immigration made him. I started school when I was 12, in Calexico. I went two years, then we went up north. At that time, they used to hire

kids to pick grapes in Bak-

ersfield. My mom had never

done the work before, but

then she started, too. It was hard for her, but us kids were used to it."

As she speaks, she slows her Ford Bronco to shout instructions to the crews. "Eight and a half inches, green!" or "Nine inches. Block five!" She remembers when you had to join the union. "At that time there was big strikes, and if you didn't want to listen or join, they would follow you, take your license plate number. They would break up your car or your house. It wasn't Cesar Chavez sending those people, it was just macho Mexicans doing their thing. They caused a lot of damage, but they were good in a way because they made

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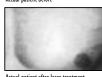


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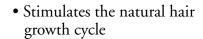


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some changes. We never used to have toilets. It was just the bushes or dishpans, you know?"

Are the people in these fields working legally in the

"Yes, nowadays. The foreman is responsible. He has to sign an I-9 form stating that he has seen all the workers' papers. Before, it was a problem, but now they have the amnesty cards. The border patrol hardly ever stops the buses any-

more. They don't waste the time, but just a couple years ago it was the usual thing."

Why do they do this work? For minimum wage, surely they could find something less back-breaking.

'It's what they know. They don't have the education for something else, and there's no way a machine can do this work. They work six hours, no more. Even if you're used to it, there's no way you can work longer than that. Up and down, bending like that. Six hours is it. All for 20 bucks or something. I know it doesn't make any sense; it's mostly lack of education. The young ones, maybe they don't want to go to school, so I got them working, it's such a shame."

When asked if the workers out in the field today were unionized, she shakes her head no. Why? "Ask them." She doesn't seem eager to discuss the subject. "It makes it harder to get work. The union wants more

money. I don't blame them, but..." She shrugs and points out the Salton Sea. That water's so bad you can't even wash your hands in it. Forget about drinking it."

Rebecca finally says I can return the next day and observe, maybe pick some asparagus for myself, but I wouldn't be allowed to push the burra anymore.

Later, at the U.S. Border Patrol office in El Centro, Agent Morrissey corroborates what Rebecca had

ever go out into the fields for spot checks? "Yes we do. The last time we did a farm or ranch check, I think we checked — now this is just a ballpark figure — something like six or seven thousand workers, and we ended up with two illegal aliens. Obviously, the law is working down here. Occasionally, we do check the workers on the buses, but by and large, most people are complying with the new amnesty] law."

How many illegals are apprehended daily at the Calexico/Mexicali border?

"Oh, probably 90 a night or so."

Speaking with Delores Huerta, United Farm Work-

told me; most of the workers in the valley are indeed legal these days. "The burden of proof is on the employer that they hire legal residents. Otherwise they'll be fined. There can be some pretty hefty fines. They definitely make sure they have papers now." Does the border patrol

> a grievance procedure." How much more in terms of wages can the union offer?

> ers Union cofounder and

first vice president, I ask her

what advantages the union

offered."The right to work

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ing agreement. Rest breaks,

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lot of this isn't happening

right now. I don't know

where you were, but it's still

a problem. Sometimes they

put the restrooms so far

away, no one can use them

because they'll get bullied by

the foreman. Sometimes

there is water out there, but

there's no cups. That isn't

right. The union offers a

better wage, a medical plan,

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"Well, it depends. We have areas where the contracts are as high as \$7.50 an hour. In other areas it's lower."

What is the relationship these days between the growers and the union?

"It's a constant day-today struggle. They are always trying to get rid of or get around the union. Even in cases we've won through the courts, I'll give you some examples. We had an election in May, about 500 workers who overwhelmingly voted for the union. The company objected to the election. It's been over a year, and we still haven't been certified to represent the workers]. It's tied up."

Do the labor contractors avoid the union workers?

"Oh, absolutely. There's a blacklist. Very definitely, if the foremen or contractors know a worker is union. they won't hire him; or if they do and they find out, they'll get rid of them. The [labor] board down in El Centro is really bad; they just routinely throw out a lot of the charges we file. Farm Workers' Union charge? Into the wastebasket."

What are the most common grievances the workers have?

"I guess wages are one. Pesticide poisoning is a big one. We had a worker who just died up in Bakersfield from Parathion about a month ago. José Campos Martínez. There's a big push now on the part of the growers to get rid of local workers to make room for new Mexicans here under the amnesty law. They want the

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people who are kind of innocent, who don't know what the story is, what the options might be for them, what's going on, what their rights are." According to Huerta, the United Farmworkers Union membership in Southern California is about 15,000 and 100,000 nationally.

Barbara Buck, a spokeswoman for the Western Growers' Association, whose members cultivate 50 percent of the nation's fresh produce and nuts and employ 250,000 to 300,000 workers daily, responded: "The United Farm Workers Union shows bad faith and, we think, do not represent the farmworkers in a fair and even-handed manner. They extort a day's pay out of each of their members to put in a political action fund, and they can get rid of a union member at any moment with very little cause. We have some problems with the way they operate. However, we work quite well with the other farmworkers'] unions.'

As to whether the farmers are welcoming new workers under the amnesty law: "Absolutely. Farmers have taken great strides to make sure their employees are legalized. We have passed out information in Spanish and English to workers and have created a statewide organization called ALFA, Alien Legalization for Agriculture. Its sole purpose was to help workers get legalized. There were a lot of unscrupulous lawyers and people charging very high fees. We offered a way for the farmworkers not to have to pay those high fees, so the farmers were very instrumental in helping people get legalized."

And Western Growers' response to Huerta's assertion that they are encouraging newly legalized workers because of their political naïvete?

"We farmers know that a stable, loyal, local work-force is going to be much more productive and happy and easier to work with. We are pleased that under the new law, we see that the farmworkers are more settled and happier and are willing to stay in one place longer. This is good for agriculture just as it is for the farmworkers."

The next day, I accept

Rebecca's invitation to return to the heat and dust of the fields; I don't pick asparagus or push the burras. Instead, I make myself useful by hauling the burras around in the bed of my pickup truck or stacking crates of asparagus for the trucks. Except for Chuey and perhaps one other man, the crew is entirely different from the day before. Alfredo brings a cassette tape and two 45-rpm records of his music. He talks about the difficulties of writing such compositions as "Canto a la Vida," "La Muerte de un Gran Torero," and "Ya No Vuelvas Jesús."

After only two days' work, it is difficult for me to move without the aid of aspirin. That night, I listen to Alfredo's songs and soak for hours in a hot bath in a Brawley hotel.

— John Brizzolara

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Absolute Low

I read the "Sheep and Goats" article in the latest issue (July 28). I thought the purpose of the column was for a particular church to tell about who they are, their philosophical focus, any events they may be having, and that sort of information. I was appalled at the current issue, where you allowed someone to use that forum to criticize another church. That is an absolute low blow. The writer said nothing about his church and what they are about, just used the space to put down someone else's beliefs (and just for your information, I am not a member of the Mormon church either). If I had a subscription to the *Reader* I would cancel it. I question who your target audience is, but it certainly isn't anyone with high values if this is the kind of comments you are allowing.

Ruth Davis via e-mail

Hellish Semantics

I was a Mormon for 26 years, and I graduated from Brigham Young University, which requires all undergraduates to complete 20 hours of religious coursework. While I am no longer an active member of the Mormon church, I feel compelled to point out that Gabriel Carlin's remarks about Mormons, and the *Reader*'s method of presenting them, are misleading ("Sheep and Goats," July 28).

In the table of contents, under "Sheep and Goats," the tag line reads, "Mormons say Hitler won't go to hell." Nowhere in the article did a Mormon theologian or individual say Hitler won't go to hell. Drew Goodmanson, the reviewer, says, "Carlin said Mormons believe in three levels of heaven" and quotes him as saying, "Even Hitler isn't going to hell in the Mormon view." This is clearly Carlin's argument, and he provides no citations that would permit the Reader to make this leap.

The argument itself is confused by semantics. The

geography of the afterlife in Mormon theology doesn't correspond precisely to the terms "heaven" and "hell." In my recollection, those who know God and reject Him are cast into "outer darkness." The church certainly teaches that this betrayal is a unique sort of sin, and only those who are, in effect, God's witnesses on earth can commit it. But I was also taught that murder of even one person was an unforgivable sin, one for which you could never atone, and that you could therefore not expect anything but eternal suffering. This suffering, as I understood it, would be done in a place called the telestial kingdom, a hellish, not heavenly, place.

Lastly, Goodmanson says in his review that "Carlin... often travels to educate groups about Mormonism." To call Carlin an educator about Mormonism is like calling Rush Limbaugh an educator about Democrats or bin Laden an educator about American culture. Carlin promotes his own beliefs by demonizing those of a group

he views as damned and misinformed. The nicest possible term for that is "preaching."

Laura McNeal Fallbrook

Catholic Inventions

Regarding your "Sheep and Goats" column of July 28, I think that Mr. Gabriel Carlin should have his head examined.

The Mormons are right about one thing: Adolph Hitler did go to heaven. Why? Because there is no other place to go. We all go there when we die. Hell and Satan are inventions of the Catholic Church. They do not exist. Do you think that a loving God would create such a place or such an entity so that we could be tortured for eternity? Nonsense! Do you think that a loving God would even allow some evil entity to exist or allow such a place to be created?

No way! The Bible is so full of b*****t, I don't know how anyone in their right mind can believe any of it.

believe any of it. Name Withheld via e-mail

Miracle Proposition

Your recent article on drug use ("Life's Too Short to Be Small," July 21) serves to highlight the recurring cycle of drug use and incarceration endured by people who suffer from the disease of addiction. All of the individuals interviewed by Mr. Opincar spent years in and out of prison but, despite the chances for intervention, continued to struggle with addiction.

Drug treatment services must be made more available so that individuals do not have to wait for a miraculous meeting — as did the men in your article — in order to receive them.

Perhaps it is time to remind your readers that California does run such a program under the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act (Proposition 36) of 2000. Prop 36 has offered drug treatment instead of incarceration to over 36,000 individuals each year since 2001. In its first two years alone, Prop 36 introduced 30,000 people to drug treatment for the first time. Many

of these people had been using for over a decade.

Prop 36 has stopped short the cycle of incarceration and drug use for tens of thousands of Californians. Isn't this a miracle too?

Margaret Dooley Drug Policy Alliance Southern California Office

Nazi Questions

Lawrence Ludlow (Letters, July 14) said our libertyhating government is becoming more National Socialist (Nazi) each and every day. The components of this progression are socialism (i.e., looting, involuntary servitude) and jingo militarism (i.e., foreign interventions and wars of aggression). It's rare that I see unadulterated truth: kudos to Mr. Ludlow. Here is a question or two: what can be said of a people who time after time after time elect a liberty-hating government heading to a Nazi state, albeit with different slogans? Is there any truth to Psalm 14:2-3 and Romans 3:10-12?

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Movies Before the Mast

call it a 'screens'l,' which is a contraction of 'screen' and 'sail.' It's kind of tongue in cheek because in the sailing world, things are slurred," says Pete Sharp, a member of the sail and maintenance crew for the San Diego Maritime Museum. "The actual [sail] we use is specific and exclusive for projecting movies and is hung up in the rig just alongside the main'st, or main mast." Sharp is also the coprojectionist for the program Movies Before the Mast.

According to the Maritime Museum's marketing director, Michael Shanahan, "We show nautically themed movies on the deck

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of the Star of India. which is a great location for [these films] because there is an ambiance to the venue that is

unmatched - you're right on the bay with the city lights behind you.

The Star of India, which first took to the ocean in 1863 under the name Euterpe (after the Greek goddess of music), is not only the world's oldest ship still able to sail, it is San Diego's only floating movie theater. Two weekends remain before the season for Movies Before the Mast ends for the 13th

Friday nights are referred to as date nights, and Saturdays are family nights. Children are not allowed to attend on Fridays, alhough no one will castigate you for going alone or bringing friends instead of a

On August 5 and August 12 date-night attendees will see the 1951 classic Captain Horatio Hornblower, starring Gregory Peck.

Prior to the movie, daters can participate in a scavenger hunt and can tour the HMS Surprise, the ship made famous by the movie Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World. Master and Commander was the datenight flick in July.

On Saturday, family night, kids can watch the 2003 version of Peter Pan, after a scavenger hunt of their own. "Typically we play boat races, but we're doing the surprise scavenger hunt because there's a theme to the movies this year," says Shanahan.

Seating is first come, first served — the Star of India's capacity is 200 people. Brienne Ashley, a volunteer for Movies Before the Mast, compares the event to "old drive-ins. They don't really have very many of those anymore...just like the drive-ins, they show a little cartoon beforehand. The last one was Popeye.

Ashley volunteered to help out on the nights Peter Pan is screened because she is excited to see the film. She says she will most likely be staffing the popcorn machine. The background noise inherent with outdoor movies is no bother for Ashley. "Sometimes you'll hear some noises — the boat is right next to Embarcadero and [occasionally] airplanes will fly by — but once you get into the movie, it's not as noticeable.

This is not the multiplex theater with seating," says Shanahan. "People come here for the environment." Cushioned folding chairs are provided for all, and patrons should dress warmly and bring additional blankets or sleeping bags.

"The screen is translucent. We project from one side of it; if you're on the opposite side from the projector, you can see just as clearly, but the image is reversed," says Sharp.



Aboard the Star of India

"We joke about turning the ship around during intermission." Rather than turning the ship, the projector is programmed to project a reversed image. "We do this in a sense of fairness, especially if there's writing in the movie, so that [for at least one half of the film] the people on the opposite side get to see it corrected."

Sharp, a technician by trade, enjoys the chance to stretch his sea legs. "When the Star sails, we're part of the crew that takes her out, so we're trained as tall-ship sailors. Last year, I forget the particular snafu, but we had a problem and Michael made some crack to our guests, 'They're not technicians, folks, they're sailors.

No food is allowed on board, but light

refreshments, like popcorn for a dollar, candy, and clam chowder from Anthony's, are sold. No alcoholic beverages are sold on family night.

— Barbarella

Movies Before the Mast aboard the Star of India Friday, August 5, and Saturday, August 6, 7 p.m. **Maritime Museum of San Diego 1492 North Harbor Drive** Downtown Cost: \$12 adult: \$7 children (Saturdays only) Info: 619-234-9153, x101 or www.sdmaritime.org





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BAJA

Tiziano Ferro in concert at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución), Friday, August 5, 11 p.m. Tickets: \$10-\$85 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

La Lay presents rock concert on Saturday, August 6, 8 p.m., in Tijuana's Downtown Bullring (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-686-1510. (TIJUANA)

Classic Car Show, boasting food, entertainment, reggae music, is Saturday, August 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cortijo San José, 011-52-664-637-0451. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Mexican Classical Music Showcased by mezzosoprano Encarnación Vázquez, tenor José Medina, pianist Aiko Yamada, Thursday, August 11, 6 p.m., at El Olivo Restaurant, 011-52-664-621-8505. (ENSENADA)

Harvest Festival continues all over Ensenada through Saturday,

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Orioles, the bright vellow or vellow-orange-and-black birds seen flitting among the palm trees, are summer residents of San Diego County's coastal areas. A century ago, the orioles preferred to nest in sycamore trees, which were then more common in our area's river bottoms. Today these birds are most likely to take up residence in

the planted palm trees, where they obtain fiber to build their nests from the easily shredded fronds.

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Help Rescue Wildlife in Trouble with Wildlife Assist. Volunteer recruiting sessions on Saturday, August 6, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Program repeats Sunday, August 7, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT, ENCINITAS)

Venus and the Waxing Crescent Moon closely pair up on Sunday evening, August 7. Brilliant Venus lies just one degree to the left of the fingernail moon, with both coming into easy view over the west horizon about one-half to one hour after sunset. At the same time, Jupiter can be seen hovering high over the southwest horizon. The gap between Venus and Jupiter is narrowing; by September 1 the two planets will pass each other with a clearance of only one degree.

Eniov the Birds, Beasts, and Blossoms of López Canvon in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve during nature walk led by Barbara Moore, Sunday, August 7, 3 p.m. Join group in west-end staging area off Sorrento Valley Boulevard, onehalf mile east of its intersection with Vista Sorrento Parkway. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Ven Explora la Naturaleza con Migo, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, August 7, 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)

The Milky Way appears at its most glorious during early August evenings free of moonlight. This year, the waxing moon begins to cast significant interfering glare by Tuesday, August 9. You'll need to be in the mountains or the desert to see the Milky Way clearly; too much artificial light in or near the urbanized parts of San Diego County renders it all but invisible. The Milky Way seems to broaden and become generally brighter over the south horizon, specifically near the constellation Sagittarius. When we gaze in this direction, we look toward the crowded heart of our galaxy, where millions of dim stars are so closely spaced in the sky that taken together they resemble puffs of steam.

Perseid Meteor Shower Viewing in Anza-Borrego Desert led by astronomer Dennis Mammana, Thursday and Friday, August 11 and 12. Meteor shower will probably yield the highest numbers on Thursday.

"Rain of Fire" seminar at 7:30 p.m., telescope viewing of meteor shower, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., again from 2 to 5 a.m. Mammana's programs offered at La Casa del Zorro Desert Resort, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road. \$30 general; hotel packages available. 800-824-1884. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

DANCE

City Heights International Dance Festival with performances by Ballet Folklorico Ialiscence, Ouetzal Sharanya Mukhopadhay of Odissi Dance Circle, and Ho'Okupu o Hawaii, Friday, August 5, 6 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619-641-6100. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Ranting Banshee makes the tunes, JoAnn Koppany calls for contradance on Friday, August 5, 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)

Cross-Step Waltz taught during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, August 5, in room 207 of Casa del Prado, Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. Free. All ages, singles, partners. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

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Dance Samba! All levels of dancers invited to free samba classes offered every Sunday, noon to 2:30 p.m., on grassy knoll just north of Centro Cultural de la Raza. 619-267-6356.

Danseur and Ballet Instructor David Howard is guest instructor

for City Ballet's Summer Intensive 2005, August 8-17, Master class: Wednesday, August 10, 6:30 p.m. Take class at 941 Garnet Avenue. \$30. 858-274-6058. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Israeli Folk Dancing is offered every Thursday at San Diego Jewish Academy (11860 Carmel Creek Road). Beginners: 7 p.m., intermediate/advance: 8 p.m. Open dancing until 11:30 p.m. \$6. 760-631-0802. (CARMEL VALLEY)

FILM

Billy Wilder's 1959 Flick Some Like It Hot, starring Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, screens for Cinema Under the Stars, Thursday through Sunday, August 4-7, 8:30 p.m. Find cabaret at 4040 Goldfinch Street. \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"The Bruce Movie" offers "indepth look at one of the most renowned surfers on the planet.' Get the skinny on Bruce Irons when film screens Friday, August 5, 7 p.m., at Wave House (3125 Mission Boulevard), Tickets: \$5 for those 21 and older, free for those younger than 21. 858-228-9283. (MISSION BEACH)







Movies Before the Mast, se lected Fridays are date nights (with nautical games of skill), Saturdays are family nights (with games and exploration of the ship) on Star of India. Tour the HMS Surprise and then see Captain Horatio Hornblower on August 5. Peter Pan screens August 6. Films are projected on special ship sails.

Gates open at 7 p.m., with movie commencing just after sundown (around 8:30 p.m.). Tickets: \$12 general, \$7 for children 12 and younger. Find the Star at 1306 North Harbor Drive, Reservations: 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

What Legacy Is Passed down to generations when a family is a giant tobacco producer? Filmmaker Ross McElwee — whose grandfather created Bull Durham brand — tackles question in Bright Leaves, screening for Sunday Matinee on August 7, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN

The BBC Documentary Mission Accomplished chronicles the "insurgency war in Iraq," featuring interviews with Iraqi citizens, U.S. soldiers, resistance fighters. Flick screens Monday, August 8, 7 p.m., at Ocean Beach Rec Center (4726 Santa Monica Avenue), Free, 619-801-0770. (OCEAN BEACH)

The P.O.V. Documentary Hiding and Seeking: Faith and Tolerance After the Holocaust screens for Film Forum on Monday, August 8, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Is it possible to heal wounds and bitterness down through generations? Discussion led by Lawrence Baron. Free, 619-236-5800. In Yiddish and Polish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Screen on the Green: A Look at Maxfield Parrish" series commences with The Adventures of

Robin Hood, starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland, Thursday, August 11, 8 p.m. Screen is set up behind Casa del Prado courtvard. with seating on lawns in front of Botanical Building. Bring blankets for seating. Free. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag, 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

"The Art of American Illustration" presented by education director Maxine Gaiber, Thursday, August 4, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art.

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A Trio of San Diego Authors talk about colorful history and development of our county at Museum of San Diego History (1649 El Prado) on Thursday, August 4, 7 p.m. Participants include Iris Engstrand (San Diego: California's Cornerstone), Donald Harrison (Louis Rose: San Diego's First Jewish Settler and Entrepreneur), and Leland Fetzer (San Diego County Place Names A to Z). Signing follows. Free. 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Indoor Growing illuminated on Saturday, August 6, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Historic Preservationist Louise Torio presents "The Mills Act" on Saturday, August 6, at 1 p.m., at Bonita Museum (4035 Bonita Road). Learn how owners of historic homes "experience long-term benefits and financial rewards" using Mills Act. Free. 619-267-5141.

"The World of Bats" chronicled when Bat Rescue presents multimedia program on Saturday, August 6, 1 p.m., in Turrentine Room at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 858-674-2275 x5. (ESCONDIDO)

Composting Mini-Seminars offered on first Saturday of each month, including August 6, 11 a.m., at Ouail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Digital Camera for Newbies" offered Saturday, August 6, 2 p.m., at Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Free. 760-435-5640. (OCEANSIDE)

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The Mount Waterman Trail traverse across the north rim of the San Gabriel Wilderness provides almost constant views of statuesque pines, yawning chasms, and distant, hazy ridges. The rugged topography of the wilderness area is a refuge for herds of Nelson bighorn sheep, and you might chance upon one or another of these swift, elusive creatures crossing the trail. The



hike is one-way, necessitating some kind of transportation arrangement, and involves a total ascent (mostly in the beginning) of 1400 feet, and a total descent of 2250 feet.

The Mount Waterman Trail starts on the south side of Angeles Crest Highway, opposite the Buckhorn trailhead, where you'll find a parking lot and restrooms (mile 58.0 by the highway markers). Three Points trailhead, at the far end of the hike, is located at the intersection of Santa Clara Divide Road, mile 52.8 on Angeles Crest Highway. Cars parked at either end must display a National Forest Adventure Pass. (If you prefer, you can shave some time, distance, and elevation gain from this hike by making use of the Mount Waterman Ski Lift, which is open on summer weekends to cater to hikers and mountain bikers. The lift carries you 900 feet up from Angeles Crest Highway to a point about three-quarters of a mile north of Waterman Mountain's mit, and from there you can navigate toward the Mount Waterman Trail. Note that mountain bikes are not allowed on the trail itself.)

From the Buckhorn end, follow the well-graded foot trail — not the old road bed paralleling the trail at first — along a shady slope. After one mile of easy ascent through gorgeous mixed-conifer forest, you come to a saddle overlooking Bear Creek. The trail turns west, follows a viewful ridge, and then ascends on six long switchbacks to a trail junction, 2.1 miles. A trail to

Waterman Mountain's summit goes right; you stay left and contour west about one-half mile, then zigzag south down to a second junction, 3.5 miles. Twin Peaks saddle. a spacious spot suitable of broad ravines, either shaded by huge incense cedars and vanilla-scented Jeffrey pines, or exposed to the warm sunshine on chaparral-covered slopes. The older cedar trees are gnarled veterans of past

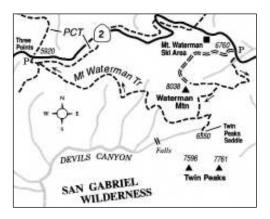
MOUNT WATERMAN TRAIL

Skim the rim of the rugged San Gabriel Wilderness on the

Distance from downtown San Diego: 165 miles Hiking length: 7.8 miles (one-way hike) Hiking difficulty: Moderately strenuous

for camping, lies below to the left. Stay right, and continue west.

The remaining fourplus miles take you gradually downhill (more steep at the very end) along a generally south-facing slope. You wind in and out fires. Near the end of the Mount Waterman Trail, you hook up briefly with the Pacific Crest Trail. You swing down to cross Angeles Crest Highway, and climb up on the other side to reach the parking lot at Three Points.



(6904 Miramar Road, suite 201). Participants sample eight to ten wines, along with bread and cheese.

Who Needs This Many Lawyers? Discuss "our litigious society" on Wednesday, August 10, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-

day, August 9, 6:30 p.m., at REI

Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boule-

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"Arouse Yourself With Art: Collecting Secrets Revealed" during lectures at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). "Get Intimate with the Basics and the Allure of the Marketplace" on Wednesday, August 10, 7 p.m. Free. Reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Maxfield Parrish: Master of Make Believe" is theme for exhibition tour led by Ramon Hernandez during Insight lectures on Thursday, August 11 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, August 14 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

Multitalented Anya Marina entertains for Thursday Night Thing on August 4. Also on tap: screening of Inhaling the Spore: A Journey Through the Museum of Jurassic Technology (7:15 p.m.) and Obshee Dela — The Common Task (7:50). Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 1001 Kettner Boulevard; 619-234-1001. Donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

tor Drew Brandish speaks for Pastel Society of San Diego on Sunday, August 7, 2 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free, 619-470-7117, (MISSION VALLEY)

"Garden of Abundance" is subject when Seattle-area gardener and writer Debra Prinzing speaks for San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Prinzing will cover "the nine design aspects of abundant gardens." Talk followed by

plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

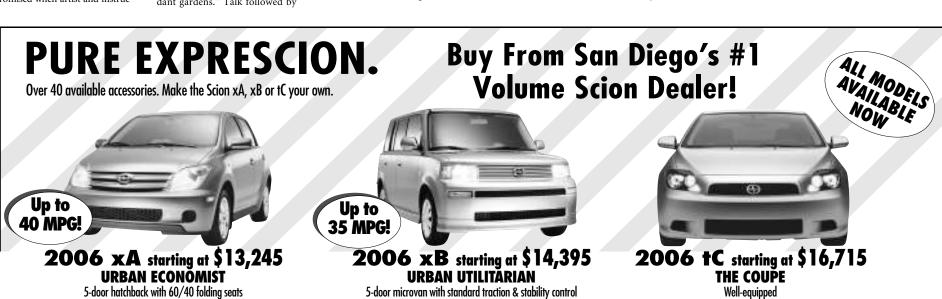
"Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System" introduced by Eric Terrill for "Perspectives on Ocean Science" lecture series on Monday, August 8, 7 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). \$8. Reservations: 858-534-5771. (LA JOLLA)

"Master Your Clutter" after professional organizer Francie Oliver addresses San Diego Voluntary Simplicity Group on Monday, August 8, 7 p.m., in room 112 at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Donation: \$2. 619-298-9978, (HILLCREST)

"Excel at Genealogy — or Using Microsoft Excel" is subject when Dorothy Miller addresses Computer-Oriented Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, August 9, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free.

"Intro to GPS" offered on Tuesday, August 9, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020). Class repeats Wednesday, August 10, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400).

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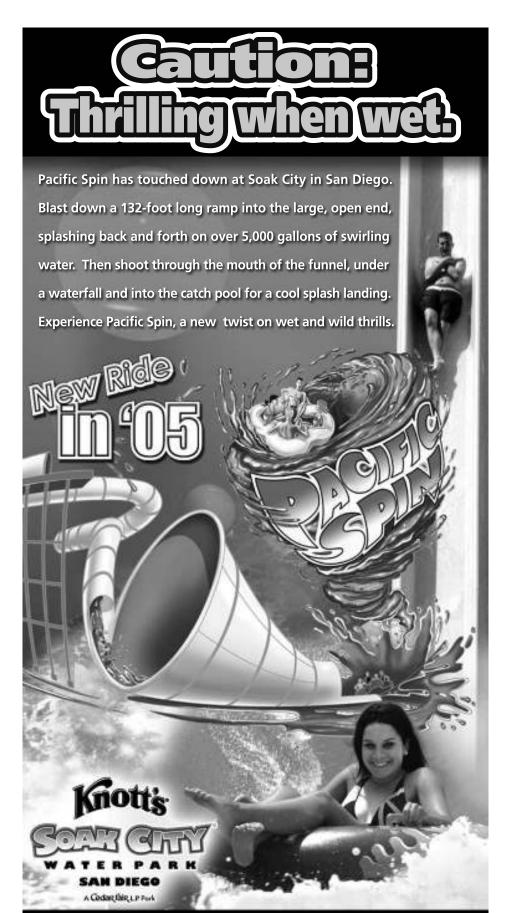


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Bayou Brothers play zydeco music for First Thursday Concert on August 4, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Self-Described "Musical Medium" Jenifer Whisper will "share a song or two" from "famous celebrities on the other side" from whom she channels music and share spiritual messages "from your angel" on Thursday, August 4, 2 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). \$10. 619-874-8678. (NORTH PARK)

World Beat Music and **Dance** — Damaru performs with guest drummer Lamine "Dibo" Camara, along with bellydancer Shalimar, Thursday, August 4, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Spoken-Word Performances by Los Able Minded Poets, I. Godlev, Dizzy Order, and Alan Silva promised, along with paintings by Zuni Waters, Friday, August 5, 7 p.m., at Kung Food (2949 Fifth Avenue). Free. 619-298-7302. (BANKERS HILL)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks series continues with jump blues and swing music by Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums, featuring Carmen Getit on Friday, August 5, 6 p.m., in Calavera Hills Park (at Carlsbad Village Drive and Glasgow Street). Parking shuttles operate from Hope School (3010 Tamarack), 5 to 9 p.m. 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Mario Carrillo and the Bashers perform under the gazebo in con-



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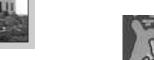


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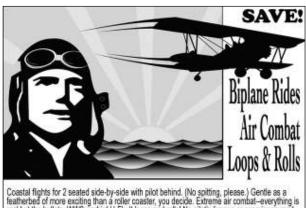




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cert on Friday, August 5, 5 to 7 p.m. at corner of Main Street and Indiana Avenue. Free. 760-414-

Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) continue with rock and roll by the Players, August 5, 5 p.m. Series continues on Fridays through September 30. Free. 619-401-8858.

Summer in the Park concert series promises nostalgic and contemporary music by Fabulous Ultratones at Trollev Barn Park (1900 Adams Avenue) on Friday, August 5, 6 p.m. 619-297-3166. Free.

"Oz & Beyond: The Music of Harold Arlen" showcased when Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego performs on August 6 and 7, in David and Dorothea Garfield TheCommunity Center (4126 Executive Drive). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$19-\$28. 619-574-6273. (LA JOLLA)

Acoustic Music Bonanza! Geoff Muldaur performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Saturday, August 6; \$15, \$20. Ian Tyson hits stage on Wednesday, August 10; \$25. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176, (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"In Memory of Jacob Faust — A Dance" is slated for Saturday, August 6, 7 p.m., at Veteran's Memorial Center (2115 Park Boulevard). Bring musical requests, songs, instruments, poems, words to be expressed throughout the evening for Faust, "a lost dancer." Live and DJ swing music.

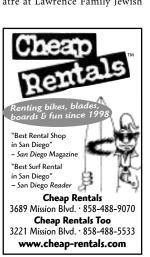
Minimum donation: \$9, 619-347-2884. (BALBOA PARK)

Eight French Horns ensemble from Coastal Communities Concert Band performs for Local Sounds series on Saturday, August 6, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"End of Summer Talent Fest" — dancers, singers, comedians, hip-hop/rap artists, instrumentalists, DJs perform Saturday, August 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Radisson Hotel Harbor View (1646 Front Street). Tickets: \$10, \$20. 619-710-2465. (DOWNTOWN)

Kush and Bloodfiyah Angels perform for 2005 Summer Concert series at North Park Community Park on Saturday, August 6, 5:30 p.m. Free. 619-204-5606.







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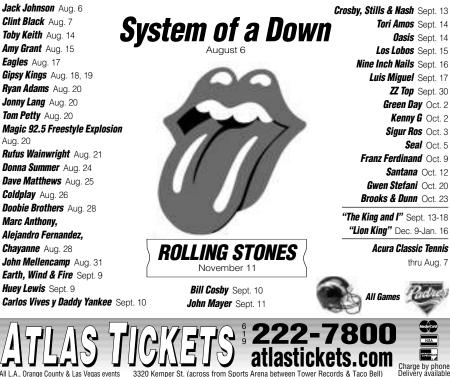
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Self-Improvement Author Judy May Murphy signs and discusses *How to Make Your Life Only a Gazillion Times Better*, Saturday, August 6, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760.

"Ramona Memories" signed by author Dydia De Lyser on Sunday, August 7, 1 p.m., at Captain Fitch's Mercantile (2627 San Diego Avenue). Free. 619-298-3944. (OLD TOWN)

Head to Moonlight Beach for concert of Latin music by Psydecar on Sunday, August 7, 3 p.m. Free. 760-633-2740. Dogs, alcohol, glass prohibited on beach, found at foot of Encinitas Bouleyard. (ENCINITAS)

Ladies Sing the Blues on Sunday, August 7, 6 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gar-

dens Drive). Performers Barbara Jamerson and Ruby Presnell backed "by a quartet of fine musicians." \$30 fee includes dinner at 5 p.m. Reservations: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Sundays at Six, summer concert by Kahuna Cowboys on August 7, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Milden Street). Free, 619-667-1300. (IA MESA)

Seventh Annual Viva el Mariachi Festival, Sunday, August 7, at Embarcadero Marina Park South. Pre-



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Organizing a team of volunteers from his troop and his church to raise funds for lumber and other supplies, Jared formed work crews and performed yard work and other services for donations. Homemade Apple Crisp Desserts were sold to raise more funds. Volunteers picked up furniture, cooking appliances, and bedding donated from neighborhood garage sales. Women from the Relief Society from the Church of Latter Day Saints made quilts.

On October 23, 2004 after many hours of planning, coordinating and finally, constructing, Jared Braithwaite completed his Eagle Project and a grateful family had a home.

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concert festival (3 to 6 p.m.) includes variety of entertainment, information booths. Concert at 6 p.m. boasts Mariachi Vargas and other wellknown mariachi bands, San Diego Symphony, others. Tickets: \$20-\$85, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS), (DOWNTOWN)

La Jolla Concerts by the Sea, Benny Hollman's Big Band Explosion performs on Sunday, August 7, 2 p.m., in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove (at foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. Free. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Poetry Slam continues on Monday, August 8, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Slam, watch, or heckle judges. Signups at 8 p.m., slamming at 8:30 p.m. \$5 fee for competitors, \$2 requested donation for spectators. 619-230-1869, (EAST VILLAGE)

Read Your Poetry, selections by someone else, or just listen during open poetry reading hosted by Greg Gerding, Monday, August 8, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Sign-ups at 8 p.m., open readings 8:15 p.m. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Comedy Grill boasts comics Mitch Feingold, Scott Bowman, Mark Christopher Lawrence, Tuesday, August 9, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). No cover. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Twilight in the Park, summer concert series continues with Harvey and 52nd Street Jive (Tuesday, August 9); Sweet Adelines (Wednesday, August 10); and S.D. Six (Thursday, August 11), Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Tuesday Summer Afternoon Melodies series promises "lighter musical fare" played by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Tuesdays in August, 2 p.m. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

are joined by the Guest House Band for Fallbrook Americana Music Series concert on Wednesday, August 10, 7:30 p.m., at Hill-

Laurie Lewis and Tom Rozum

top Center (301 East Elder). Bluegrass extraordinaire! Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 17 and younger. 760-723-2563. (FALLBROOK)

Magee Park Poets Poetry Reading on Wednesday, August 10, 7 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-602-2012. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Blacklight Puppet Show "with Alien Girl #34" promised on Wednesday, August 10, 7:30 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). You're invited to interactive puppet-making workshop and then to perform a karaoke number; shadow puppetry, rod puppets, debut of fire puppetry. Fee: \$5 for kids, \$7 for adults. 619-231-1950. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

The "Dirty Found" Tour hits Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street) on Thursday, August 11, 9:30 p.m. Expect "smutty Power-Point celebration of lost and found letters, notes, and pervy photos, and so much more! Donation: \$5. 619-692-0942. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Suite Sounds of Summer" promised when Palomar College Concert Band performs Thursday, August 11, 8 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road), Modern and classic compositions by Holst, John Cheetham, Leroy Anderson, John Wasson, others. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

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Otherwise

I got out of bed on two strong legs. It might have been otherwise. I ate cereal, sweet milk, ripe, flawless peach. It might have been otherwise. I took the dog uphill to the birch wood. All morning I did the work I love. At noon I lay down with my mate. It might have been otherwise. We ate dinner together at a table with silver candlesticks. It might have been otherwise. I slept in a bed in a room with paintings on the walls, and planned another day just like this day. But one day, I know, it will be otherwise.

(From Otherwise)

Notes from the Other Side

I divested myself of despair and fear when I came here.

Now there is no more catching one's own eye in the mirror,

there are no bad books, no plastic, no insurance premiums, and of course

no illness. Contrition does not exist, nor gnashing

of teeth. No one howls as the first clod of earth hits the casket.

The poor we no longer have with us. Our calm hearts strike only the hour.

and God, as promised, proves to be mercy clothed in light. (From Constance)

– Jane Kenyon

Road). Players include Lindsay Davenport, Maria Sharapova, Serena Williams, Elena Dementieva, Svetlana Kuznetsova, Justine Henin-Hardenne, Kim Clijsters, many others.

Match times: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, August 4 and 5; 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, August 6; 1:30 p.m. Sunday, August 7. Tickets: 760-438-5683 and Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).(LA COSTA)

And They're Off! 2005 seaside racing season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 7,

with racing every day except Tuesday. Post time 2 p.m. except Fridays, when racing begins at 3:30 or 4 p.m.

Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle, 858-793-5533, (DEL MAR)

Boys of Summer, San Diego Padres are in Pittsburgh to battle the Pirates on Thursday, August 4, 9:35 a.m. Road trip continues with games against Washington Nationals, August 5-7, at 4:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10:05 a.m. on Sunday.

Pads head home to Petco Park

to host New York Mets, August 9-11, at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

San Diego Surf Dawgs host Long Beach Armada, August 4-7, at 7:05 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Home games are played in Tony Gwynn Stadium at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). Tickets range from \$6-\$10. 619-282-4487. (SDSU)

San Diego Junior Fencing **Invitational** runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, August 6

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Saturday, August 6, 7 a.m., at Oceanside Pier. Select a 1k swim and 5k run, or 1k swim only, or relay. 760-632-3680. (OCEANSIDE)

Bicycle to Miramar Dam with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Saturday, August 6. The 80-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. in De Anza Cove parking lot on East Mission Bay Drive, Free, 619-255-4194. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Summer Dressage Show runs Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real), concurrently with Showpark County IV Horse Show. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Snorkel with the Sharks on Saturday, August 6, 8 to 10 a.m., during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Sharks in question are (harmless) leopard sharks, smooth hound sharks, guitarfish. \$30. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA SHORES)

San Diego Surf Cup XXV continues August 6-8 for boys' and girls' competition. Games played at San Diego Polo Club (14555 El Camino Real). Details: 760-944-7176. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Two Bicycle Rides are offered every Saturday, rain or shine, starting at 8:30 a.m. in northwestern parking lot at La Jolla Village Square/UC Cyclery. Select from race-training 45-mile ride, slower 35-mile ride with experienced leader. Helmets mandatory. Free. 858-495-2454. (LA JOLLA)

Kayak the Calm Waters of La Jolla during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Sunday, August 7, 8 to 11 a.m. Scripps naturalists team with instructors from Ocean Enterprises Express to guide paddlers from La Jolla Shores to caves at La Jolla Cove. Beginners welcome. \$60. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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Medal Madness wine and cheese tasting hosted by San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120), Thursday, August 4, 5:30 p.m. \$15 fee includes four San Diego boutique wines, four award-winning California artisan cheeses, 619-231-6400. (DOWNTOWN)

International Feng Shui Conference runs Friday through Sunday, August 5–7 at Hilton Resort on Mission Bay. Exhibits and vendors open to public, speakers, food, banquets, rooms devoted to "themes" such as interior design, space clearing, ecology/architecture, more. Fees, details: 917-969-9989. (MISSION BAY)

Homeworld 2005 Home Improvement and Back-Yard Living Expo, August 5-7, at Qualcomm Stadium. Over 700 vendors' booths, back-yard and gardening showcase, pool and spa pavilion, food sampling and cooking expo, Friskies for More Experience and Friskies Cat Team, sports memorabilia and collectors' marketplace.

Hours: 1 to 8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. \$6 general, 714-418-2000, (MISSION VALLEY)

Reading

The Best Day the Worst Day: **Life with Jane Kenyon**



Houghton Mifflin, 2005; 258 pages;

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Donald Hall's celebrated book of poems Without was written for his wife, Jane Kenyon, who died in 1995. Hall returns to this powerful territory in *The Best Day* the Worst Day, a work of prose that is equally "a work of art, love, and generous genius" (Liz Rosenberg, Boston

Jane Kenyon was 19 years younger than Donald Hall and a student poet at the University of Michigan when they

met. Hall was her teacher. The Best Day the Worst Day is an intimate account of their 23-year marriage, nearly all of it spent in New Hampshire at Eagle Pond Farm - of their shared rituals of writing, close attention to pets and gardening, and love in the afternoon. Hall joyfully records Jane's growing power as a poet and the couple's careful accommodations toward each other as writers. This portrait of the inner moods of "the best marriage I know about," as Hall has written, is laid against the stark medical emergency of Jane's leukemia, which ended her life in 15 months. Hall shares with readers – as if we were one of the grieving neighbors, friends, and relatives - the daily ordeal of Jane's dying, through heartbreaking and generous storytelling.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From Publishers Weekly: "Jane Kenyon died of leukemia at 7:57 in the morning, April 22, 1995" is the first sentence of this unsparing and beautifully structured memoir. She was only 47, and the struggle was harrowing... Alternating with the meticulous account

of the progress of Kenyon's disease are warm, joyful chapters as Hall recalls their time together.... Hall wrote about Kenyon's illness and death in his 1998 book of poems, Without, but this heartfelt memoir should reach people who seldom read poetry and could be a natural for reading groups.

From The Hartford Courant: Hall writes in loving detail of Kenvon's final months. In alternating chapters, Hall provides clinical details of her barbaric chemotherapies followed by descriptions of the simpler joys of their workaday world, the world they once took for granted and longed to rejoin.

From New York Observer: I don't think I've ever read a book that so fully describes the way illness can take all other air out of the room. Yet this book is not

depressed or simply sad. Of course it's tragic, but Mr. Hall knows that tragedy hits everyone one way or the other. And he's most himself, I think, imagining others. In Seattle, in the hell - the promising hell — of bone-marrow transplant, he hears the unreachable screams of children in the same state. Yet he knows children have a much better chance of recovery than Jane does. But crying is in order, and sometimes joy gets washed away by tears quicker than pain: I defy anyone to read aloud – without collapsing – the passage on their dog's ecstasy when they come back in remission from Seattle.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Donald Hall, born in 1928 in New Haven, Connecticut, has received the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Los Angeles Times

Book Prize in poetry for *The One* Day (1989), the Lenore Marshall Award for The Happy Man (1987), the 1990 Frost Medal from the Poetry Society of America for Old and New Poems (1990), and the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and lives in New Hampshire.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

On the morning we spoke, Mr. Hall was at home in his New Hampshire farm. His telephone line hissed and buzzed. Some of his sentences disappeared entirely. I repeatedly interrupted our conversation, saying, "I can barely hear you. Could you say that again?"

When we began our talk, however, I said that before I dialed

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"My parents both read all the time. They didn't read great stuff but I grew up thinking, 'This is what grownups do after supper.' "

Celebrate the "Turning of the Wheel at Lughnassadh" on

Friday, August 5, 6 p.m., at Hosp Grove Park (at Jefferson and Monroe).Brin g snack or drink to share. Free. 760-415-4102. (CARLSBAD)

S.D. County Vintner's Associ-

ation Winemaker's Dinner, Friday, August 5, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). Chef Hans-Trevor Gossman pairs menu with wines from ten San Diego wineries, \$75. Reservations: 619-231-6400. (DOWNTOWN)

Art Around Adams, enjoy "art around Adams" Avenue (from Hamilton Street to Biona Drive) on Saturday, August 6, 6 to 10 p.m. Performances, open galleries, artists on hand. Free, 619-283-0302. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Emerson's Self-Reliance is up for examination when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, August 6, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Knights Battling with Live Steel, Shakespearean tomfoolery, commedia dell arte players, cleverfooted dancers - almost time for San Diego Renaissance Faire presented by Center for Creative History, August 6 and 7. Eight stages of entertainment, merchants.

Find village on grassy lawns just north of Morley Field (at Jacaranda Place and Jacaranda Drive). Festival opens at 9:30 a.m., closes at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$15 general, discounts for seniors, children, military. 619-819-8413. (BALBOA PARK)

Art Auction and Dessert Banquet

sponsored by First Baptist Church of Ocean Beach to raise funds for house-building project in Mexico. Artists working on pieces of art, desserts from local restaurants for sampling, at Discovery Center (4764 Santa Monica Avenue) on

Saturday, August 6, 7 p.m. \$10. 619-223-6992. (OCEAN BEACH)

Bead Bazaar hosted by Bead Society of San Diego, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7, at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Loads of beads from around world, demonstrations, kits, vendors offering wares. \$3. 858-578-2273. (MISSION VALLEY)

Rot Happens, compost bins and worm composting bins offered for sale on Saturday, August 6, 9 a.m. to noon, at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Fee details: 760-436-7986 x216. (EL CAJON)

San Diego Dahlia Society plans botanical show, Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free admission. 619-239-0512, (BALBOA PARK

21st Philippine Cultural Arts

day, August 6-7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Festival hosted by Samahan Filipino-American Performing Arts and Education Center is showcase for traditional performing arts of Philippines, with folk dances from different regions, folk songs, cultural exhibits, food (for sale). Admission: free. 619-444-7528. (BALBOA PARK)

Rod Run for Fun, Rod Run weekend opens with cruise night and dinner, Saturday, August 6, 5 to 9 p.m., with various beaneries offering Rod Run specials (\$10). Entertainment, more.

Rod Run 16 promises custom cars, hot rods, arts and crafts, carrelated vendors, Sunday, August 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Main Street. Live entertainment. Awards: 2 p.m. on main stage. 760-724-2875 or 760-414-9391. Free for spectators. (VISTA)

Music Rocks and Canines Roll, Woofstock 2005, the dog festival replete with fly ball, agility course, contests, games, is Saturday, August 6, 9 a.m. to noon at MiraCosta College, 3333 Manchester Avenue. Donation. 760-901-4300, (CARDIFF)

House of Palestine hosts lawn program at House of Pacific Relations International Cottages on Sunday, August 7, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Ayn Rand's Theory of the Virtuous is subject when Objectivist Reading Group meets Sunday, August 7, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free; newcomers wel-

Behind-the-Scenes Tour offered Monday, August 8, 1:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Tour includes buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California mission system. \$7. 760-757-3651 x115. (OCEANSIDE)

Desperately Seeking "Artsy" Volunteers, Lux Art Institute recruiting potential volunteers for education outreach program and other volunteer positions during meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 9 a.m., at San Diego National Bank (131 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-436-6611. (ENCINITAS)

Experience a Traditional Tea Ceremony when Sohya Ayako Stott and assistants present demonstrations, Tuesday, August 9, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in garden admission.

Clowns, Pachyderms, Human Cannonballs, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus entertains August 10-14 at IPavOne Center (3500 Sports Arena Boulevard). Performances at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets:



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Reading

his number I had reread some of

his late wife's poems." "I think more and more

people are reading her," he said. He added that more wonderful women poets were being published. He cited Jane Hirshfield as one of the best. "Isn't she good?" he said, enthusiastically. "I think she's a wonderful poet. She never knew my Jane, unfortunately."

I came away feeling that Mr. Hall's memoir ended being as much about the course of Jane Kenyon's suffering as about the compassion and patience that her suffering taught Mr. Hall.

He agreed. "Yes. It came quickly. But it just took all of me, every bit of me. I've heard stories of many people, more men than women, who just can't supply it. Being around the negative, being around suffering, probable death. They just have run away.

'One time out in Seattle, one of the social workers said, 'Why don't you take a little holiday? Go down to San Francisco for a few days.' I was exhausted, but I just couldn't imagine such a thing. When she was in the hospital, I was prepared to get there about 6 a.m. I really hurried to get up and get dressed and get there and be with her. I couldn't do much for her. But I had to be there. I wondered sometimes if my constant presence wasn't yet another burden. But I didn't feel as though I had a choice but to be there."

"In today's medical world you need to be there just to keep an eye on what is being given the patient."

"And to interpret, yes, and to remember what Jane couldn't remember. That was important. Some of the doctors were amusing about me; they started to tag me 'Dr. Hall.' Our principal oncologist out in Seattle gave me her stethoscope that she'd received as a graduating senior from med-

"I was very touched that she came to the funeral. I've seen her several times since. I've been to Seattle twice and she came to visit me here once. And the principal New Hampshire oncologist, we see each other fairly often. I go up to that hospital for one reason or another to get some exams myself. But there's also a friend who lives nearby whom I'm driving up for chemo now and I will always wander around the hospital. I'm very fond of all the people that took care of Jane.

We had terrific help."

In an earlier memoir, Life Work (1993), written while his wife was still well and alive, Mr. Hall disclosed his illness with and recovery from cancer. While he was ill, he said, "Jane wrote wonderful poems about my immi-

"And here you are – alive." "Yes. Here I am, 76 damn years old. The irony is that this book is me about her rather than the other way around. But I really have been feeling good about this book. The last 17 months during which I wrote it, I didn't do any poetry. Typically in my life as a writer I've worked all day on different things, short poems and so on. But I just couldn't do anything but this book. I worked many hours a day. I think that every page was gone over at least 25

times. I kept changing sentence structure and getting rid of an

"But I loved working on it. I love working. Because in these circumstances it's almost as if you're doing something about a horrible thing that happened. As if you're repairing it, which you can't do, of course. There was that impetus as well as the love of writing these sentences. People thought of my writing Without and writing this book as suffering by revisiting the suffering. That is really not true. I'm certainly revisiting the suffering, which I am anyway. Remembering. Constantly. But I'm revisiting it now in a way to memorialize it, to make it into something fixed and permanent as a monument to Jane. Also, I was happy in this book to talk about our marriage, our time together,

that happy stuff."

"You had a wonderful mar-

"Yes. We struggled, of course. I had cancer; we had troubles. At times we were anxious about money. I got lucky. I wrote that children's book Ox Cart Man, which won the Caldecott. The Caldecott is a prize that actually sells books. There were wonderful illustrations by Barbara Cooney. I did write the text, but it was also a picture book. And so you have to say there's been a lot of good luck in my life."

"Jane Kenyon became exceedingly beautiful in her early

"Ah, she became so beautiful. You know, when I married her she was not a particularly pretty girl at 24. She had a pretty

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\$13-\$81.50 through Ticketmaster, 619-220-8497. (SPORTS ARENA)

San Diego Mandolin Orchestra gathers for practice — with mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos, bass, and guitars - every Wednesday, 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Nazareth House (6333 Rancho Mission Road). Join group for rehearsals and performances. Free. 619-435-0837. (MISSION VALLEY)

FOR KIDS

The Musical Comedy How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying is presented by Youth SummerStock Theatre through August 12, 7:30 p.m., at Monte Vista High School Little Theatre (3230 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard).

Tickets: \$13 for adults, \$10 for children. 619-251-8452. (SPRING VALLEY)

Shake and Make Ice Cream Day at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive) is Thursday, August 4, 2 p.m. Children (6-12) are invited to tour Quail's tropical rainforest, make and eat ice cream. Regular admission fee, plus \$10 for materials. Required reservations: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Pick a Flower Fantasy when Puppet Express takes stage through Sunday, August 7, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Rumplestiltskin, performed by Weaver's Tales, August 10-14.

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)

Be Their Guest! San Diego Junior Theatre presents Disney's Beauty and the Beast through Sunday, August 14, in Casa del Prado Theater, Tale of love, compassion, and magical adventure is for those six and older.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays; performance on August 13 is ASL interpreted, Tickets: \$9 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

"Annie" — youth-cast production presented by Arts Off Broadway for Plays in the Park series on Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6, 8 p.m., in Kit Carson Park amphitheater (3333 Bear Valley Parkway). \$12.50. 760-489-2496.

Make a "Secret Picture" during "simple science" class on August 6, 1 p.m., at Escondido Children's Museum (in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$5. 760-739-9513. (ESCONDIDO)

Nature Photon Safari planned for students (grades 4-7) by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, August 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants learn photography basics, then venture out with camera for "photo safari in Balboa Park." \$69 fee includes all materials. Registration: 619-255-0203.

"Art-Inspired Poetry" offers theme for family day activities on Sunday, August 7, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Local poet, professor, children's literature expert Leon Lanzbom leads families to interact with individual artworks by composing poetry inspired by the work. Included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541.

MUSEUMS

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, "Building Bonita: Over 100 Years of Architecture in the Sweetwater Valley" focuses on the variety of structures built over the years in Sweetwater Valley. Architects Irving Gill and Richard Requa have work here, and there are new and unique concepts such as the Sweetwater Dam and the Glen Abbey Memorial Park." Closes on Saturday, August 27.

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

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2005, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia - such as surfboards and clothing - of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

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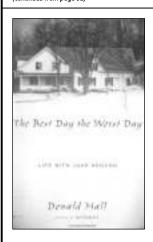


figure. But her bone structure was so gorgeous and those big, heavy glasses that she had to

wear before she got lenses kept you from appreciating her cheekbones. She just became a knockout. She was about 40 when she came into her beauty. Amazing.

"There are several pictures in my study of Janie in a bathing suit, and the one reporter who was here wrote that I had pictures of the young Jane in a bathing suit, looking glamorous, you know."

"Are you writing poems

"Yes, I am. For the first time in my life, as I said, as I was finishing this book, I was not writing poems. Then a year went by and I thought, 'Well, maybe it's over.' But it's been coming back, and lately for the last year I've started quite a few. Not as many as I used to but I started two or three in the last couple of weeks. I work on them every day. I'm putting together for next year a

big selected poems. My last selection was 1990. I'm trying to cut out old stuff because it's going to be too big. It may be 400 pages.

"I have usually avoided that writer's block syndrome by working on so many things at once. It's also temperament. There are some people who just can't work that way. I don't write so many different things now. But I think maybe I'm beginning to expand again. I hope I am.

"I've recently done a couple of little tiny reviews, and I just did the introduction to the Yale Encyclopedia of New England - a million-word book that's going to come out next September. I had some fun doing that. Between poems or work that I can take more seriously, I love to have things that are just a job. I've been able to do a new children's book

mostly since Jane died; there were a couple in process at that time that came out. But I've written about a dozen and I do enjoy it, but nothing's been coming out right. Maybe that will come back.

"The company of your own mind must be in its own way delightful."

"Yes, and I like my solitude. Jane and I were so, so much 'a double solitude,' as I keep saying. We were in the same household all day. I was in one part of the house and Janie in another part of the house. I have a girlfriend now who comes one day a week. And it's wonderful. I'm very fond of her. But when I'm alone it's more like when I was with Jane."

"Of course, you were an only child."

"That's right. We're differ-

ent. I was a weird only child. My parents both read all the time. . They didn't read great stuff, but I grew up thinking, 'This is what grownups do after supper.' We had the radio, of course, in my days. A weekly ritual was to listen to Jack Benny."

"The radio made you imagine."

"Absolutely. Books required you to imagine even more, you had to be more active."

"Poetry, when read well aloud, creates a strong presence in a room. Is it difficult for you to read Ms. Kenyon aloud?"

'No, not at all. No, I triumphed over that. It's a time of fulfillment and a continuation of the partnership. We were a joint enterprise."

"A mom-and-pop poetry store?"

"Absolutely, mom-and-pop.

And at the end, when she was too sick to write, and I was sitting beside her writing, it occurred to me that this could upset her, because she couldn't write. But she was happy that one of us was writing.

"After my cancer adventure, when I was supposed to die, and I was having chemo and lying in bed in the dark, I remember Jane tiptoeing in and handing me a copy of a poem she was writing about what was believed to be my imminent death. 'Do you mind?' she asked. I said, 'İt's weird, but it's wonderful.' And there she was writing about my death and showing me the poems. When she had leukemia I was writing about her illness and probable death. And I was reading her the book."

– Judith Moore

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

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

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original Star newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the mu-

seum at 360 Third Avenue. For

further information, call 619-420-

6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in

keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142, (HILLCREST)

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

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

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

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

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

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,

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

Ongoing exhibitions include "The Swing of Things: The Science of Motion and Perception," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," "Skyscapes," and "Try-Science!" The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, the museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-

San Diego Automotive Museum, more than 80 automobiles and mo-

torcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886, (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum —dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

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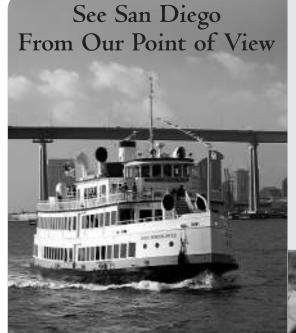
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If It's August, It's Summer-Fest Time, La Jolla Music Society's SummerFest La Jolla 2005 runs August 4-21, promising concerts, workshops, master classes, guided open rehearsals, encounters, performance chats.

Concerts commence Thursday, August 4, with California premiere of Lalo Schifrin's "Letters from Argentina," at 7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$20-\$55. Concert followed by tango after-party onstage, with tango music and dancers, Argentine cuisine (\$45).

Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble perform pieces by Sharav, Wu Tong/Li Cangsang, Sandeep Das, Kayhan Kalhor, others, on Saturday, August 6, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). \$35-\$105.

'Great Romantics" highlighted on Sunday, August 7, 3 p.m.; and "From Rome to Russia With Love" presented on Tuesday, August 9, 7:30 p.m. Both concerts in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets for either are \$40, \$60.

The Australian Chamber Orchestra and pianist Angela Hewitt take stage at Civic Theatre on Thursday, August 11, 7:30 p.m. Selections by Brahms, Bach, Vivaldi, Ravel. Tickets: \$20-\$85.

Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN, LA JOLLA)

Artists Unite to Fight Hate for UnityFest 2005 on Friday, August 5, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Performances by Gustavo Romero, Rossina Grieco (now 11 years old), reception with Fred Benedetti (7:30). \$40. Reservations: 619-699-58888 x207, x203. (LA JOLLA)

Rotary International Musi-Camp Youth Symphony, led by Jeff Edmons, takes stage on Friday, August 5, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Program includes Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony," pieces by Barber, Copland, Glinka, \$10-\$15. Tickets: 619-233-3232. (ESCONDIDO)

"Opera Goes Pop" with overtures and arias by Puccini, Bizet, Rossini during San Diego Symphony Summer Pops series on Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6.

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)

The Two-Hand Piano Duo of Ronald Morebello and Marion Rodenwald play selections by Rachmaninoff, Clementi, Gershwin on Sunday, August 7, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Offering. 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS)

Civic Organist Carol Williams plans concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, August 7, 2 p.m. Free, 619-702-8138, (BALBOA PARK)

18th Annual International Summer Organ Festival showcases Simon Preston on Monday, August 8, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Convention includes public con-

certs at Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center (500 Hotel Circle North). New classical music and shakuhachi Japanese flute performance on Thursday, August 11, 8 p.m.; on Friday, August 12, there is classical music at 8 p.m. and cabaret of jazz and Latin standards with Joe Corral at 10:30 p.m. San Diego Chamber Orchestra plans concertos on Saturday, August 13, 8 p.m., followed by 10:30 p.m. concert by Oliver Nelson Jr. Quartet. Latin music for flute and guitar performed by Sheridon Stokes on Sunday, August 14, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25. 619-291-7131. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Suite Sounds of Summer" promised when Palomar College Concert Band performs Thursday, August 11, 8 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Modern and classic compositions by Holst, John Cheetham, Leroy Anderson, John Wasson, others. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)



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GALLERIES

"Pattern Recognition" works by Bridget Rountree open

with reception on Friday, August 5, 7 p.m., at BorelliSpace Gallery (second floor, 4411 Park Boulevard). 619-549-6196. Continues through Monday, August 29. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"The Beatles in India" documented by Paul Saltzman in photographs he created while visiting Maharishi's ashram in 1968 at

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same time as the Fab Four. Saltzman will sign books during opening reception for exhibit of photos on Friday, August 5, 6 p.m., at Morrison Hotel Gallery (1230 Prospect Street; 858-551-0835). Continues through Sunday, August 21. (LA JOLLA)

Artist Peter Max visits Wentworth Gallery (1025 Prospect Street) for receptions on Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6, from 6 to 9 p.m., showing original paintings on paper and canvas. Requested reservations: 858-551-7071. (LA JOLLA)

"Heroes and Heroines." juried show of water-media paintings continues through Saturday, August 27, in San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Linda Doll, Meet artists at reception on Friday, August 5, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

Explore "The Art of Enamel" during show commencing with reception for 14 participating artists on Friday, August 5, 6 p.m., at Taboo Studio (16151/2 West Lewis Street; 619-692-0099). Closes Friday, September 16. (MISSION HILLS)

"Zen 6," annual exhibit of mixed-media paintings by Randy Mesler opens with reception on Saturday, August 6, 2 to 5 p.m., at Artisan Collection Fine Art and Jewelry Gallery (3852 Fourth Avenue, suite A). Through August. 619-294-7089. (HILLCREST)

"Two Artists: Two Rooms: Two Stores," photography by Geoffrey Uhl and "etchings based on cosmetic surgery procedures" by Yamilette Duarte open with reception on Saturday, August 6, 7 p.m., at Assembly/Future of Style

(740 Fifth Avenue). Closes on Tuesday, September 6. 619-255-8051. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

New Water-Media Paintings by Juliet Saltman are on view through August at Del Mar Art Center (1555 Camino Del Mar at 15th Street). Meet Saltman during reception on Sunday, August 7, 3 p.m. 858-481-1678. (DEL MAR)

"Cards, Prints, and More" are on display through August at Many Hands Craft Gallery (302 Island Avenue, suite 101). Artist's reception: Sunday, August 7, 2 p.m. 619-557-8303. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, 100 black-and-white photographs are gathered in "Live With History: Photographs from the New York Times' Photo Archives." Exhibit boasts iconic images by Alfred Stieglitz, Edward S. Curtis, Berenice Abbott, Andreas Feininger, among others.

Concurrently: "Piece Me Together With a Needle and Thread: Quilts by Patrice Longmire," "10 North: An Artists' Group," and "Alcancia de Coco en Mexico," a collection of carved coconut shells displaying motifs ranging from memories of loved ones, mythol-

All four exhibitions close on Sunday, September 4. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120.

Mingei International Museum, art and significance of Japanese dolls from the Edo period showcased in "Ningyô: The Art of

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the Japanese Doll." As cultural artifacts, ningyô embody the customs, tastes, fashions, and politics of the time. Through Sunday, January 8, 2006.

Kazuo Kadonaga — Elemental Materials in Contemporary Art," on exhibit through Sunday, October 2, showcases sculptures fashioned from glass, wood, paper, and bamboo. Kadonaga's art makes visible "the hidden life of seemingly inanimate matter.'

"In the Grain — The Art of the Woodworking" boasts work by George Nakashima, his daughter Mira Nakashima-Yarnall, California craftsman Sam Maloof, seats from Africa, and a Japanese tansu. 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 obiects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through Sunday, August 28.

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

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religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,

"Richard Allen Morris: Retrospective, 1958-2005" explores oeuvre of this "painter's painter" with 150 paintings on view through Sunday, August 28. Exhibition includes examples of Morris's work from the many different styles he has adopted throughout his career.

In "Cerca Series: Yunhee Min," the Los Angeles-based artist creates work juxtaposing color and form to explore "the possibilities of the space" the piece inhabits. The pieces are "a hybrid of painting, installation, and architectural intervention." Closes Sunday, August 21.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Threshold: Byron Kim,

1990-2004" focuses on the artist's significant body of easel paintings, presenting four major bodies of paintings. Color, "as signifier and as metaphor," dominates Kim's work, and "he has maintained a steadfast commitment to exploring the potential content of abstract painting."

"Location, Location, Location" highlights architectural drawings and photographs from architects and landscape architects, as well as painters and photographers who focus on aspects of the built environment from the 1950s to the present. Exhibit includes works by Richard Neutra, Frank Gehry, Robert Irwin, and Lawrence Halprin.

Both exhibitions close on Sunday, September 4. Find the mu-

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Museum of Photographic

Arts, "Graham Flint: American Panoramas at 1000 Megapixels" showcases the physicist and photographer's project bringing "together the cutting edges of photographic optics, film technology, and digital processing, creating landscape photographs which contain an unprecedented detail and resolution." Through Sunday, September 18.

"Snapshot: From Box Brownies to Camera Phones," also closing on September 18, examines the way family photographs taken by amateur photographers over the past 100 years contribute to the history of photography. Exhibit includes historic snapshots from 1920s-1960s, along with "live feed" of camera phone images.

"Steve McCurry: Photographs of Asia" highlights history and faces of places the artist has visited as National Geographic photographer. McCurry is most famous for Afghan Girl, the portrait of a refugee that appeared on magazine's cover in 1985. View the images through Sunday, September 25.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Illuminations: The Neon Sculpture of Brian Coleman and David Svenson" showcases neon taken to new dimensions. The artists "manipulate the technique of glass-bending with the noble gases into a dynamic and vibrant sculptural medium." Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way: 760-721-2787. Closes Sunday, August 21. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, more than 80 works on offer in "Maxfield Parrish, Master of Make-Believe." Exhibit boasts many of Parrish's most recognizable art works, such as calendar and book illustrations, "classicized paintings," and an 18-foot-long mural he painted for Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney. Show explores Parrish's artistic development and working methods. Closes Sunday, September 11.

"Wedgwood's Fairyland Lustreware from the Collection of Maurice Kawashima," also closing on September 11, highlights 27 pieces produced at the Wedgwood manufactory in Etruria, England, in decade after World War I. The pieces feature imaginative patterns inhabited by fairies, sprites, goblins, and dragons.

"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.

"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.

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enturies from now, when psychologists probe the brain in six (or ten) dimensions, they still might not account for Leontes' sudden outburst in *The Winter's Tale*. One minute he's the contented King of Sicilia: his beloved wife

Hermione, quite pregnant with their second child; his dearest friend, Polixenes, a guest at the sumptuous palace. The next, he goes berserk — mad as Lear,

bloodthirsty as Macbeth — and destroys every bond he's ever known.

His wife and son, Mamillus, die. He orders his newborn daughter Perdita exposed to the elements; Polixenes assassinated; Paulina, a lady-in-waiting, burnt at the stake; even disputes the Oracle of Delphi's verdict. Why does he tear his family, his kingdom — and himself — apart?

Jealousy? He accuses Polixenes, a houseguest for nine months, of impregnating Hermione. Or could it be a homoerotic connection with Polixenes? Is it, as Leontes claims, *tremor cordis*, a disease of the heart? Or do memories of pre-Original Sin innocence, from which Leontes swears he fell, trigger the explosion? Some of the above? None? Other? Shakespeare supplies causes but is much more concerned with healing the effect: how do you — or even can you? — repair ultimate damage? How do you de-Hyde Dr.Jekyll?

In Shakespeare's most amazing, openhearted statement about human nature, *The Winter's Tale* shows that a person can change, or change back, if given support, conviction, and time.

Asked to name their favorite Shakespearean play, most will say *Hamlet* or *Lear*, some *Macbeth*. But deep down many harbor a secret love for *The Winter's Tale*. Peter Levi, poet and biographer of the Bard, calls it "almost the strongest, the most

disturbing, and in the end the most satisfying" of the canon.

It's a favorite of mine, too. And I have just seen my new favorite production. Directed by

Darko Tresnjak, the Old Globe's *Winter's Tale*, performed outdoors on the Festival Stage, is special.

It begins with a boy — Leontes' son Mamillus (who says, "A sad tale's best for winter"). He sprinkles snowdust on a small, wooden hobby-horse. This simple image explodes, in Act One, when mad Leontes shouts, "My wife's a hobby-horse!" — in Jacobean slang, an adultress.

Tresnjak adds grace notes throughout. Just before Leontes goes insane, Polixenes love-taps Hermione's watermelon-sized belly. His playful smile's no easy read: friendship or a proprietary claim? Leontes fixes on the latter.

Winter's Tale has a majestic sweep, but you'd swear that Puck wrote the goofiest stage direction in theater: "He exits, pursued by a bear." The first three acts could constitute the shortest tragedy in Shakespeare. They conclude with Antigonous chased, and subsequently eaten, just offstage.

The transition's as abrupt as Leontes' collapse. Rather than finesse bungled stagecraft, as many a director has tried, Tresnjak embraces it: a giant



Tom Hammond, Jonathan McMurtry in The Winter's Tale

The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare

Old Globe Theatre, Lowell Davies Festival Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park Directed by Darko Tresnjak; cast: Bruce Turk, Katie MacNichol, Tom Hammond, Charles Janasz, Kandis Chappell, Wynn Harmon, Jonathan McMurtry, Matt Biedel, Eve Danzeisen, Liam Craigs scenic design, Ralph Funicello; costumes, Linda Cho; lighting, York Kennedy; original music and sound, Christopher Walker; fight director. Steve Rankin

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funhouse bear's mouth swallows poor Antigonous whole. And we go with him, through the bloodred, Vegas-tinseled orifice, from death to new life.

At the end of Act Three, the play turns, like the

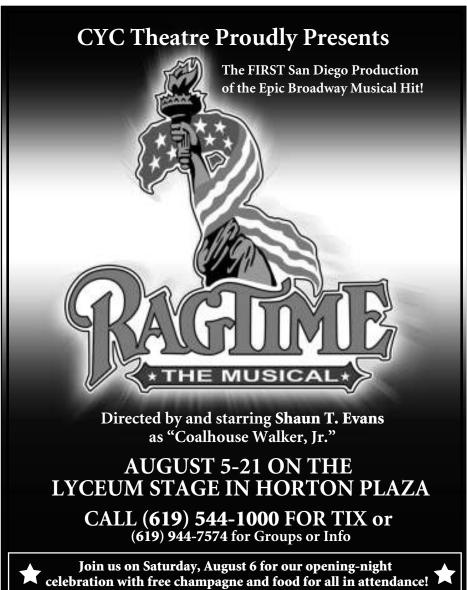
seasons, from winter to spring, "from things dying," the Old Shepherd says, "to things newborn." At the top of Act Four, it makes another abrupt leap: 16 years into the future. Shakespeare has



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Time, appearing as a character, justify the "wide gap" that breaks rule #1 of Renaissance theater. But why not make the jump? After all, the allegorical figure reminds us, Time can "o'erthrow law and in one self-born hour / ...plant and o'erwhelm custom."

Throughout Tresnjak's staging, Time sits on an upstage throne, like a judge. But it isn't clichéd old Father Time, spilling hourglass sand behind him. It's a young woman in white, flowing silk who studies the action and reacts to injustices. In the end, when Hermione's statue first appears, Time looms over her. They fuse in a *pieta* of frozen pain and, when the statue comes to life, of exhilaration.

The production's so high quality, it's hard to separate one element from the rest. Mention Linda Cho's excellent costumes—somber, 19th-Century winter elegance for Sicilia; colors bright as spring bouquets for Bohemia— and you must acknowledge how York Kennedy's expert lighting enhances them, especially in the tragic scenes, which he illumines, seemingly from within, like a Rembrandt.

The lighting and costumes demonstrate the flexibility of Ralph Funicello's spare, stained-wood set: one minute

it's a site of funereal stillness; the next, a rustic surface for a down-home polka-stomp. The production's so adept at evoking the play's extreme atmospheres that when you're in the winter scenes, like being in the real dead of winter, it feels as if spring will never come. And — in the midst of chipper Act Four, scene four — vice versa.

Bruce Turk heads the firstrate cast as Leontes, the crazed King whose paranoia ("All's true that is mistrusted") becomes absolute. Turk puts a wry twist on Leontes' brain-slide: as he's going nuts, Leontes nods and winks to the audience. He thinks we're on his side, which makes him even *more* insane!

The jaded among us may wonder if the guy's worth a 16-year wait. Or if seeing Hermione and Polixenes together will sabotage his therapy. Katie MacNichol's forthright, aching, wonderful Hermione dispels these notions. To her he's worth it. Period. And thank the seven gods of theater that it's Kandis Chappell caught between the King and Queen. Part-Cassandra, part-lightning bolt, her Paulina attacks the king with rational rage, one of Chappell's many specialties.

Tom Hammond's gentle Polixenes has a Leontes-sized explosion. Liam Craig and Evan Zes — terrific as the Dromios in Comedy of Errors — provide comic relief as the impish young Shepherd and Autolycus, smalltime crook (wearing a coat of many colors). Charles Janasz and Jonathan McMurtry create sage, and funny, cameos.

A sad tale may be best for winter, but the Globe's *Winter's Tale* could become the hit of the summer. Go see this one! Treat yourself.

THEATER LISTINGS

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The Attempted Murder of Peggy Sweetwater

Broadway Players present John Rustin and Frank Semarano's Monty Python-esque 1930s potboiler. Three "bumbling upperclass twits" try to solve several attempted murders. Nathanael Siegel directed.

BROADWAY PLAYERS, 402 EAST WASH-INGTON AVENUE, EL CAJON, THROUGH AUGUST 27; SATURDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-507-7765.

Beads, Bangles, & Baggy Pants

CentreStage Players present a revue-tribute — jokes, sketches, musical numbers — to "the golden heyday" of burlesque.

ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE (CORNER OF ADAMS AND IDAHO), NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH AUGUST 21; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT

7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-462-2131.

Chrysalis: Rapechild

She was born on the battlefield of an endless war. Her father, a ninefoot warlord cyclops, killed her mother, who demands revenge ("tear his spirit from him"). Another woman, a Mother Courage clone, raised her. So "Rapechild" has two mothers and, it turns out, two destinies. Will the culture of violence seduce her? Or will she resist its incessant lures and become a dragon? Can, in the play's ruling image, a lotus grow from the mud? The set-up for Nick Green's — and Sledgehammer Theatre's — world premiere raises expectations the outcome doesn't fulfill. The writing needs reworking (people speaking in total innocence, as most of the characters do, shouldn't use abstract words; the play's just about her, everyone else merely cursed fodder; the pseudo-Eastern wisdom's sappy, greeting card fare). But director Esther Emery's fluid, evocative stagings, on a tri-level stage strewn with dead soldiers, are often amazing: the monstrous warlord, zapped by Jennifer Setlow and Andy Lowe's beet-red lighting; David Tierney and Rhianna Bashore's sword dance, both graceful and lethal; Charlene Penner's bald, white "Shade"; and Bashore's arc of movements, from fumbling to precise. A production to be seen, though not necessarily heard.

Worth a try.

ST. CECILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH AUGUST 14; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY (AND MONDAY, AUGUST 8, AND THURS-DAY, AUGUST 11) AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

The Comedy of Errors

Nature or nurture? Most Comedies of Errors stress how alike Shake-speare's two sets of twins are, as if growing up in separate cultures had no effect. Director Darko Tresnjak shows how different a similarity can be. When at Ephesus (site of sorcery, according to St. Paul) Antipholus of Syracuse and Antipholus of Ephesus share the same identity, but are opposites.

Complications ensue. In some

ways, the frame of this staging's more arresting than the middle. The 90-minute version moves well, but on opening night the acting was technical, not felt. You could sense that performances would grow, however. Plus, having Charles Janasz (as bedraggled Egeon) and Kandis Chappell (the Lady Abbess as a force of nature) guarantees quality. As do Liam Craig and Evan Zes as the dual Dromios: played as a cross between Charlie Chaplin and the Cantinflas of Around the World in 80 Days, their slapstick antics guarantee laughs. Then there's the conjuration dance. When Dr. Pinch tries to exorcise Ephesean demons, his conjuration makes everyone weirder. They flop into a snaky, ritualized Bollywood dance that, while Pinch's spell lasts, is a total

$Worth\ a\ try.$

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 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.)

Confessions of a Mormon Boy

Diversionary presents Steven Fales's piece about his inability to

overcome same-sex attraction through "reparative therapy," which resulted in a divorce and excommunication from the Mormon church.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH AUGUST 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

Cotton Patch Gospel

Harry Chapin's musical, based on the Gospel of Matthew, gets a staging at the Mission Hills United Church of Christ. Rev. Bonnie Tarwater directed.

MISSION HILLS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 4070 JACKDAW, MISSION HILLS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, AND SUN-DAY, AUGUST 7, AT 2:00 P.M. 858-442-6470, 858-481-7667.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

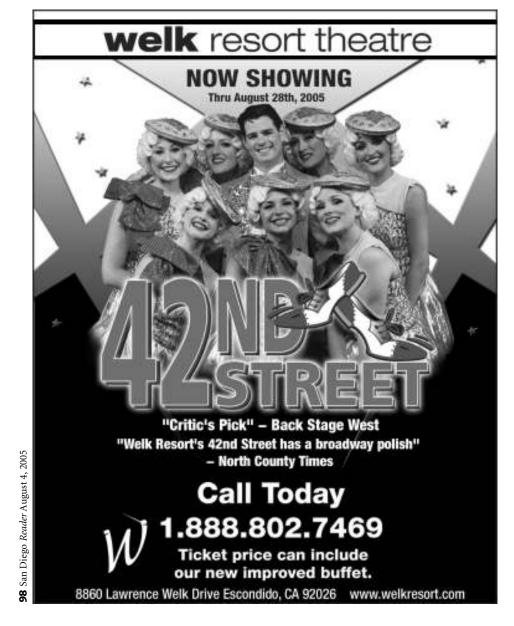
Christian Community Theater presents the stage version of the animated film, music and lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice. A horrible beast holds Belle's father in an old castle.

MT. HELIX AMPHITHEATRE, 4901 MT. HELIX DRIVE, LA MESA, THURSDAY, AU-GUST 4, THROUGH AUGUST 27; THURS-DAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-588-0206.

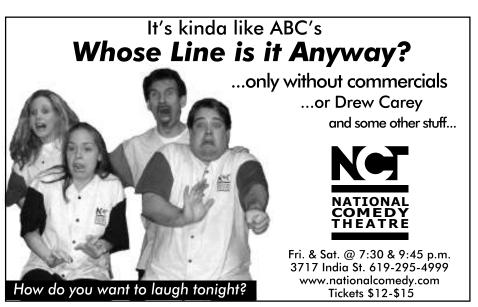
Eat Your Heart Out

Lamplighters Community Theatre celebrates its 68th anniversary season with Nick Hall's comedy about an out-of-work actor's adventures as a waiter.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH AUGUST 7; FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.







42nd Street

"Julian Marsh is doing a SHOW!" 42nd Street is musical comedy's lottery fable. It proves that "raw be ginners can be winners," especially if, like young Peggy Sawyer, they've got talent and are driven by grimfaced producer Julian Marsh, yelling, "Sawyer! Think of Broadway, damnit!" The first test of any 42nd Street production comes right off the bat. The show opens with a splashy tap-dance "Audition." 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 has staged the musical many times. His expertise and some fine casting make for one of the Welk's better efforts in some time. Young Nicole Werner, from the MFA program at SDSU, brightens the stage as Peggy, in spite of a murky lighting design. Erika Amato makes Dorothy Brock a dour diva adept at torchy laments. Andrew Husmann 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 Gipper speech into a kind of music: "Sawyer. You're going out there a youngster. But you've GOT to come back a star!"

Worth a try.

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.

Fritz Blitz: 2005 Festival of New Plays by California Playwrights

I want to plug this enterprise sight unseen. For 12 years the Fritz Theatre has presented world-premiere works by California authors. This year savvy local directors — Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, Duane Daniels, Katie Rodda, Tim West among them - stage ten new plays selected from over 100 entrants. The four-week festival offers a different program each week, and a zodiac of genres, from comedy to drama to experimental pieces that otherwise might never find a hearing. The Blitz has become a cauldron for the creative process. It also showcases local actors and designers and, quite possibly, future voices of the American theater. Worth a try.

LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA. DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, THROUGH AUGUST 29; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR LISTS OF INDIVID-UAL PLAYS, PLAYWRIGHTS AND TIMES, CALL 619-544-1000.

I Am My Own Wife

Jefferson Mays reprises his Tony Award-winning performance in Doug Wright's Pulitzer- and Tony Award-winning drama about Charlotte, the "miracle" who survived Hitler's Gestapo and the East German secret police. Moises Kaufman directed.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE LICSD WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SLINDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010

I Do, or Die: The Motherin-Law of All Weddings

For its summer show, onboard the sternwheeler William D. Evans, Mystery Cafe presents one of its most popular productions: the best array of credible suspects, and also the funniest of those I've seen at

the Imperial House. Patricia "Patti" Peccarino (Emily Anne Smith), heir to the Peccarino cheese fortune ("The Cheese Stands Alone"), is about to marry Wilhelm "Willie" Schmeterlinck (Ben Gilbert), last of the Schmeterlincks (who, some allege, invented Cheez Whiz) and a groom given to quoting Shakespeare ("To wed, or not to wed"). There's a death. Then another. Was the murderer "the Bavarian Battleaxe," Gretchen Schmeterlinck (Ellyn Hae)? Or Patti's mother, Theresa Rodham Peccarino (Bonnie Stone)? Both exude insidious intent. Or was it lactose-intolerant Patti, who lost 17 minutes of her life at age nine? Or one of several other candidates, each eager to make a hostile takeover — of anything — and each living proof that "cousins shouldn't marry"? Authors James Pascarella and the late Will Roberson set the piece in the 1950s (yet are somehow able to make numer ous topical references to today?). It's a consistently fun, good noggin-scratching evening of interactive theater.

Worth a try.

WILLIAM D. EVANS STERNWHEELER, DOCKED AT THE BAHIA HOTEL, MISSION BAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6: WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, BOARD-ING AT 6:30 P.M. DINNER SHOW AT 7:15 P.M. 619-544-1600

Irish Step DancingDublin Square Irish Pub and Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, and song. DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB AND GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWN-TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 9:30 P.M. 619-239-5818.



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Mystery Cafe's newest interactive comedy takes place at a high school reunion that doesn't go according to plan.

IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

Macbeth

Double, double, toil and trouble? No. Something tasteful this way comes. Paul Mullins has directed a safe, formalist Macbeth, substituting stage pictures for substance. Instead of the Macbeths' insatiable frenzy, fed by "slaughterhouse thoughts," we get choreographed, often mathematically precise visuals. Some do catch the eye (whitefaced Weird Sisters in sleek, red, late-medieval chic: Macduff's spears poking through Balboa Park toward Dunsinane). But the Sisters are cupcakes. The slo-mo battles are aesthetic affairs. And the leads are lame. Tom Hammond's Macbeth's a thoughtful, perplexed guy who delivers his lines with slow, sculpted cadences that don't come near the lion's roar. As Lady M, Deirdre Lovejoy resorts to deep breathing to convey emotion and

plays her scenes as set pieces, apart from other actors (when she sleep-walks, Lovejoy makes Lady M a batty, candle-hypnotized Ophelia: an odd, albeit showy, choice). Worthy of note: what lighting designer York Kennedy does with darkness. It shrouds the stage like a fogbank. And since the rest of the production prefers the stately to the gritty and the tragic, Kennedy's shadings become the only place where evil gets to stake its claim. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE. SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 2: MACBETH RUNS IN REPER-TORY WITH COMEDY OF ERRORS AND THE WINTER'S TALE; FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES: 619-239-2255.

The Magical Misfits

Due to popular demand, Miracle Theatre Productions presents a return performance of magicians Doug Brewer and John George. THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, MONDAY, AUGUST 8, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-2494.

The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?

Julie dumped Bobby two weeks ago. Just split. His fiancée. Now he's so conflicted, so "out of balance," he can't even remember why. So Bobby decides to "find out what women want." He drinks Coronas and tries to discover as well his right-brain, "feminine" side. He's a dysfunctional mess, but to his credit, and thanks to Julie, he at least recognizes it (though he shouldn't blame the Y chromosome; that's an old-hat dodge). Male Intellect never dips beneath pop psychology stereotypes about gender but is a consistently funny 90-minute take on today's dating scene. Like Scrooge, Bobby is haunted by visitors: five male chauvinists ranging from a 123-year-old geezer still searching for the perfect woman to the Colonel, who deals with women by the book...his book. Ford Austin plays Bobby and the MCPs with an engaging audience rapport and an ability to disappear into another character. Robert Dubac wrote Male Intellect, which, like Forever Plaid and Late-Nite Catechism, has become an international touring show (you can't help but hear the author, behind the jokes, patting himself on the back for being such a sensitive dude). Asked which character he identified with most, Dubac replied: "Separately they are individuals, but put together all one guy. Women who see the play say, 'I've been out with every one of those guys!'

Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 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 Merchant of Venice

British director John Barton inter viewed two actors who performed as Shylock. The best approach, they resolved, is to "play the inconsistencies," Richard Baird's Poor Players takes that one step further: express the inconsistencies of every character: thus vaunted Portia's a racist. the Venetians are slaveowning thugs, and marriages, which take place in the middle of this "comedy," may not live happily ever after. The concept's on the mark (no matter where you choose to stand, no matter which character you identify with, Shakespeare destabilizes your foothold). The moderndress, minimalist production however, is uneven, especially Act One, where the actors could cue up and double the tempo. But stick around for Act Two: the tempestuous court scene, in which Shylock comes within centimeters of carving his pound of flesh, ranks among the company's best work. And Baird's Shylock's one of his finest creations as well. Gray beard, a pronounced limp (from a prior atrocity?), a pre-





The Merchant of Venice

cise accent, solemn, firey, this Shylock loves his daughter *and* his ducats. He also exudes profound pain — and becomes the only character who stays true to his word. *Worth a try.*

ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD (I-8 TO MISSION GORGE EXIT, GO UNDER THE FREEWAY, TURN RIGHT), THROUGH AUGUST 14; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-255-1401.

Moonlight and Magnolias

"The problem with the motion picture business," complained Raymond Klune, production manager for Gone With the Wind, "is you make nothing but prototypes. Three weeks into filming GWTW, producer David O. Selznick shut down operations. He, director Victor Fleming, and script doctor Ben Hecht reworked the screenplay. Ron Hutchinson's loopy comedy imagines what that process was like. As if trying to save the production the way Selznick's trying to save the movie, director John Rambo gives it a slapstick, cartoony staging — including a food fight and comic book fisticuffs (POW! KER-BUNK!) - with intermittent moral interludes (questions about racism and anti-Semitism that never get beyond the asking; clichés about movie magic and loyalty to

Margaret Mitchell's book vs. loyalty to emotional truth). As Fleming, Tom McGowan gets yuks by having the macho man do things he never would (like giving birth); the script makes David Manis's Hecht, truth's brave interrogator, a whining party-pooper. And Dan Castellaneta's Selznick, though preachy, does some impressive GWTW imitations. This giddy bagatelle has funny moments (and a gorgeous Art Deco set by Alexander Dodge) but will do anything for a laugh, including warp the facts.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH AUGUST 14; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

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 SAT-URDAY 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, ĥowever, 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 $\rm \ddot{\tilde{}}$). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's Theatre-Sports (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 "Emotional Sympathy," "Shake-speare," "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; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

The Nerd

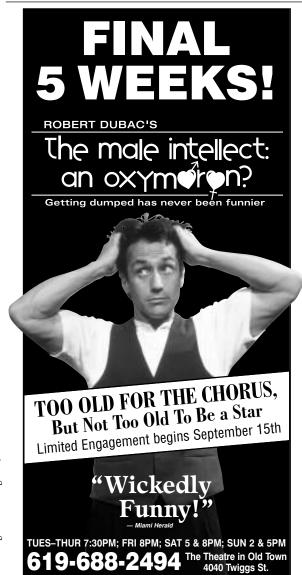
Coronado Playhouse stages Larry Shue's comedy about an architect, who has no life, and a houseguest, who has too much. James Gary Byrd directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE PAVILION, 1335 FIRST STREET, CORONADO,

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619-435-4856.

Pump Boys and Dinettes

Lamb's Players stages the popular rockabilly musical revue set at a filling station on Highway 57 down the road from Smyrna. Robert Smyth directed.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11; 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. 619-437-0600.



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Ragtime, the Musical

The four-Tony-Award-winning musical, based on E.L. Doctorow's novel about life in turn-of-the-century America, comes to the Lyceum. Shaun T. Evans directed. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, AUGUST 5. THROUGH AUGUST 21: TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv. making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals,

callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE-VARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH) COL LEGE AREA, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE "FAMILY" SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P.M. ("RATED PG-13"), 619-465-7469

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DIAMOND BAR/CULY THEATRE, 338 SEV-ENTH AVENUE (ALSO LAFAYETTE INN AND SUITES, NORTH PARK), OPEN-ENDED RUN; "SELECTED FRIDAYS AND SATUR-DAYS" AT 7:30 P.M. 800-944-5639.

Steel Magnolias

OnStage Playhouse stages Jack Heifner's "down-home comedy." Life happens to the regulars at a beauty parlor. Bruce Wilde di-

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH AUGUST 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT- URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

Tale of the Allergist's Wife

6th@Penn presents Charles Busch's "over-the-top portrait of a woman's seemingly perfect life turned upside down by the en-trance of her 'long lost friend.'" Douglas Lay directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THURSDAY. AUGUST 4, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY (AND WEDNESDAY, AU-GUST 17, AND AUGUST 31 AT 2:00 P.M.). 619-688-9210.

Tomfoolery

Cameron Mackintosh and Robin Ray's 1980 tribute to the satirical songs of Tom Lehrer qualifies as a period piece, given that Lehrer's last album got produced in 1965, and many of the songs are very, very dated (the New Math, or Senator George Murphy anyone?). It's also a mite strange to see the math prof's greatest hits staged, since Lehrer performed with just a piano, his whole body pounding the keyboard, a manic glee behind his horn-rimmed glasses. What comes as no surprise — in the co-production of the North Coast Rep and Renaissance Theatre Company — is that his best songs ("Vatican Rag," "Wernher Von

Braun," "When You Are Old and Gray") still barb and delight, thanks in part to his goofy rhyme schemes. The production doesn't overcome the limited range of Lehrer's melodies (many sounding exactly the same), or that he often lambastes one stereotype with another. But thanks to Priscilla Allen, determined to squelch audience participation in "Irish Ballad," and Ed Hollingsworth in the creepy "I Hold Your Hand in Mine," David S. Humphrey, and especially a game (and talented) Kirsten Mengelkoch, the show has some rousing highlights. Marty Burnett's set recalls the all-brick basement nightclubs of the late '50s, early '60s. Jeanne Reith's costumes add telling accessories to basic black. Ole Kittleson's musical stagings and Chris O'Bryon's four-piece backup band prove useful (in particular, when O'Bryon solos, "The Elements" gives a glimpse of Lehrer on the prowl). The show should appeal to anyone qualified for AARP. For anyone younger remains to be seen.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH AUGUST 7: THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P M 858-481-1055

Triple Espresso: A Highly

Caffeinated Comedy
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He's Got Heart Longtime local guitarist Michael Goodrich Jr., who moved to Ketchum, Idaho, last year to play for Staggering Home,

flown by jet to the Salt Lake City hospital. "His heart stopped three times during the flight," according to

Goodrich had surgery performed on his right leg, back, and right arm and is expected to remain in critical condition for up to two months before undergoing

the inside track

suffered third-degree burns over 50 percent of his body after falling into a bonfire pit on July 14. The 31-year-old "was asleep and got up to go to the bathroom, and he must have tripped and fell into the pit," said his girlfriend Kate Merrick, reached via cell phone at the University of Utah Medical Center's burn unit. "He was probably trying to get out [of the pit] for an hour before [friends] found him." Goodrich was helicoptered by LifeFlight to Boise and then

six to eight more months of physical therapy. Goodrich doesn't have health insurance, so a Staggering Home benefit show at the Kasino Club in Stanley, Idaho, is planned.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Where Art Thou, Jacko? Recent rumors of

Michael Jackson sightings at Carlsbad's Chopra Center for Well Being are true. Deepak Chopra, who calls himself Jackson's "spiritual guru," wrote in the July 14 Delhi Times: "After the verdict clearing him of child molestation charges, Michael and his children spent a week with me in San Diego. He plans to stay in the Middle East now. I think being away from the U.S. will do him good. Michael has been through very anxious times, but that's all in the past now. He has told me that he now wants to pay attention to his career and make great music and movies.... Michael is eccentric, but I know he's not guilty of a criminal offence. Let's not forget that Michael



CHOPRA KNOWS THE KING

is an independent person. He confuses people. He's sexually, racially, and

culturally ambiguous."

Chopra, who was a potential defense witness at the singer's recent trial, met Jackson 20 years ago.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Hexed by the

Giant? "Oh, you mean Cheap Channel?" 91X morning DJ Chris Cantore joked on the air last month. A few years ago, nobody at the modern-rock station made on-air jokes about Clear Channel, the megachain that owns 91X. Cantore said what he said possibly because he knew the station was about to leave the Clear Channel fold.

Last week, Clear
Channel announced the sell-off of 91X, urban oldies Magic 92.5, and hip-hop hits station Z-90.
The FCC ruled last year that Clear Channel had to unload a handful of stations in order to comply with the eight-station-per-market legal maximum.

Finest City Broadcasting, a company created by former Clear Channel vice president Mike Glickenhaus, bought the Mexico-based stations for \$113 million, according to one insider. One question unanswered by Glickenhaus and Clear Channel: why will the three stations remain based in Clear Channel's Kearny Mesa headquarters? Longtime 91X DJs have



STAPLEFORD TO EXHUME 91X?

privately complained about being tethered to Clear Channel. Ratings have slumped since FM-94/9 signed on in November 2002. The latest Arbitron ratings show 91X has 25 percent less of an audience than 94/9.

The success of 91X now rests with program director

Kevin Stapleford, who worked in the same capacity at 91X between 1989 and 1995. As a teen, Stapleford answered phones at the station.

"The bulk of the early 91X library was made up of 12-inch singles, most of which did not indicate which speed they should be played at," Stapleford reminisces. "It could be 33 or 45 [rpm]. I had to call the DJs constantly to tell them they were playing things wrong. Although, I must confess, the Thompson Twins' 'Lies' sounded better at the slower speed."

— Ken Leighton

Oh, Laird, Not Payola

Last week was not a good week for Diana Laird, the program director who oversees Clear Channel stations KHTS/Channel 9-3-3 (Top 40) and Z-90 (hip-hop hits). On Monday, July 25, it was announced that she would lose control of Z-90 because of its sale.

On Tuesday, a report of Laird's alleged acceptance of graft-for-airplay appeared in the *New York Times*. The article began, "To disguise a payoff to a radio programmer at KHTS in San Diego, Epic Records called a flat-screen







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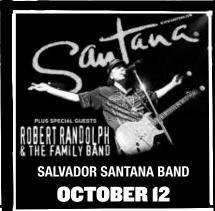
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television a 'contest giveaway.'

The national head of promotion for Epic Records, Joel Klaiman, was fired last week. Laird was not the only program director who allegedly accepted graft from Sony BMG Music Entertainment (which includes Epic), but she was the only one from San Diego.

Clear Channel issued a press release: "The allegations made today will be fully investigated, and any wrongdoing will be met by swift and appropriate disciplinary action." What does that mean regarding Laird? A request for comment from Laird was not returned. Local Clear Channel programming VP Jim Richards referred all questions to Clear Channel headquarters in San Antonio, which e-mailed the same press release.

— Ken Leighton

Puff Daddy Is In.

Irradio, Yovee, and Operatic are out. Billy Daniels is incoming managing partner at what is now Martini Ranch in Encinitas. He says a new name and music policy are in store for the bar and café that sits next to the La Paloma Theatre.

Daniels says the venue will be renamed D Street Bar and Grill and a new liquor license that allows all ages indicates a new commitment to food service. There are no plans to continue the Thursday-night multiband showcase. Plans include a live jazz band on Wednesday, a classic rock band on Saturday, and popular dance music on other nights.

Established as a nightclub in 1978, the nightspot on Highway 101 has been named Easy Street, Bobby G's, the Full Moon, Sharkey's, and the Millennium. Since opening as Martini Ranch in 2001, the club has hosted local original bands on Thursdays. Chad Waldorf has booked "Thursday Night Live" for the past year.

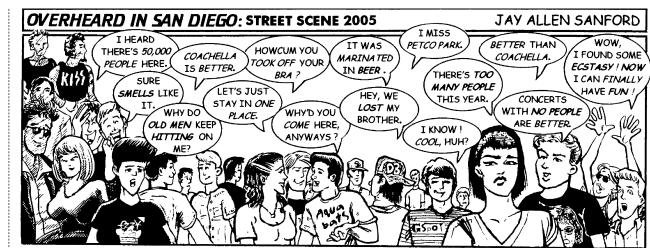
"I'd like to talk to them and see about continuing it," savs Waldorf, who has brought in reggae, indie rock, and jazz bands. Waldorf says he has been told to book only through August 11. On that date, Daniels says his company, LLC Charter Funding, will take over ownership and close the place for two weeks to remodel.

"The only club we really have left that allows us to bring underground and out-of-town bands is the Leucadian," says John Finkbiner, who plays guitar and sings in the Stereotypes. "Martini Ranch has the best sound of any club I've ever been

The Stereotypes, Buckfast Superbee, and Spell Toronto appear tonight at Martini Ranch. Must be 21. Free admission.

– Ken Leighton

Whipping Boy Bruce Hornsby played Humphrey's on July 21. I caught up with him that afternoon and asked if there is anything he can do to keep his hit ("The Way It Is") from being played on Sean Hannity's Republican talkradio show. Hornsby laughed and said, "I've heard that from so many people. I really can't win. People on the left complain about some things



and people on the right about other things. I complained about something to [Hannity] before, and he made me his whipping boy. I don't want to go through that again, but I wish he didn't use the song.



HANNITY: A HORNSBY MAN, APPARENTLY

I asked Hornsby if there is any legal right talk-show hosts have to music when it's used for "bumpers" between ads and show content. (Rush Limbaugh has been using the Pretenders' "My City Was Gone" for years.)

Hornsby responded, "Legally, there's nothing I can do. Once a song is out there, the radio stations can do what they want with it. It can be frustrating. It's a fucking joke how little control we sometimes have over our own songs.'

— Josh Board

This Just In... "We figure we lose \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year [in profits]," says Patrick Glynn, owner of Wireless Flash news service. Based in Hillcrest, the Wireless Flash sends out at least nine weird-buttrue stories daily to media subscribers such as Jay Leno, David Letterman, and 700 radio stations.

"We broke the Dr. Laura naked-picture story," says senior editor David Moye. "We got aspiring...music superstar Shemm on [the] Jimmy Kimmel [show]. Kimmel also discovered Andy Milonakis from us. Now he has his own show on MTV.

Glynn says his service is taken for granted.

"Everyone expects news to be free. It's hard to enforce [payment]. With the Internet out there, no one wants to

pay for news."

Yet, Glynn says Wireless Flash (which turns 25 this month) makes money.

"This company has made me very wealthy. How else could I have spent \$25,000 a week to put out a newspaper?"

That paper was the weekly Fahrenheit, which published from May 2003 to June 2004. Because Fahrenheit had its fans, Glynn says he may bring



THANK WIRELESS FLASH FOR SHEMM

it back with the same name but with a different staff.

"It had no sense of humor," says Glynn. "It was too much a diary of Adam [Gnade, editor] and Jessie's [Duquette, managing editor]

Gnade recently signed with Loud+Clear Records, which plans to release his album in October.

– Ken Leighton

Sitar-Man Ravi Shankar almost canceled a July 10 appearance in Arles, France, after two of his sitars were broken during an Air France flight from Lebanon. Shankar, an Encinitas resident since 1998, wouldn't play a replacement sitar flown in from London, but his instrument-maker arrived from India with two sitars, and his performance at the World Music Festival went on as scheduled. Shankar filed a loss claim against Air France, assessing the sitars' value at \$200,000. "I feel like I have lost two relatives," the musician told the BBC.

– Jay Allen Sanford

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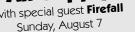
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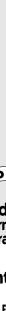
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e've played in 64 countries on 6 continents," says Liquid Blue singer/songwriter Scott Stephens. "The Stones have played in 39." I take his word for it. The band does seem to be almost always

abroad, perhaps explaining how they signed a distribution deal with Shanghai Audio and Video, the biggest music publisher in China. In 2002 they played before 65,000

people in China during a televised music festival. Says Stephens, "Our lyrics show we are an American band thinking about world issues...[we] focus on issues like human rights, seeking peaceful solutions to conflict, the rape of the environment, finding inner peace, etc.

Liquid Blue is made up of seven members: Stephens (former pro Roller Derby skater for the L.A. Thunderbirds), guitarist Michael Vangerov (who has his own Neal Moser signature guitar), bassist/singer Rocket Rodriguez (also plays sax and DJs), drummer Kris Marshall (the new guy), and three dancing and singing "BlueGirls" who front the band with Abba-esque enthusiasm (Layla Loxa, Nikki Nova, and Alex Woods). Catch them between continents at Boar Crossin' in Carlsbad on Friday, August 5, and Saturday, August 6.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

Scott: "Green Day, American Idiot. These guys can rock and talk at the same time.

Michael: "Peace Not War, with various artists including Jane's Addiction, Ani DiFranco, Sonic Youth, Paris, and others. Has my vote for CD of the Year.'

Rocket: "The Dave Matthews Band, Stand Up. It was worth the wait. 'Everybody Wake Up' is a personal fave track."

Kris: "System of a Down, Mezmerize. Amazing how these guys can be so original and different, yet so

Alex: "Nelly Furtado, Folklore. Reminiscent of Sam Phillips, even better than her

Nikki: "The Cranberries, No Need to Argue. 'Zombie' is profound and chilling.'

Layla: "Rolling Stones, Let It Bleed. The band of the living dead.

WORST TV SHOWS EVER?

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Scott: "Fox News. 'Fair and balanced' — you've got to be kidding!'

Michael: "The O'Reilly Factor. This guy is the epitome of how one-sided and mean-spirited the media has become."

Nikki: "American Idol. It doesn't represent real cutting-edge indie talent."

Layla: "The Jerry Springer Show. Made for idiots."

ADVICE YOU'D GIVE TO SCOTT WEILAND?

Michael: "A second chance in another great band. Ignore the media and just rock! And, uh, keep your nose clean.'

YOUR THOUGHTS RIGHT BEFORE PLAY-



ING FOR 65,000 PEOPLE? Everyone: "Oh, shit!"

WORST GIG ABROAD?

Scott: "We were booked at a college in Ibarra, Ecuador...we were shocked to find only a single power cord leading to the stage with a pair of indoor disco speakers expected to fill a soccer field. By the time we found adequate power, we were several hours late and most of the crowd had already dispersed. The sky had filled with clouds, and after just a few songs we got hit with a downpour and had to stop the show and save our

BEST BAND NAMES?

Scott: "Keith Richard's Dealer" Layla: "The Strap-Ons" Nikki: "The Dead Kennedys" Michael: "Rage Against the Machine" Rocket: "Smashing Pumpkins"

WORST PICKUP LINE EVER USED ON YOU?

Alex: "Do you work for UPS? I could have sworn I saw you checking out my package.'

Nikki: "Hi, I'm a virgin, so you don't have to worry about catching anything."

Layla: "You might as well sleep with me because I'm going to tell everybody we did it anyway." ■





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THIS WEEK'S **CONCERTS**

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Collin Raye [777]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, August 4, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa.

Michael McDonald [605]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 4, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

The Mother Hips [576]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, August 5, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Lonestar [763]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 5, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or

SATURDAY

System of a Down [599]: San riego Sports Arena, Saturday, August 6, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497

Geoff Muldaur: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, August 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights.

Howie Day [607]: House of Blues, Saturday, August 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

The Robert Cray Band [941]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, August 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Gladys Knight [970]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 7, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Air Supply [617]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 7, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Clint Black [778]: Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 7, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

Howe, Squire, and White: House of Blues, Monday, August 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.



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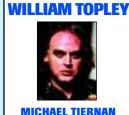
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Donny Osmond: 4th & B, Wednesday, August 10, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

The Temptations [938]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 10, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

AUGUST

Bob Schneider [282] and Shelby Lynne: House of Blues, Thursday, August 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

John Hiatt [883]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 11, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Neil Sedaka: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, August 12, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Digital Underground [131]: 'Canes, Friday, August 12, 3105 Ocean Front Walk. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Styx [591]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 13, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Toby Keith [780]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Cecilio & Kapono [993]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Cowboy Junkies [567]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Amy Grant [613]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, August 15, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or

Bobby McFerrin & Chick Corea: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Eagles: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Judy Collins and Richie Havens: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497

Morris Day & the Time: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, August 18, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

"Dave Koz & Friends" featuring Jeffrey Osbourne [612] and Marc Antoine: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Peter Case [864]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, August 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers [611] and the Black Crowes [564]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 20, 2050

Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Ryan Adams: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, August 20, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

The Samples [517]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, August 20, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Jonny Lang [956]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-2445-5400 or 619-270-8497

Rufus Wainwright [830] and Ben Folds: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, August 21, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Zombie [581]: House of Blues, Sunday, August 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Al Green [968]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 21, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

De La Soul [618]: House of Blues, Monday, August 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

"Hot Summer Nights" featuring Al Jarreau [558] and the Rippingtons [677]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive,

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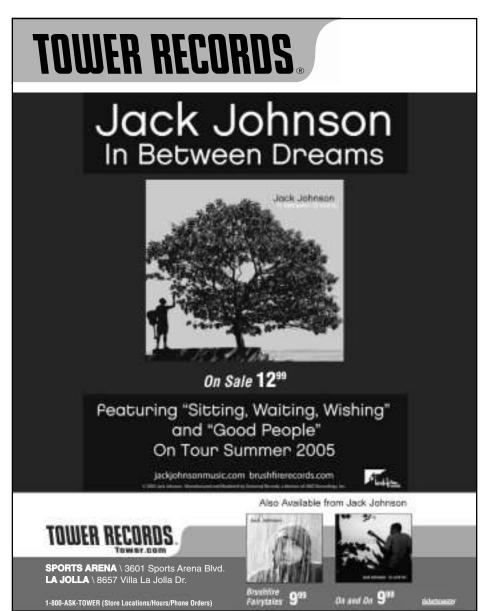
"Trio!" featuring Stanley Clarke, Béla Fleck, and Jean-Luc Ponty: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 23, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Israel Vibration [275]: House of Blues, Wednesday, August 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Barrington Levy [751]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 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. **Barrington Levy** [751]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 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.

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.

John Wesley Harding [466]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, August 27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176. **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.

Maxi Priest: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, August 29, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497. **The New York Dolls:** House of Blues, Monday, August 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

Mark Broussard and Citizen Cope: House of Blues, Tuesday, August 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497. **Culture** [484]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 31, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 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.

SEPTEMBER

Eric Benet: House of Blues, Thursday, September 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Los Amigos Invisibles: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022

Bobby "Blue" Bland [935]: 4th & B, Saturday, September 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Knitters: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, September 4, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

SHeDAISY: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Johnny Mathis: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Bebel Gilberto: House of Blues, Thursday, September 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Sound Tribe Sector Nine: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 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 [600]: "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.

Carlos Vives and **Daddy Yankee:** Cox Arena, Saturday, September 10, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

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Crosby, Stills, and Nash [572]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 13, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Sizzla [738]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, September 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Tori Amos [468]: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, September 14, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Karl Denson's Tiny Universe [681]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, September 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.

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Tony Bennett: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday September 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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The Fabulous Thunderbirds [477]:



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I was at a used-record store the other day when I overheard a conversation between a buyer and a guy who was trying to sell a bunch of old CDs. The buyer held up an Urge Overkill CD and said, "Remember when these guys were the shit for about 30

Major-label A&R people made a lot of weird decisions in the early '90s as they scrambled to find the next Nirvana. For instance, did anyone really believe that Wal-Mart shoppers by the millions would plop a Babes in Toyland CD in their carts?

When Geffen came calling for Teenage Fanclub, the Scottish band made fun of the whole alternative rock feeding frenzy by titling its second album Bandwagonesque. The band's power-poppy songs, harmony-rich vocals, and sarcastic sense of humor briefly earned them a lot of fans, and at the end of 1991 Spin magazine even placed Bandwagonesque at the top of its list of the year's best albums ahead of Nirvana's Nevermind and My Bloody Valentine's Loveless.

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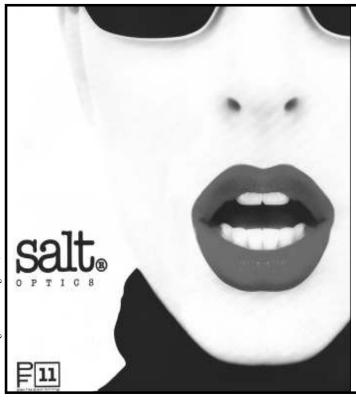
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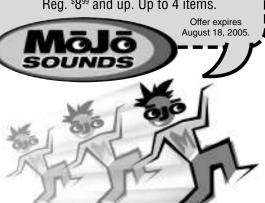
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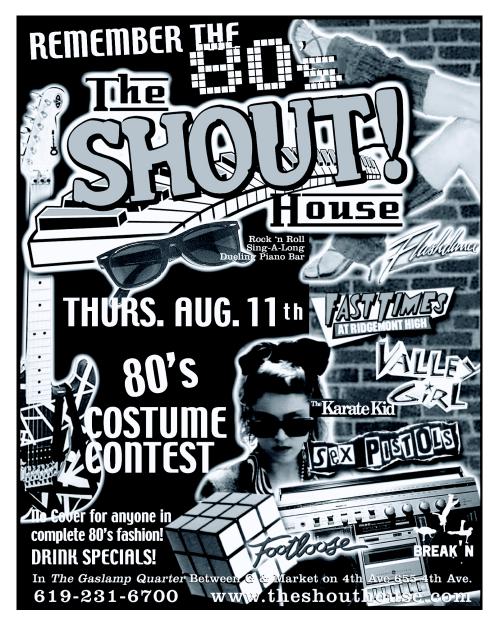
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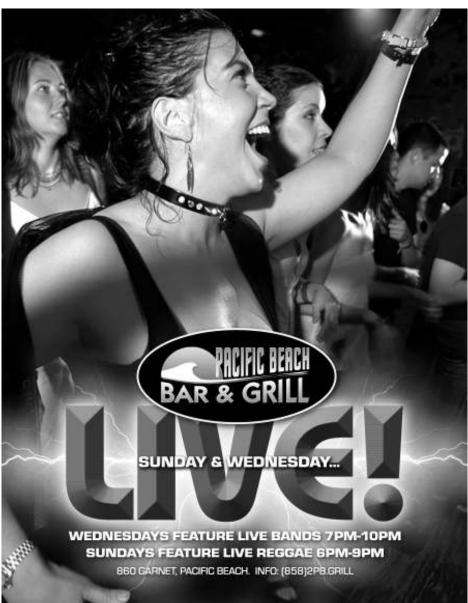
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Emerald City: 'Canes

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Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Coyote Bar

Island Breeze: Humphrey's

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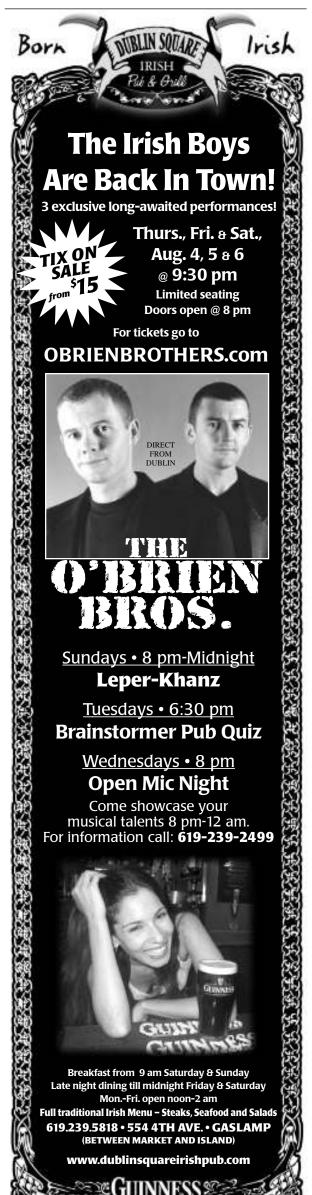
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POP / TOP 40

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Liquid Blue [606]: Boar Cross'n **The Love Rangers:** The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

The New Breed Band: Hennessey's Tayern (Carlshad)

Donny Osmond: 4th & B

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

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn Blue Largo [636]: Coyote Bar and Grill

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Norman Brown: Thornton Winery Peabo Bryson: Thornton Winery John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro &

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Archie Thompson: Po Pazzo Bar &

The Velvet Smog: Hennessey's

Lizz Wright: Belly Up Tavern Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Alpha Blondy [737]: House of Blues Kings of the Beach: Blind Melons

Halie Maskel: Belly Up Tavern

The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote

NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) Shaka Buka: Winstons

Abijah Smith: Brick By Brick

Stranger: Winstons

The Tribe of Kings: Blind Melons Wadi Gad: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's



BY DAVE GOOD

Robert Cray: the distant blues gentleman. Often called inauthentic, but he is not. Cray woke blues up in the '80s and modernized it without being cliché. I watched his unlikely pairing with Shemekia Copeland in Lightning in a Bottle. Whatever forces convinced Martin Scorcese to combine them in his blues-tribute film is a mystery. Copeland is a small flame-thrower; Cray otherwise embodies understatement. His guitar-playing is spare and his voice sweet like O.V. Wright. But their filmed duet is unexpected. It does not become a shout-down. Copeland builds like a force of nature, but Cray holds up like a man with a cast-iron house. I asked him about it recently. "You know, I haven't watched it," he says. "I know we played 'Pity the Fool,' but I don't remember — did I play solo on that too?" Yes, I remind him. He did.

The Robert Cray Band came from relative obscurity with Strong Persuader, a 1986 album that contained the hit "Smoking Gun." It earned him the first of five Grammy awards. Prior to Persuader, Cray's group had once been the house band at the Eugene Hotel in Oregon. They often split the bill with Curtis Salgado and His Nighthawks. The Eugene Hotel is where John Belushi drank when he wasn't on the set of Animal House. Cray says

that Belushi was a student of the blues; Salgado was his teacher. Later, Belushi would fashion his Blues Brothers image after him. 'Curtis had the little tank underneath his bottom lip," says Cray, "and he wore prescription Ray Bans. Sunglasses."
"He still does," I say.

Cray's new CD, Twenty, is full of songs about love. I ask him if that is the true blues. "I guess you have to say that," he says, "I mean, it's, you know, it's the curse of mankind [laughs]. You got a man and a woman, you know, tryin' to make it. And man's supposedly got the smallest brain between the two...and he can't figure it out.

ROBERT CRAY BAND

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Amelia Browning [684]: Lestat's

The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea

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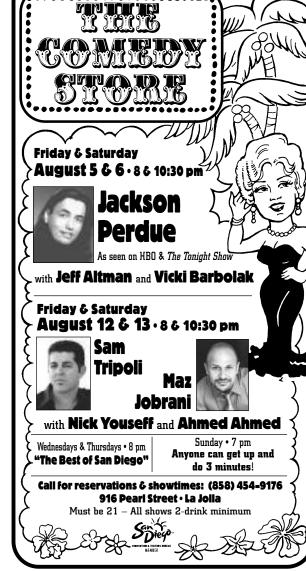
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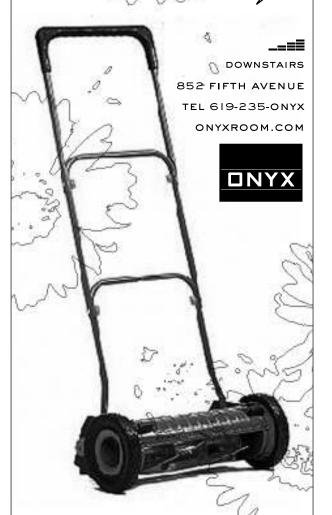
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Langer & the Leprechaun: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

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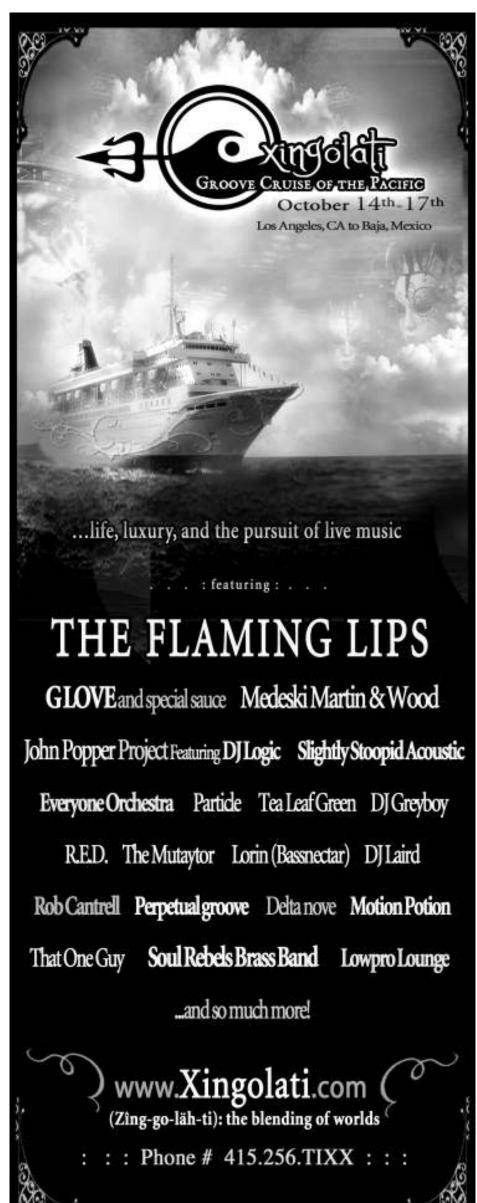
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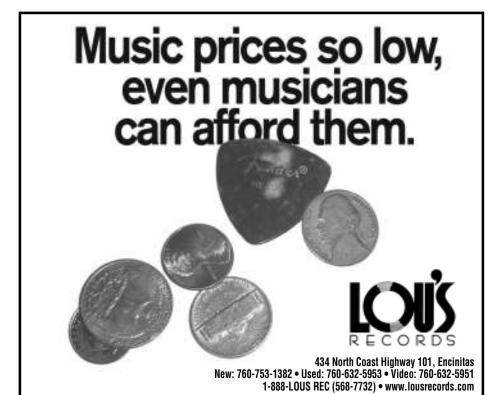
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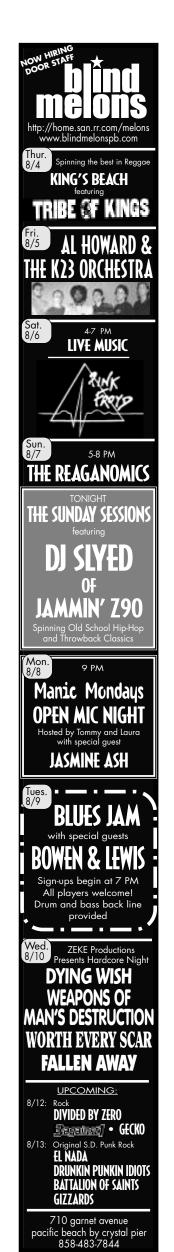
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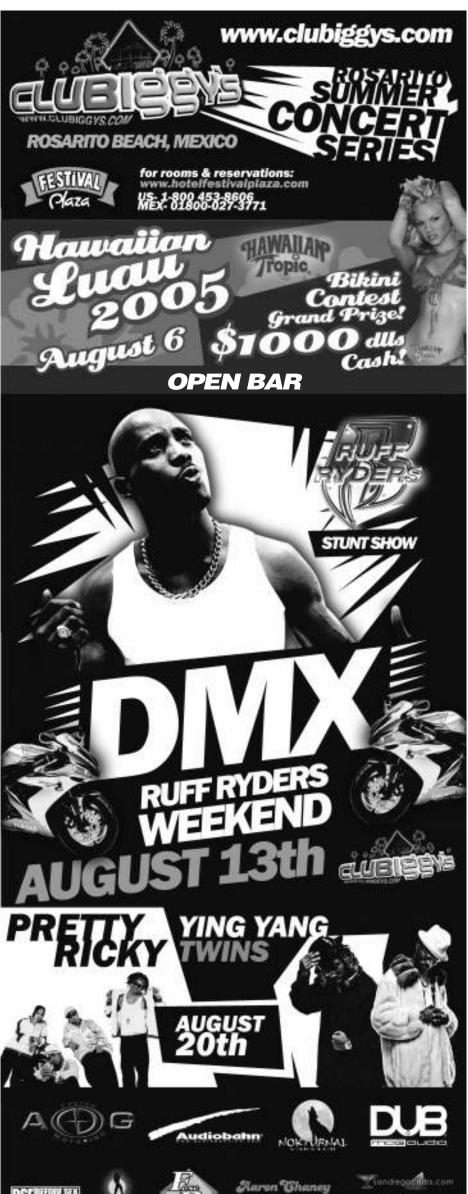
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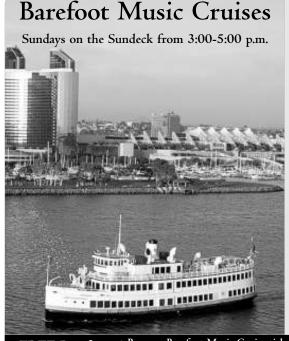
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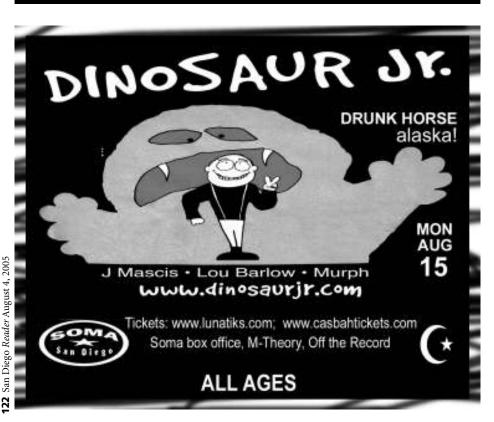
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Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Uplift*, rock. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae. Wednesday, *Langer & the Leprechaun*.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry* Levich, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick*

The Lodge at Torrey Pines,

11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, Nick Fiore, John Giulino, and Dave Scott, jazz.

Qwiigs Bar & Grill, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1101. Friday and Saturday, live music. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

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Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information



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Album name: This Is Hip Graffiti (2004)

Artist: Hip Graffiti Label: DTL Records

Songs: 1) I Get a Kick (Out of You) 2) Night and Day 3) Meditation 4) Woodstock/Fragile 5) Vivo Sonhando 6) Stella by Starlight 7) A Lotus on Irish Streams 8) Flor De Lis 9) A Foggy Day 10) Satellites 11) Softly as in Morning Sunrise 12) Corcovado 13) Love Dance

Price/Where Available: www.hipgraffiti.com for \$17.98 (includes shipping and handling)

Names of band members: Jav Myerson (quitar). Carol Fuller (vocals), Wendi Hrehovcsik (bass), Warren Bryant (percussion)

Extra info: Hip Graffiti plays Borders Cafe in Carlsbad on Saturday, July 30, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Website: www.hiparaffiti.com

Oceanside-based Hip Graffiti renders a semi-captivating fusion of jazz, bebop, and Brazilian beat tunes. Standard and melodic jazz is what the foursome does

best, and their full-length debut offers a variety of moderately paced jazzy rhythms blended with soft rock. Each cut is livened up with either a Latin or gospel feel.

Vocalist Carol Fuller draws upon the grace of Billie Holiday and the energy of Chaka Kahn to make a lasting statement in each performance. In "Stella by Starlight," Fuller sings, "You know that great symphonic thing / that Stella, she's got a dream / she is all of this and more / You'll know that she is everything and more / she's everything that you would adore / that Stella, she's got a dream." Simple lyrics set to upbeat acoustic harmonies make for 13 tracks of melodic but not necessarily memorable songs.

Hip Graffiti's music possesses a certain docility that accentuates the strength of the solid vocal harmonies and mellow instrumentals, though perhaps the association of submission and smooth jazz is as predictable as each song's structure. While each of the arrangements is engaging, the group saves its prowess for the album's latter half, with



Hip Graffiti

songs such as "A Foggy Day," "Softly as in Morning Sunrise," and "Corcovado." Each of these tracks has a tiny quirk, be it some purposefully wayward percussion or an oddly twisting bass line that makes it alluring. These few cuts serve as a respite from the tedium before the album's hohum ending with "Love Dance."

(To hear a sample from This Is Hip Graffiti, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext.

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Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Fred Heath & the Slidewinders, blues. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. 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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Electric Waste Band, Monday, the Electric Waste Band, Tuesday, Shaka Buka, reggae. Wednesday, Bird Dog and Hot Laundry.

SAN DIEGO

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Call club for information

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 7 p.m., David Timothy

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, B Natural, pop. Saturday, the Nude Blues.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Chris & Harold*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike, Monday, Allison Gill, Wednesday, call club for information

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buen Avenue, Bay Park, 619-275-LIVE, Music is rock/alternative unle otherwise noted. Friday, Outlett, Hyde, the Empire State, I Matador, and Zero 2 None. Saturday, the Risque Vixens, Headtrip Superstar, and 51 Guns. Tuesday, Abijah Smith, reggae. Wednesday, Harsh Kreiger and Simple

Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Friday, 10 p.m., *Nolan*, acoustic/folk.

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Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Stampede Jam, classic rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Chet & the Committee, blues/swing.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *the Life of* Brian, rock

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sweet Tea, traditional jazz.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Saturday, *Howie Day*, pop/Top 40. Sunday, *Big Head Todd & the* Monsters, rock. Monday, Howe, Squire, & White. Wednesday, Alpha Blondy, reggae.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577, Thursday, 9:30 p.m., the Steely Damned, rock/jazz. Friday









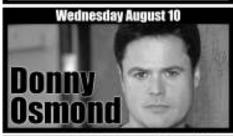


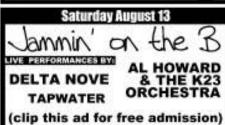


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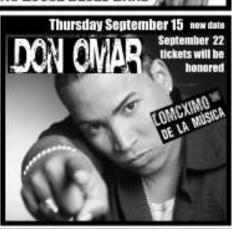








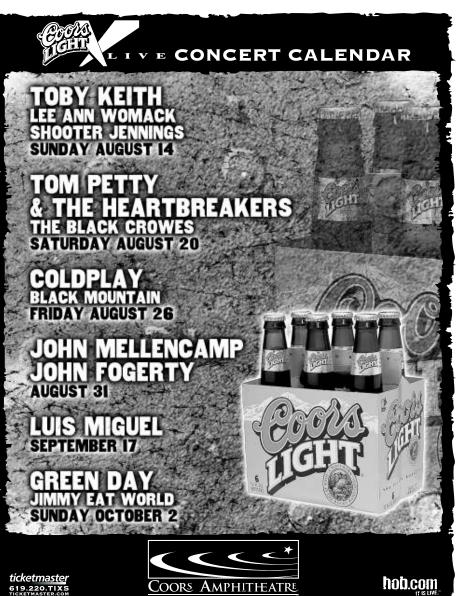












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The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live acoustic/folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

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rockabilly, punk, electronica, outlaw country **SPECIAL NIGHTS** ➤ used to show

MUSIC ➤ rock alternative

movies on Sunday (with popcorn). but now bands play Friday-Sunday **CLIENTELE** ➤ 21 and up; average age is early 20s; equal mix of male/female; 70 percent Caucasian,

25 percent Latino, 5 percent Asian

COVER ➤ none

HOURS ➤ 8:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. every day

DRINKS ➤ Hefeweizen, Stone Pale Ale, Guinness, and Pabst Blue Ribbon on tap; no happy hour; \$1 off wells and calls on Mondays; twofor-one drafts on Tuesdays; \$1 off drafts on Wednesdays: \$1 off bottles on Thursdays; and pitcher specials on Sundays

FOOD ➤ none; restaurants within driving distance and a liquor store across the street that sells tamales and sandwiches (closed by

midnight)

ACCESS ➤ between I-805 and I-15 on south side of the street (at 35th); no parking lot, but street parking is easy to find: bus stops nearby

DRESS ➤ casual: a few punkers dressed up in ripped jeans and studded leather jackets; the rest of the crowd in jeans and T-shirts ("Indian Motorcycles," "Don't Blame Me, I'm a Democrat," "My Boyfriend Is Out of Town," "The Cramps," and "One Night Stand")

DANCE FLOOR ➤ area about 20'x20'

BATHROOMS ➤ one for both men and women that had one toilet and one sink, with paper towels, liquid soap, and a mirror; lots of framed pictures of *Playboy* models and pinup girls; graffiti included "Fuck Jesse" and "Die" written in various

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DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 111 when Cash'd Out did a cover of "Cocaine Blues"

WEIRDEST BAND NAME ➤ Monsters from Mars

QUOTABLE ➤ "This is the strongest Jack and Coke I've had in my entire life."

I brought a few of my older friends to this place to check out a great Johnny Cash tribute band. We saw a few hookers walk by, and some punkers with spiked hair were among the smokers outside. Other interesting sights: a one-legged woman with a pit bull; a few people rolled up on Harleys; a few people rolled up on bicycles. There were a few junky old cars and a few old classics (such as a black '57

The band Monsters from Mars

had a great surf/punk sound. A cute chick played keyboards. The vocalist, a guy wearing sunglasses, pretended to be a drunk airline pilot. He talked between songs. He'd tell girls in the crowd his room number at the Ramada Inn. and when they booed him, he said, "I didn't want you anyway. I'm going to try to screw the keyboardist." She pushed him away when he tried to kiss her. The guy's Andy Kaufman routine grew on the crowd. Unfortunately, the band's tunes started to sound the same.

When Cash'd Out played, the crowd went nuts. One guy did a crazy hillbilly dance and threw his cowboy hat around. Three couples in the limited space, danced up a storm. A couple of dancing girls fell down a few times, and one almost kicked me when being swung by the other.

A few other girls flashed each other, and a petite blonde bought a Zombie Lounge T-shirt. She took off her old shirt in front of everyone to put on her new shirt. I heard someone say, "That is one helluva boob job she had done."

- Josh Board

Wednesday, Archie Thompson,

Ramada Inn, 5550 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego. 619-516-4466. Aventuras Salsa Club: Friday and Saturday, live salsa.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, New Direction. Monday, the David Shard **Second Wind,** 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, Uptown Groove, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Call club for information.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Jump* Iones, blues/swing. Friday, the Fremonts, blues, Saturday, Iose Sinatra, alternative. Monday, tango

Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, 7 p.m., the High Society Jazz Band.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi* Rickert, piano.

Trisler's Wine Bar, 8555 Station Village Lane, Suite C, San Diego. 619-298-1501. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Nathan Welden*, acoustic/folk. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Suzanne* Shea, classic covers/original folk.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard,

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University Heights. 619-296-0616. Friday, 8:30 p.m., Jennifer Lee, folk. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Celtic Ensemble, folk.

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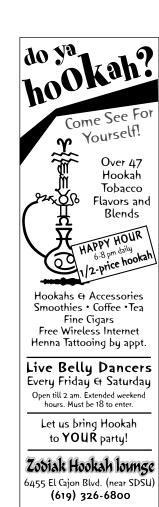


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Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Quartet. Friday, Yavez. Saturday and Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 619-233-4355. Friday, Fuzzy & the esmen, blues. Saturday, Primo, salsa/Latin jazz.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello*, pop American

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday and Friday, Private Domain, rock and roll. Saturday, Straight Six, rock. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock. Tuesday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock. Wednesday, the Atomic Cowboys.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown, 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., Cindy Lee Berryhill. Friday, 8 p.m., Nathan James and Ben Hernandez, blues, with Jane Lui, pianist. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., the Gilbert Castellanos Quintet, jazz. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Tom Griesgraber, Jerry Marotta, and Erik Wollo. Monday, 8 p.m., the New West Guitar Quartet.



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4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Wednesday, *Donny Osmond*.

bold:Hennessey's Tavern, 708 Fourth Avenue (corner of Fourth and G), Gaslamp. 619-239-9991. Sunday, 4 p.m., *the Velvet Smog*, jazz/blues.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., live disco/pop.

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Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Chris James & Blue Four. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Chris James & Blue Four, 9 p.m., Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Saturday, the Swingin' Kings. Sunday, Ozzie Blues. Monday, Billy Watson. Tuesday, Chet Cannon & the Committee. Wednesday, Johnny V. & the Usual Suspects.

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

Redfields Lounge, at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Blue Aces, blues harmonica.



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Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Thursday, *Primo*, salsa/Latin jazz. Tuesday, *Walter II y Rumbaney*, salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Call club for information.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith* Page. jazz.

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, Jesse Davis, variety. Saturday, the Stage 4 Jazz Quintet.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sandy Chappel and Sammy Canonizado, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., Burnett Anderson and Joe Garrison, jazz.

Club Caribe, 5080 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-472-2400. Thursday, live reggae band. Friday, salsa/merengue/bachata/reggae.

Coronado Island Marriott (formerly Le Meridian), 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the Coral MacFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tony Lasley, Latin jazz. Also, Friday, 8:30 p.m., Barbara Jamerson and Joe Tarantino, jazz/blues/R&B/standards. Also, Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Stellita Lingren and Dave Lindgren. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Jim

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Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday, Jackson McCarty, rock. Friday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., the Bill Magee Blues Band.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, Northstar, classic rock. Friday, Brad Wilson. Saturday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Stilettos, 8 p.m. to midnight, Tommy Price, acoustic. Monday, Tim Flannery and Chris Wall, acoustic. Tuesday, Jim Moore, folk. Wednesday, 2 Guys Will Move U, acoustic. Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Friday and Saturday, *Los Ingratos*, rock en español. Sunday, *Tardeada*.

EAST COUNTY

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, the Late Edition, classic

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Whiskey Ridge*, country.

Downtown Cafe, 182 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-5687. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Chess Set*, classic rock/country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Rise the Wake*, rock. Saturday,

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Prime Time

I set out to review a little ethnic "gem" this week, but when my partner and I both came down with food poisoning six hours after eating there, my tummy told me I needed a good old steak meaning, a really good aged steak. I'd heard that LG's carried only USDA Prime and dry-aged their Porterhouses on premises. That sounded just

LG's Prime downtown is the newest of a chain of four steakhouses founded by Leon and Gail Greenberg in Palm Desert 14 years ago. The other locations are in Palm Springs and La Quinta. Why set down roots in San Diego? "It's just because the owners love it," said restaurant manager, Aaron Rojo.

The spacious room is a mix of carpeting and tile, Naugahyde booths with starched white linen cloths, and lots of wood and windows. It's a plush, modern ranch-house style, without a hint of flocked-velvet stuffiness. And it's quiet. The bar at dead-center has a dropped ceiling, so what happens in the bar stays in the bar. We couldn't hear a word from the diners around us, while the soft ambient music was a feast for my ears, featuring country blues, '40s jive, '50s R&B from Gus Cannon's Jug Stompers to Louis Jordan, Muddy Waters, and Bobby Bland.

We started with a Caesar salad, sized for two. Since we were a trio - including regular possemember Sam, a connoisseur of fine meat — our waiter sized it for three at no extra charge. The salad is made tableside, and you're invited (actually forced) to interact at every step. Our waiter, Juan, arrived wheeling a stainless-steel cart longer than the booth, a two-shelved miniature kitchen carrying all the ingredients and tools for the operation. Donning latex gloves, he started with four plump anchovies, the quality found in bottles from Italy (not the skinny, hairy-looking specimens typically growing atop a pizza). He mashed them with a fork in the bottom of the big wooden salad bowl, the whole time talking and seeking our approval. Next came the condiments and the yolk of a coddled egg (boiled two minutes to kill any salmonella bacteria). Finally, he swirled in a rain of grated cheese, olive oil, and red wine vinegar. Think of it as an anchovy-Parmesan aioli dressing.

"Do you like it stiff, or I can lighten it up with more oil?" Juan asked. We wanted it thick.



Fluffing up a white linen towel — poof! — he revealed a bowlful of romaine leaves. In went homemade croutons from the bottom shelf, more Parmesan, and presto change-o, we had a genuine Caesar salad. The anchovy flavor was subtle

but unmistakable, and the ample quantity of cheese fit right in, without upsetting the balance. "How is it?" Juan asked. "Mmm," I purred, mouth full. "Yeah, it's a lot bet-

ter made fresh than when the dressing comes from a can," he said. If you want to try it at home, kids, there's a printed brochure on each table that includes the recipe.

Looking over the appetizer list, we passed on the shrimp cocktail (been there) and crab cake (done that) but were curious about escargots Alfredo. More than curious — I haven't tasted an Alfredo in 20-odd years, ever since the Food Police called it "a heart attack on a plate." We ordered the snails and were offered a choice of preparation: traditional garlic butter or special house Alfredo. "Have it your own way" seems to be LG's' motto; we were given options for nearly every dish. The escargots, served in a steel snail cocotte, ranged from tender to slightly tough (but none rubbery). The Alfredo sauce was scary-rich, but a few teaspoons under six little gastropods let you revisit the forbidden

food without drowning in it. The dish came with garlic toast for dipping — good toast and a good match.

A Portobello mushroom topped with crab offered no optional variations and no thrills. The crabs that LG's uses are a combination of sweet Dungeness and lackluster Snowflake. The crabmeat was served in a thin. red, creamy sauce, decorated with useless carrot curls that replaced the menu's promised sweet red peppers. We all found the taste flat, despite a touch of cavenne.

As you'd guess, multiple choices abound when it comes to beef. The menu offers nine different cuts of steak, plus surf and turf (filet with lobster tail) and prime rib roast. A chart defines each degree of doneness from "Black and Blue" through "Medium Well." It includes the printed

LG's Prime Steakhouse

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Steakhouse fare with token fowl and seafood entrées. Everything à la carte; all beef Prime grade. Long, serious wine list (mainly Californian), scanty by the glass, not much by the bottle for under \$50, though some extravagant mature reds are barely over retail prices. Corkage \$20. Full bar. PICK HITS: Caesar salad, dry-aged Porterhouse steaks, creamed spinach.

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warning: "Not responsible for steaks ordered Well Done." As in: "Why bother us if you want to eat your shoe?

We chose "Iewel in the Crown," a 20-ounce bone-in Porterhouse that's dry-aged on the premises for 15 days. (See "About LG's' Beef" in the box below to learn about meat-aging.) For doneness, we chose "Rare Charred," cool and red in the center, with the exterior charred under the 1300? broiler. It was a truly fabulous hunk of beef — two inches thick, with tender, well-marbled, full-flavored meat under a dark-brown salt-and-pepper crust. "This meat is more flavorful than what I remember at Morton's or Ruth's Chris," said Sam. Oddly, the flesh was salty all the way through, perhaps a concentra-



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tion of natural sodium that can develop during dry-aging.

The boneless prime rib roast is wet-aged, so its flavor is less intensely beefy than the "Iewel." The thick-cut (twoinch) meat is nonetheless tender. although our piece was mediumrare (rosy) rather than rare as ordered, and hence less juicy than we'd hoped. The roast comes with the customary horseradish sauce and au jus.

Every steakhouse must include a few bones to toss to non-beefeaters. The featured alternative is rack of lamb (market price), served Midwestern style with old-fashioned mint ielly. I didn't try it, but I know this isn't the kind of place to mess with such new-age fripperies as, say, rosemarylemongrass crusts.

The other choices consist of roasted chicken breast, fried shrimp, and a couple of fresh fishes of the day (halibut and

salmon that evening), baked or "Cajun." "Salmon," said my partner. "Baked." Our fish was purportedly peak-season wild Alaskan King, which, alas, tasted more mild than wild. Topped with dried parsley flakes for looks and garlic-butter sauce for flavor, the fillet was baked with such care that its rosepink flakes were translucent. Alongside was a ramekin of Hollandaise sauce that stayed liquid as it cooled, even when I stashed the leftovers in the fridge. It finally congealed after 24 hours, but the colloid tasted less like true butter-based Hollandaise than lemon-spiked "heart-healthy"

butter/oleo spread. The same was true of the watery Béarnaise sauce that we ordered à la carte with the steak. Both were clearly made from scratch, but based on weirdly lightened-up recipes — all in all, not satisfying enough to merit the extra two bucks.

As at all steakhouses, your main dishes contain only a slab of protein. If you want something more, it's a separate order. We chose LG's' creamed

spinach, which took some getting used to because the greens were mature and chewy, not the usual baby-leaf purée. Since the thick cream sauce is topped with melted Parmesan, the more we ate, the more we welcomed a firm texture that stood up to the dairy fats. Assorted mushrooms (cremini, oyster, shiitake) came thickly sliced and sautéed with garlic butter, but were somehow less rewarding than they sounded.

The wine list has won Wine Spectator awards, and part of its allure is the inclusion of mature French Bordeaux and California cabernets, some bottled as long as 20 years ago. These cost an arm and a leg, and on occasion all four limbs and a chunk of torso, but their prices are close to retail (compared to the usual 200-plus percent markup) — probably because this long-established restaurant chain bought them young and affordable, and cellared them until ripe and exorbitant. But there are also decent buys and good quaffs in the \$40-\$60 range.

The dessert menu is a

desert, with outsourced sweets so klutzy I didn't even average them into the restaurant's rating. A thick-crusted key lime tartlet was filled with a substance resembling lime-flavored toothpaste. The best part of the warm apple pie was the "à la mode" of McConnell's vanilla ice cream. The white chocolate macadamia cheesecake was okay, if exhaustingly sweet. But who needs dessert after huge helpings of Prime meat, anyway? Enough is enough!

ABOUT LG'S BEEF

The only grade of beef served at LG's Prime Steakhouses is Prime — the top USDA grade. Prime has the most marbling: The meat is crisscrossed with tiny, barely-visible veins of fat, which melt into the flesh as it cooks, lending rich flavor and a tender texture. Your arteries don't want you to eat this every day, but it's a spectacular indulgence.

Each location of LG's has its own in-house butchers. The company buys whole rib-loin beef subprimals — essentially. the best parts of the top half of a steer. Butchers cut them on the premises and age them for at least 15 days. Most of the cuts are wet-aged, but the Porterhouse sections are separated for dry-aging. The Porterhouses are available on the menu as a fat-rimmed 30-ounce "Gold Strike 49'er" cut (\$54.49) and a 20-ounce "Jewel in the Crown" (market price, currently \$43.95).

Any aging process tenderizes beef, but different processes change the flavor. Dry-aging consists of hanging the meat uncovered in a temperature-controlled meat locker. Contact with air makes the meat shrink, and its surface dries out until black. As the beef shrinks, its flavors grow concentrated, "beefy," and faintly nutty. Before the meat is cooked, the butcher has to trim off the ugly-looking crust. That, combined with the shrinkage, makes the meat more expensive per pound. Dry-aging also requires a lot of physical space, another reason few meat purveyors still do it. Such beef is now a luxury item. so hard to find that few Americans have ever tasted it.

In wet-aging, large cuts of

meat are thoroughly sheathed in air-proof plastic. They, too, are hung in a climate-controlled locker, growing tender — but without the air and the shrinkage, the flavor grows no richer.

A recent variant of wetaging is Cryovac-aging, a process that's popular among the meatcutting and mail-order giants of the Midwest. There, the ribloins of freshly slaughtered cattle are cut into individual steaks and roasts, vacuumpacked in thick plastic shrink wrap, and frozen. The meat slowly ages inside the frozen pack, often growing remarkably tender but no more flavorful. (In fact, Cryo meats often taste insipid.) When aging is complete, the company ships the frozen meat to the purchasers (commercial meat purveyors, restaurant supply houses, and large restaurants.) The advantage is that Cryovacaged meats are easier and less expensive to send across the country than beef aged by the other two methods. Happily, LG's doesn't use Cryovac beef. but ages its own meats the two old-fashioned ways. ■

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Hyena Pie

"Now I have you in my power. You will do everything I say, capeesh?

ospital meals? I'm giving them a second It happened like this: Carla had insisted —

- that we go to Coronado. "Friends," she said, in that way that toldme these friends were about 20 kudos-levels above us.

"They're lovely people," she said. "Have this lovely place. Travertine marble floors.

Like the clack-clack-when-youwalk-on-it type of marble?"

"Bedford, Bedford, has it been that long since you've enjoyed the privilege of marble beneath your

We walked up to the door, knocked, saw that big smile of the "friend" who'd done well. Remembering it now, the next part goes slo-mo. Ever the gallant, I motioned to Carla, "You go first, Milady." And that's when it happened. She turned to give me a "Thank you, Jeeves" kind of smile, then turned back, caught her right toe on the threshold, and ... ker-blam!

I couldn't believe it. Carla was down. Howling. Something about her arm, and her leg.

Fast-forward. She's looking up at me from a Sharp Coronado Hospital bed, while I'm trying not to say, "See what happens when you visit somebody with Travertine floors?"

She knows what's coming. "One word, Bedford and I'll...

"Heh heh," I say. "Now I have you in my power. You will do everything I say, capeesh?"

But the poor girl's in pain. Real pain. "Cut to the chase, Bedford. You want my meal, right?

As it happens, there is this tray of, like, health drinks, coffee, fruit, a dinner roll, and a big mystery meal under a green plastic-plate cover. The plate un-

derneath seems to float in hot water.

"Well, just to help you out, sweetheart. Why don't I play father and feed you. 'Here comes the choo-choo train!' One mouthful, then daddy takes one to show it's okay. Okay?"

"Have it, have it. You're such a gent. God, this hurts." She turns to

the nurse. "Get me some morphine, for Chrissakes!" I see a menu on the tray. "Lunch," I read out. "Calorie controlled. Please circle your selection."

There's an appetizer of either turkey rice soup or tossed garden salad. Under the green crown is either a BBQ chopped-beef sandwich or a chicken pot pie, or a chicken-salad sandwich. The "Vegetables and Starches" section says we're getting "oven-roasted potato wedges" and green peas or Italian mixed vegetables.

Not bad by half. Particularly after all the running 'round I've been doing, finding Carla's toothbrushes and brushes and — can you believe it? — the makeup she's insisted that I bring from home. I am one hongry Man Friday.

I take the lid off the main dish. It's the chicken pot pie. They must have circled it for her. Pity. I was hoping for the BBQ beef. But no way am I going to ask for returns.

I roll the whole tray-trolley affair over Carla's bed. I'm about to start that stupid "choo-choo" routine when I see sweat beads on her forehead. Oh man, she's hurting.
"Get it out of here. I can't eat."

I pull the tray back. But...someone has to honor this meal. So I shake up the bottle of Boost, a vitamin concoction, and give it a try. Vanillerish, milky. Not bad. Down in two glugs. Then I take the plastic lid off the little mug of turkey rice soup. Mmm. Honest, momsy nourishment. And yes, with that first scoop

of chicken pot pie, I do feel like a scavenging hyena.
Ohmygod. "Sweetheart. You've got to try this! It's grrr-eat! Chicken, carrots, spuds, peas...I dunno. Maybe it's the combo. Or maybe it's the"—I read from the menu—" 'creamy poultry gravy.' Whatever, it's terrific."

It really is. I can imagine some white wine in this little sucker.

'Give me one spoonful," says Carla.

"Okay. Here comes the choo-choo..."

"Can it, Bedford!"

But she takes the spoonful. For a moment, her eyes go soft. "Not bad. Jeez. First decent hospital food in my life, and you get to eat it. You have all the luck."

In a way she's right, because in the days since,

I've come for breakfast, lunch, and dinner — just to help her out, you understand, Carla doesn't get more than half down — and the food is always pretty good. Like, yesterday's breakfast was a banana, cranberry juice, oatmeal, scrambled eggs on English muffin with, okay, margarine, and cawfee, Carla doesn't get more than half down. Dinner last night was cracked pepper Parmesan chicken breast with oregano, basil, and olive oil. Darned tasty morsel. Dessert was a fine angel food cake and fresh fruit. Sometimes it's a little stark, like the chicken faiita, which wasn't bad, but we should have had the Yankee pot roast. But, sigh, it's Carla's choice — she's the patient.

'Bedford," she said, after the little discussion we had over her picking the fajitas, "if I wasn't in love with you, I'd suspect you were only being this attentive to get free meals.'

'Course I fell back in shock. Though, actually, we've eaten here before, downstairs at Cathie's Place, the open-to-the-public staff cafeteria. I'd heard it was run by Marriott. Well, turns out the whole hospital is fed by Marriott. That explains a lot.

Only two problems now: one, Carla's getting her appetite back — my portions are shrinking like an African watering hole in adrought; and two, as soon as she gets out, guess who's gonna have to cook from here to kingdom come?

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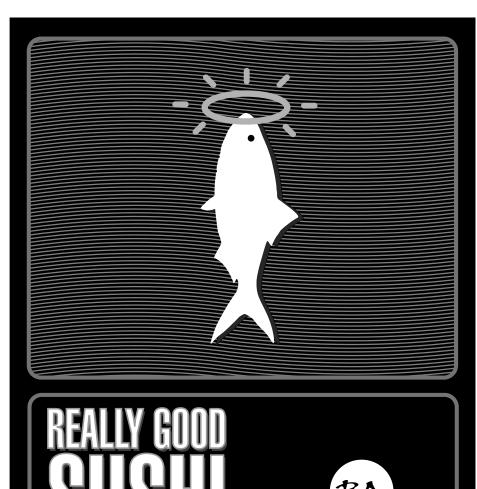
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"What had I accomplished in a life as brief as the turn of a screw?"

idway through a bonny career that I had plied,

I found myself lost, not (of course) in a copse of new wood,

But rather, I awoke to grasp that I had put a great dream aside.

So begins Part 1 (*The Vinferno*) of the *Da Vino Commedia* by Al Dente Allegory. Mr. Allegory bears more than a passing resemblance to one Randall Grahm, master punster and proprietor of the increasingly esoteric Bonny Doon wine empire. This is not entirely

surprising; I discovered *De Canto I–V* of the book masquerading as the first part of Bonny Doon's spring newsletter. The *Commedia* is, says Grahm, an honest(ish) account of "my own personal crisis. Whither Bonny Doon? Whither Randall? Will I ever find a way of doing the things that really, truly satisfy my soul?"

At first, our narrator is confused about what those things are. At first, he fears only for "what might remain when I was bonny no more." He has had fun, scored well enough, and become a jack of many wines, if master of none. (The section of the newsletter actually devoted to wines offers tasting notes on some 25 bottlings — California, France, and Italy; Zinfandel, Mourvedre, Moscato.) Still, he wonders, "What had I accomplished in a life as brief as the turn of a screw?" (Well, the mainstreaming of screwcaps — but he

knows that. Hence the pun. Also, perhaps, the mainstreaming of dry pink wine in the US, via his Vin Gris de Cigare. And...oh, enough.)

But fame is only the shadow of the immortality he seeks. After avoiding the Giant Southern Leop-

ard (heh), the Yellow Tailed Lion (heh heh), and even the Spectacular She-Wolf (oh, very sly), he runs into M. André Noblet, "the legendary cellarmaster of DRC." Domaine Romanée-Conti is the holy of holies for Pinot Noir, and Pinot Noir is the reason Grahm got into winemaking — the great dream he had put aside.

Deep in my bones was a feeling that was haunting.

"Where then are you taking me, cher maître?"
"You wish to master pinot, to ascend the steepst mountain?

"The way up is the way doon, peut-être."
These words had a rather harrowing effect.
I steeled myself for great pain, torture, anguish, etc.

And rightly so. Noblet warns our poet/wine-maker about the perils of chasing fame:

"You shall hear the anguished cries and moans From those who sought to make wines très flatteurs,

Producers of all ilk: burgs and clarets, Rhones... For them the highest point score was all that mattered. What availeth a score of ninety-five

When one loseth one's soil and a sense of place is shattered?"

The sense of place, the soil — Grahm's real terror is never finding *terroir*. As Noblet puts it:

"It is the rare epiphanous moment that we must glean,

When we somehow become more than mere vignerons

And instead become the content of the Great Terroir's inspired dream."

Now that's immortality, and it's what Grahm has decided to pursue. "I feel at this point, I do need — at the minimum — to make a wine that expresses terroir. Or at least to make an effort to do so. I may or may not succeed, but I will make a sincere effort."

That's strong talk coming from Grahm. Lawrence Osborne's book *The Accidental Connoisseur* came out in 2004; in it, Grahm sets himself up against Ridge Vineyards's Paul Draper, whom he terms "the apostle of *terroir*. Its high priest in America. I'm his opposite because I'm the agnostic of *terroir*. I'm like the agnostic who's agonized by the absence of God. I *wish* we had *terroir*. But we don't. I'd like to make a *terroir* wine before I die. But who knows if I will?"

Back then, he talked about the ridiculous expense of getting a vineyard to give up its *geist*: "Helen Turley tells me that it costs \$60,000 to make a *terroir* wine. Low yields, withholding water — it's ruinous for us, impossible. And you're spending all this money with no certain outcome, on land with no history." Back then, he was talking about micro-oxygenation as a way of getting wines to *imitate* the spirit of place. "It extracts a sort of pseudo-*terroir* out of the grape. Because, you see, we can get everything out of the grape, everything, even if we don't have deep minerality from a complex soil."



But back then, reports Osborne, he was also "still looking for the Holy Grail of *terroir!*" Still looking for "that special *place.*" All it took was the discovery of a limestone-rich mountain vineyard and a guided tour of Vinferno, the wine hell, to set his feet back on the true path.







It is, naturally, the road less traveled by. "Most people really don't care about terroir,' says Grahm. "They want the wine to taste good." The two are of course not mutually exclusive, but if all you care about is the latter, you may find yourself sacrificing the former. "Robert Parker certainly doesn't care about terroir. Wine Spectator certainly doesn't care. They want it to taste a certain way, to conform to their image of what excellent wine should taste like."

And here is where the theology of hell gets complicated. De Canto V sees the poet wandering among the analogues of Dante's virtuous pagans good men who never received the grace of Christ and so remain in a place of natural, but not supernatural, happiness. **Explains Noblet:**

This is Wine Limbo, where reside the brilliant vignerons of

Masters who came B.S. (Be*fore Spectation)*

And were never awarded a numerical score.

By that account, the advent of point-scoring is what made salvation possible. "It's not a perfect conceit," admits Grahm, "but it's interesting in the sense that I truly believe that the wine industry underwent this kind of tragic occurrence very similar to the fall of man. Adam ate of the tree of knowledge." The wine industry ate of the tree of self-knowledge as Grahm puts it, "acute self-

consciousness. Sometime in the '70s, we lost that naïveté, that amateur enthusiasm. It became a business. The problem with that was that there was so much money involved that nobody wanted to screw it up. So you had this agonizing self-consciousness, the development of consultants, the rising importance of critics to validate what a winemaker is doing.

"I think it led to a loss of authenticity to the products we're making. We're no longer pleasing ourselves." And that's a mighty inclusive "we" Grahm names names, the Bordeaux big guns: "Margaux doesn't taste like Margaux, Pauillac doesn't taste like Pauillac, St. Estephe doesn't taste like St. Estephe. Everything kind of tastes like puréed mush. Everything is overextracted. Chateau Pavie tastes like Port, and Parker gives it a 98 or a 97 or whatever he gave it. I don't think Wine Spectator created this; I think \overline{W} ine Spectator is more of a symptom of when people started thinking of wine in this highly competitive way.'

But then — O Happy Fault! — the fall is what occasioned the redemption. "Salvation, I think, is individuals developing the self-confidence to produce wines to please themselves. God knows it's hard. There's a real concentration of distribution channels. Everybody wants to fit in; everyone wants to have a commercial product. But if everyone is producing the same product, how can anyone

stand out?" Perhaps with a little amateur enthusiasm. Perhaps with a mad personal quest for terroir. Perhaps Grahm will tackle Don Ouixote next. ■

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 vear-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Mid-dle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish ke bab 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 rose water syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Ar-

menian 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 beau tiful, 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, nongreasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsita. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of shortgrain 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 covdards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "lo-cal food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch 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 wholewheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the gar lic 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 din-

bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02) St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise.

ner (steamed banana squash with corn

bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out

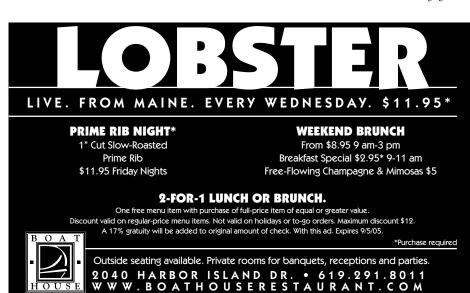
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andwiches run to hearty American clas sics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twiste on lean charles in the state of the sta than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The shel-tered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a sep-arate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. In-— 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 ba-con, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open breakfast and lunch; closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cui-*sine which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culi-nary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant" — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and









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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 tchen 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 coffeeshop 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), Ran cho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. This very pretty restaurant in an attractive Asianthemed mini-mall offers South Viet-namese specialties rarely found in the North Inland area. Not all dishes on the lengthy menu are equally successful, though. Among the best are the "royal egg roll" wrapped around a shrimp, the pineapple-sweetened "tangy and sour" soups, the tender roast Cornish hen with Five Spices seasoning and the catfish clay pot with herbs. The crêpes are a good bet, too. In salads and stir-fried dishes. though, the kitchen may overcook red meats until tough, and sauces can be heavy with cornstarch. Incidentally, don't look for *pho* on the dinner menu — it's served at lunch only. Numerous vegetarian choices. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/03)

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The set-ting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acresincluding 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 stoneground 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 creampainted 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-foothigh 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 — F. 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. (405)

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 *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sundried 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 umbrellashaded 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 mixand-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)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying not to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Iolla Village Driv 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 pre-cisely 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 mush-rooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheese-cake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — N.W. (9/02)



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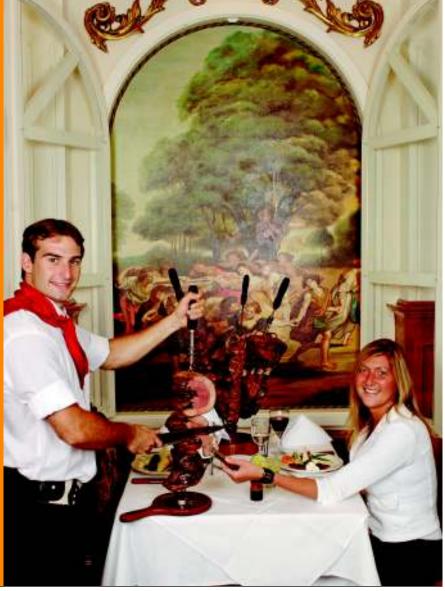
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Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's ei-ther frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mush rooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mush-rooms, 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 bargainpriced three-course prix fixe "sunset din-ners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. -

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 bar-becues 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 smal 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 multiregional, 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 money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The ex-emplary 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 sandsalmon, 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, ver, garbanzo beans, and mush rooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romp-

ing in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Ko rean 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 pota-toes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (yukhwoe). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — M.N. (12/99)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W. (8/99)

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread - it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. *E.B.* (10/01)

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive covering SoCal basics (excellent mahimahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's toute suite. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne beurre blanc sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — S.M. (9/04)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *ca*marones 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 afford-able, 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)

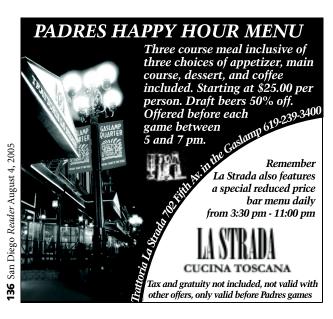
Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass looka-likes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, 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 phe-nomenon. 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), Pa-cific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California com fort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with some-thing for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmos-phere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/03)

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.







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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 memora-bilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weedends. Inexpensive.

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (been 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)

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego

2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded. painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies coleslaw, a roll, and dessert—like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Ave nue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Prepara

tions 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 iiama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — M.N. (8/99)

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *in* jera, 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 a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalepeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is

open. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02) **Stone Ground Coffee Works** 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-698-4217. If the odd ghost doesn't bother you, this light-fare eatery (located beneath a reputed ex-house of joy) is a great place to bring your book or lap-top, 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 dving to meet you. Breakfast and lunch daily except Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/04)

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard,

College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

Village Garden Restaurant and **Bakery** 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sand-

wiches, 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 takehome 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 lo-cal 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)

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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 ele-phant 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 fla-

vors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific hous 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. Me-tered 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, tandoorbaked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their sag paneer — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu say, a creamy tikka masala with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — E.B. (4/03)

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos* cuitlacoche, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

El 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 di-vine. 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 rawbeany intensity. Less heavenly: seasor ings (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, slowcooked 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 Ar-

menian and comes with a live mesquite fire to cook everything from corn on the cob to afi (ground beef with onions, tomato, parsley, and garlic). Shrimp, mahi, salmon, filet mignon, and chicken are served up on beds of rice, in wraps, or on salads, along with "Mediter-ranean" standards like hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabbouleh. Don't leave without trying the delicious corn, cooked directly on the embers. Lunch and dinner seven days; closes at 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/04)

Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Also at 906 Market Street, Gaslamp, 619-595-0115. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegetarian-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve chargrilled 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 – so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate regetarian 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, Pakistan, 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 suberb 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 $3701\,\mathrm{In}$ dia Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bareboard floors, diamond lead-glass win-dows, 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 pick-led 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. Sun-day's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub in-cludes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — EB (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 re-fined 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)

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Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, ntown, 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 no dud. Chet-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 pro-duce 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, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. - M.N. (10/98)

Fleming's Steak House & Wine **Bar** 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girl's" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bor-



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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 starving students. But it's easy to tell taste like home cooking (best predered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special 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

George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steak-house 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 rabbited and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioneers on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks (and roast beef on weekends), some of it at jaw-dropping prices — al-though entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are nonbeef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini, oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at nor-Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly, Expensive to extreme — NW(3/04)

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Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her

original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood mixto, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake flautas). The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate: dinner: moderate to expensive. — A.M. (11/02)

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clap board house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house made menudo (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — E.B. (11/00)

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (3/00)

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are 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 Orleansstyle cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding over ter 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-vourself iambalava 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 I Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with nu-merous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompanin Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs.

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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 show-cases 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 sautée 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

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honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honeybasil 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 break-fast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Chula Vista Farmers' Market Cen ter Street (between Del Mar and 3rd), Chula Vista, 619-237-1632. Most folks come here for flowers, fruit, lucky bam-boo, 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 flamin gos 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 nicoise 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 bonein filet mignon with black pepper zin-fandel 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 cabbagy-gravy smell tell you this is a cold weather comfort-food station. They're generous with dishes like meat loaf, stuffed cabbage, and roast chicken. The counter guys also make hot sandwiches (pastrami, corned beef, beef brisket, barbecued chicken) or cold (honey-cured ham, roast beef, tuna). Best deal? For many, the roasted turkey. A fresh-cooked bird arrives every evening except Sunday. Come right after 4 p.m. to get first carvings and tons of fixin's. Prices? For Coronado, pretty



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Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 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 traf-fic. 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 *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine parril lada (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 Ave 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 guvs 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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Cafe Français La Belle Claude Calle Galeana #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most French-like *patisserie* of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully var-nished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as Le Croque Monsieur (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham,

grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and salade niçoise (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a Provençal omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriquez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. -E.B. (5/02)

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 gi-ant 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 no gada (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and ten-der, 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. through di 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 jokev staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghastly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

Hacienda de la Tia Juana Canaco Building, next to the Wax Museum, Avenida México (First Street), at Madero, downtown Tijuana. The elegance of this place, named after a border rancho, is a bit of a surprise. It's slap-dab in the middle of raucous (now-pedestrianized) First Street (also known as Avenida México), the route for those of us who have to walk from the border, surrounded by taco and beer joints eager to relieve you of your last buck. But here, under white umbrellas in the courtyard, you wouldn't be ashamed to bring your grandma. It's all filigreed wrought iron, triple-tier fountain, pigskin barrel chairs, quality flatware — with good value meals. A chorizo and potato omelet makes a great breakfast, as does the *poblano* omelet with chili and corn Lunch and dinner food is *bistec ranchero* standard, but don't get picky. You're here for the feeling, to escape TJ as much as to visit it. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez), Río District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old lot) seems dated, but two-de-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 fettuc-cine "a la Gorvachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature salsa blanca. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. – *E.B.* (12/04)

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 carnivo-rous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a carne asada burrito and other border food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. E.B. (8/02)

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday

Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple - just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," "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 in-door-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 Broad-way 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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The deadpan detachment of Bill Murray is a perfect match for that of his director.

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

'm not much of a Jim Jarmusch fan. Check that. Not anything of a Jim Jarmusch fan. More of a Jim Jarmusch bare tolerator. But *Broken Flowers*, his latest and surely his mainstreamiest, gave me a lot of laughs, even

allowing that the first of those was a laugh at his pretentiousness, a laugh at his opening dedication of the film to Jean

Eustache. It is doubtful whether many of his really rabid fans will recognize the name of the French film aficionado, ascetic aesthete, Cahiers du Cinéma groupie, unprolific director of The Mother and the Whore and a few others, a suicide at the age of forty-two, or whether they will be moved hereafter to investigate his oeuvre, or whether that in turn can shed much light on Jarmusch's own oeuvre, any more than was shed by his earlier salute, for example, to Yasujiro Ozu. Still, it can do no harm to point his followers in that direction, though it can do less good than to point them in Ozu's. The latter grants access to a busier road.

The pretension does not stop there. It persists, more or less throughout, in the *cinéma d'ennui* pacing, and rears up with a vengeance in the deliberately

dissatisfying ending. In a race between tortoise and tortoise, Jarmusch might have some difficulty crossing the finish line behind Antonioni in his prime, or kicking up quite so thick a cloud of mystification. But it would be short

odds. Laughs are laughs, nonetheless, and once they have fought through the pretentiousness, they cannot be wiped

off the scoreboard. (Another impediment to be fought through, another potential wet blanket, is an image a shade or two dark and dreary.) The idea of the film is a simple one and an immediately appealing one. We start with "an over-the-hill Don Juan" (words of a huffily departing girlfriend) by the name of Don Johnston ("with a 't'," he must frequently tell skeptical new acquaintances), a man of leisure who made a bundle in computers. More precisely, we start, in straightforward brass-tacks manner, with a pink envelope dropped by an anonymous hand into an anonymous mailbox outside an anonymous post office, followed through the sorting process, onto an airplane, into the bag of a pedestrian carrier, and through the slot in the front door of our Don

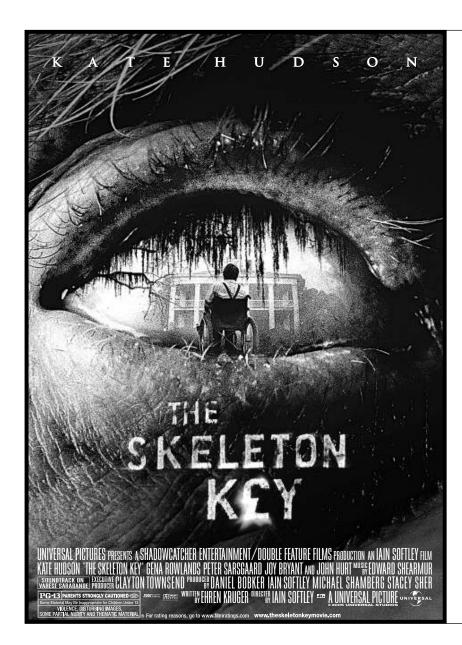


Broken Flower

Juan, as he sits on his couch watching — what else? — *The Private Life of Don Juan* on his plasma television. The envelope contains an unsigned typewritten letter from a former lover, informing him that he has a nineteenyear-old son bent on tracking him down. At the urging of his mysterybuff neighbor (an unlikely neighbor in

so swanky a suburb, a West Indian family man with three menial jobs and more than that many children), he draws up a list of possible suspects from the pertinent time period — a list of five, one now deceased, scattered across the country, as revealed through a search of the Internet — and sets out to track them down, pre-emp-

tively, and to smoke out the source of the letter. Counseled by the mystery buff to keep an eye peeled for clues in pink, he will find the color everywhere he goes: pink chairs, pink earrings, pink bathrobe, pink business card, pink typewriter (ah-ha!), etc. And can it be a mere coincidence that the dead dog of one of his exes will have the



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same name — Winston — as the mystery buff himself?

The itinerary of our amateur sleuth leads to a broad spectrum of people and places, and in between, to some invigorating on-the-road shots through a rental-car windshield. Put more pretentiously, it adds up to a tour of Paths Not Taken, a graph of Life's Changes. "When we were together, you were so passionate about becoming a lawyer," he marvels to the one who has become instead a selfstyled Animal Communicator. With only a little effort, we can imagine Woody Allen coming up with such an idea and going to town with it. We cannot quite imagine, these days, that the idea would have turned out this funny; that he would actually have gotten anywhere near to town with it. The deadpan detachment of Bill Murray, of whom I am not much of a fan either, is a perfect match for that of his director; and the humor comes through as less strained, or less buried

under pretension, than normal for Jarmusch, even in his hitherto best efforts (Stranger Than Paradise, Mystery Train). It sprouts, it blooms, it flowers out of the gaps, the schisms, the chasms between people; and even a peripheral pair of girlish chatterboxes on an airport shuttle - never to be seen again — can make a generous contribution to it. After Murray, a minimal reactor, a frosty mirror, a cautious counterpuncher, the most generous contributor is Jeffrey Wright as the nudging neighbor. But all of the prime suspects (Sharon Stone, Frances Conroy, Jessica Lange, Tilda Swinton) and their nearest and dearest (Alexis Dziena, an uninhibited nymphet christened Lolita and blissfully ignorant of her literary namesake; Christopher McDonald, a hail-fellow hubby; Chloë Sevigny, a lesbian yet again) have their own contributions to make: distant worlds in widening orbits. You are free, once the closing credits are rolling, to pursue the mystery into the trackless recesses of the human heart. the enigmatic ego, the predestined identity. But you will then have to leave behind the laughs that made the trip pleasurable.

Lila Says has some good local color,

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notwithstanding the warping wideangle lenses, of an Arab suburb of Paris in the post-9/11 era. The breathy, blond, angelic temptress who moves into the neighborhood with her narrow-minded, broad-hipped guardian would not be part of that palette. Her relationship with the sensitive one in a gang of four (the would-be writer and never-been reader: "It's amazing how long it takes to write. I had no idea") progresses rather slowly after the strong come-on of their first encounter — "Do you want to see my pussy?" — and her delivery on her offer. That and the dragged-out tease thereafter (tactfully depicted by director Ziad Doueiri) register as moderately hot on the erotic thermometer. The brutal heart-tugging of the climactic plot turns can be resisted not so much on emotional grounds as on logical ones. They don't follow.

November, an alternative-reality exercise written by Benjamin Brand and directed and edited by Greg Harrison, offers up three different versions of a convenience-store stickup, padded out at barely over an hour in running time. The bottom-drawer digital photography looks as if you forgot to remove your sunglasses on entering the theater. Courteney Cox, who does not have much of a big-screen career going, settles for a big part in a puny picture. It should get her nowhere.

Murderball, co-directed by Henry Alex Rubin and Dana Adam Shapiro, is a higgledy-piggledy video documentary on the Paralympic sport of wheelchair rugby, a/k/a quadriplegic rugby, a/k/a murderball. We don't learn much about the sport itself (basic rules of play, coaching strategies, etc.), and the game footage doesn't give us much feel for the flow of the action. It's just score, score, score: a highlight reel. But then again, this is more a human story than a sports story, and we learn a lot about the people: their personal histories, the rehab process, sexuality, and above all the

fierce rivalry between the U.S. national team and the Canadian, coached by a disaffected former American star by the name of Joe Soares ("How does it feel to betray your country, man?"), who will suffer a heart attack in preparation for the Athens games, only a temporary setback. There are moments of such touching intimacy—Soares's unathletic viola-playing son brightening up when his father arrives late to a school concert, or the consoling of players by their wives and girlfriends after a big loss—that you must struggle not to avert your eyes.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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À Tout de Suite — A lethargic on-thelam thriller revolving around a blond nineteen-year-old Parisienne who, smitten by the dark lean chiselled Arabic good looks of a secretive stranger, stands by him after he takes part in a fatal bank robbery. Or rather, runs alongside him. To Spain, to Morocco, to Greece. Set in 1975 (for truestory reasons), it is shot in murky, gray, grainy black-and-white, with archival inserts even grayer and grainier. You see so few films in black-and-white these days. you hate to see a bad advertisement for it. Yet you must give thanks for whatever you get in that vein, even if you must mumble them. With Isild Le Besco, Ouassini Embarek, Nicolas Duvauchelle, Laurence Cordier; directed by Benoit Jacquot. 2004. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 8/4)

Bad News Bears — The remake of *The Bad News Bears*, minus the definite article, plugs in Billy Bob Thornton in the Walter Matthau part, a former professional baseball player and current full-time drunk, enlisted to coach a team of Little League rejects (now sponsored not by Chico's Bail Bonds, though that establishment gets a

passing glance, but by Bo-Peep's Gentlemen's Club, also supplying cheerleaders). This substitution serves the experimental purpose of measuring how well the comedy will hold up when all charm and charisma are removed from the lead role, leaving the kids in the care of Bad Santa: "You guys look like the last shit I took." The results would be of no interest whatsoever were it not for the shock value of having Richard Linklater, the "Rohmer-esque" director of Before Sunrise and Before Sunset, at the helm. (Did he willingly consent to the reuse of themes from Bizet's Carmen straight from the 1976 original — for "humorous" counterpoint?) Of course some of the shock will have been absorbed beforehand by his middle-of-the-road School of Rock. But only some. Greg Kinnear, Marcia Gay Harden, Sammi Kane Kraft, Jeffrey Davies. 2005.

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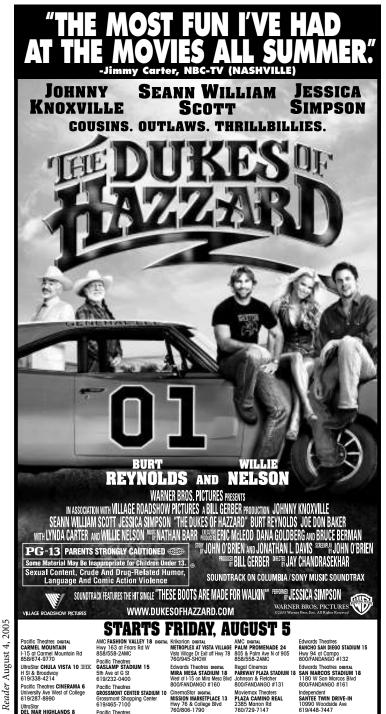
Batman Begins — With a new director (Christopher Nolan) and a new star (Christian Bale), the fifth entry in the Batman series, true to its title, returns to square one: how and why Bruce Wayne came to be Batman; the psychological root of his fixation on flying mammals; the part this played in his guilt over his parents' murder; in short, the logic, the reasoning, behind the selection of his chiropteran crime-fighting persona. Think of it, more exactly, as Batman Starts Over or Batman Backs Up. Think of it, in other words, as a prequel. The starting-over will naturally mean that the storytelling takes a good long time to get to the Batsuit, the Batcave, the Batmobile, and all the appurtenances. But the starting-over also means, not so naturally, a new intensity, a new purpose, a new attitude, a straighter face. All this intensity, etc., cuts two ways: it lends a degree of conviction to the goings-on, and yet it risks looking ridiculous once it runs into the Batsuit, the Batcave, etc. Can an air of seriousness feasibly be sustained? (For all his lack of 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. ★★ (ENCINITAS 8; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Beat That My Heart Skipped —

Jacques Audiard's dishevelled remake of Fingers improves on James Toback's all-thumbs rendition. Not hard to do. The unglittering star, Romain Duris, is ugly-handsome in the Belmondo mold, his teeth barely fitting into his mouth; and he manages to make the protagonist — a man torn between a life of petty crime and a life of classical piano, between the influences of his father and mother, between the masculine and the feminine — seem as sympathetic as he is ridiculous. Not easy to do. With Niels Arestrup, Jonathan Zaccaï, Aure Atika, and Emmanuelle Devos. 2004.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 8/4)

The Beautiful Country — Pretty, for sure, in Stuart Dryburgh's glossy photography. A parentless Vietnamese peasant, shunned in his picturesque village as "bui doi" ("less than dust," the term reserved for children of American fathers), tracks down his mother in the big city, where she works as a housemaid for an old crab who soon



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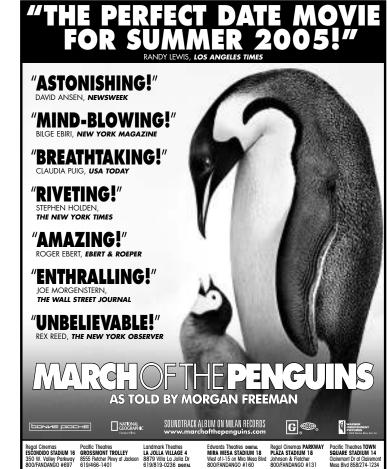
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slips on a puddle of water in slow-motion and cracks open her head, and then the hero's odyssey begins in earnest: to America the Beautiful in search of his father, through a Malaysian refugee camp, onto a slave ship bound for Manhattan, and finally hitchhiking on the road to Texas. Slow, quiet, pious, and a bit soppy. With Damien Nguyen, Bai Ling, Tim Roth, and Nick Nolte; directed by Hans Petter Moland.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 8/4)

Broken Flowers — Reviewed this issue. With Bill Murray, Jeffrey Wright, Sharon Stone, and Jessica Lange; written and directed by Jim Jarmusch.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 8/5)

Charlie and the Chocolate

Factory — Tim Burton's consolation prize for losing out on the Lemony Snicket concession (surely that had his name written on it) is a remake of the fractured fairy tale by Roald Dahl, a spindly little framework freighted with production values, CG imagery, and dark dense bordello color, like some scrawny four-foot scrub of a Christmas tree adorned with enough ornaments, lights, and tinsel for Rockefeller Center. (Proposed name change: Tim Burden.) The plot premise seems to combine the theme park and the reality show: an elimination game in Candy Land. Five lucky children, all of them horrid but one, win an opportunity to tour Willy Wonka's top-secret chocolate factory, in competition for an unspecified Grand Prize. Every time one of the horrid ones is bounced out (by some nonlethal but nauseating method), a chorus line of Munchkin-like midgets known as the Oompa Loompas comes out and does a musical number, combining Busby Berkeley and David Lynch. Further combinations: the reclusive chocolatier, in Johnny Depp's peculiar rendition, combines Mr. Rogers (mincing cadence) and Michael Jackson (pancake makeup), among others; and the titular little hero, the truly adorable Freddie Highmore, who played opposite Depp in Finding Neverland as well, combines Tiny Tim (poverty-line pathos) and perhaps Frodo the Hobbit (rodenty cuteness). All of these combinations and others (the "teleportation" of a candy bar into a TV set combines 2001 and The Fly, more specifically the sixtieth humorous usage of the opening notes of Also Sprach Zarathustra and the fortieth humorous usage of a high-pitched "Help me!") pile up, two by two, to produce an unsubsiding groan, arising either from the overtaxed framework or the overtaxed viewer. And the only respite from the ugly vulgarity of the décor comes from the prving impoliteness of the bulbous closeups. David Kelly, Helena Bonham Carter, Noah Taylor, Christopher Lee, Deep Rov. 2005.

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Cinderella Man — The story of heavy weight boxer James J. Braddock, the Bulldog of Bergen, the Pride of New Jersey, a working-class hero for real. It's something of a puzzle why his story had not been told on screen before, seeing as how we have it on the authority of Damon Runyon, who conferred on him the titular nickname, that no human-interest story in the entire history of boxing can compare with it. Runvon, 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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15)

Crash — Multicharacter tapestry of the seething melting pot of L.A., an object lesson on racial and ethnic stereotypes, attitudes, biases, tensions. The didactic impulse overrules good sense; a bigoted cop, for just one example, gives a hard time to a respectable black couple at the side of the road, and then both he and his bleedingheart partner have separate, life-and-death

very next day. Matt Dillon, Don Cheadle, and Jennifer Esposito stand out, among Sandra Bullock, Brendan Fraser, Terrence Howard, Thandie Newton, Ryan Phillippe, Larenz Tate, and Lucacris. Written and directed by Paul Haggis. 2005. ★ (LA PALOMA)

Dark Water — Yet another American remake of a Japanese horror film, but not, please, "just another." This atmospheric ghost story is more coherent, more cohesive, more cogent, than any Ring, any Grudge, any at all. It has a palpable theme, motherhood, and an evocative visual motif, water, and these have been worked out meticulously and efficiently in the screenplay of Rafael Yglesias. And the action is firmly ensconced in a specific locale, Roosevelt Island, formerly Welfare Island, a tram ride from the bright lights of Manhattan, but a world apart, a world enclosed, with its ugly, utilitarian high-rise apartments "in the Brutalist Style," exuding all the warmth and charm of the postwar Communist Bloc. So firmly and so specific, in fact, that the film decisively cuts itself free from its source. There is here a kind of Barton Fink feeling, practically a feeling of Repulsion, in the sheer physical oppression (the persistent rain, the low-watt lights, the balky elevator, the stain on the ceiling, the drip of oil-black water, the clump of hair coughed out of the bathroom faucet); and the cinematography of Affonso Beato (an Almodóvar man, plus Ghost World, most notably) admits as little color as possible, preferably gloomy, gray, greeny, yellowy, sickly color. The film would be sufficiently horrific even without the ghost, though it would then be missing two or three delectable frissons. Jennifer Connelly

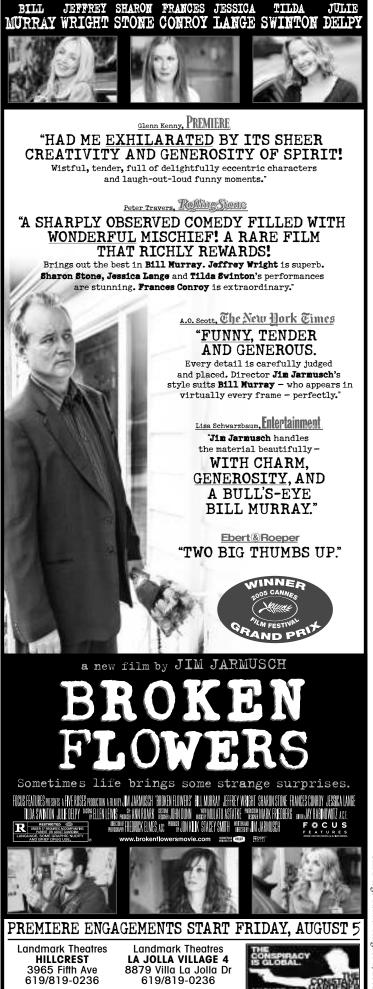
just the sort of person an actual ghost might choose to reach out to - plays, with fierce intensity, the unidealized mother who is trying very hard to surpass the very low standard set by her own mother, and not having an easy time of it. Being haunted by a ghost, needless to say, will not make it any easier, but will make it pro founder. With Ariel Gade, John C. Reilly, Pete Postlethwaite, Tim Roth, Dougray Scott; directed by Walter Salles. 2005. ★★★★ (GASLAMP 15: PALM PROMENADE 24: VOGUE)

The Devil's Rejects — Rob Zombie's followup to House of 1000 Corpses, with Sid Haig, Sheri Moon, Bill Moseley, and William Forsythe. (CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VAL-

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The Dukes of Hazzard — Johnny Knoxville, Seann William Scott, Jessica





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Simpson, and Willie Nelson in a big-screen version of the vintage TV series, directed by Iay Chandrasekhar.

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Fantastic Four — Namely, Mr. Fantastic (a sort of Plastic Man), the Human Torch (more like a Human Comet), the Invisible Woman (plain enough), and the Thing (a cross between the Incredible Hulk and the Golem). The slender storyline explains how they got to be so fantastic, and it then gives them little scope to explore their powers. Commonplace comic-book adaptation, campy and tacky. With Ioan Gruffudd, Chris Evans, Jessica Alba, and Michael Chiklis; directed by Tim Story. 2005.
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Happy Endings — Three interwoven plotlines with occasional points of intersec tion, one of them to do with the tested friendship between homosexual couples of opposite sexes, one to do with the boatrocking new female lead singer of a garage band, and one to do with a wannabe documentary filmmaker who focuses his camcorder on a Mexican immigrant sex worker. Children feature prominently in each line, not as actual presences, but as life choices, abstract concepts: the sperm-bank baby, the aborted baby, the adopted baby. The entire cast of characters, however

tasy finale reminiscent of Places in the Heart or Fellini's $8\frac{1}{2}$. Despite that stab at magnanimity, the film doesn't really amount to much, though it whiles away a couple of hours. Writer-director Don Roos keeps the tone on the light side, the glib side, the superficial side, the self-conscious and posturing side. His principal tone-setting device is the intermittent split-screen title card, dispensing silent narration in the omniscient third person, an uncommonly chatty, catty third person, omniscient into the future in addition to the past, telling us, for instance, that so-and-so has had sex with twelve women since his wife died and will have sex with two more before he himself dies. Verbatim prose samples: "She's not dead. No one dies in this movie. It's a comedy, sort of" and "Charley is now gay. Who isn't?" and "Nicky never lies. He's not her son, if that's what you're thinking." Apparently intended to be ingratiating but more apt to be just grating, these bring to mind the old Saturday Night Live gimmick of picking out an audience member with the camera and captioning the image with some potential embarrassment such as "Has hemorrhoids" or "President of the Olivia Newton-John Fan Club." Lisa Kudrow, Steve Coogan, Jesse Bradford, Bobby Cannavale, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Tom Arnold. 2005.

widely scattered, comes together in a fan-

★ (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 latemodel cab-yellow Beetle) is reclaimed from Crazy Dave's Scrap and Salvage and spruced up for the NASCAR circuit. Insipid 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.

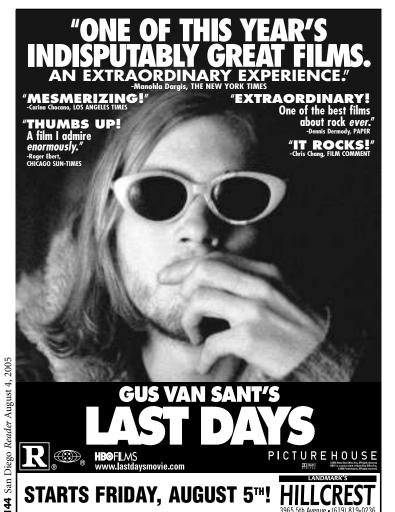
(PALM PROMENADE 24)

Hustle and Flow - An article of nouveau blaxploitation, a throwback even as to the chintziness of the production, centered around a small-time Memphis pimp and pusher, too cool to enunciate, who agrees to accept a kiddie keyboard as payment for a quarter bag, and sets out from there down the path of artistic self-expression ("I got this flow I need to spit"), shedding a tear along the way at a gospel recording session in church, owning up to "one of those midlife crises," and trying to follow in the footsteps of the neighborhood success story, Skinny Black (Memphis Skinny?). Et voilà, the hip-hop pimp: "Whup dat trick, get'm! Whup dat trick, get'm!" Terrence Howard plays the role with an openness and unguardedness that offer no defense against the blunt-force poignance, a bit like a ball on a batting tee. Writer-director Craig Brewer, who likes to get two or more people talking or yelling at once, mixes in four parts grit for every one part goop, a recipe for mud pie. With Anthony Anderson, Taryn Manning, Taraji Henson, and Paula Jai Parker. 2005.

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The Island — The beginning takes place in the vicinity of an Orwellian dystopia, where a closely monitored populace ("Sodium Excess Detected," reads out a urinal at a morning pee) must live in regimented drudgery and sterile isolation, under stricter rules against intergender "proximity" than at a Catholic-school dance, and with the desperate hope to hit the lottery and a free pass to the titular paradise, "nature's last remaining pathogen-free zone." Roughly forty-five minutes into the movie, the Island will turn out to be, along with much else, a mirage, a figment. Further revelations trickle out, but the main business of the next hour and a half is a chase, in gaudy music-video visuals, with low angles and wide angles, flash pans and smash cuts, shafts of light and blasts of glare, plumes of steam and showers of sparks. The installation of Michael Bay in the director's chair is your assurance that the slow start will not bar you from repulsively overscaled action









à la Bad Boys and Bad Boys II, only bigger, and with more miraculous, or more slapsticky, strokes of luck. Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Johansson are the two fugitives whose ostensible goal is to hang on to their humanity. But both of them had to let go of that, together with their "indie" credentials, at the front gate. Sean Bean, Djimoun Housou, Steve Buscemi, 2005

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Last Days — Michael Pitt as a Seattle rocker modelled on Kurt Cobain, written and directed by Gus Van Sant (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/5)

Lila Says — Reviewed this issue. With Vahina Giocante, Mohammad Khouas, and Karim Ben Haddou; directed by Ziad Doueiri.

★ (KEN, 8/5 THROUGH 11)

Machuca — Chilean director Andrés Wood deals with his country's Subject A -Allende — but he deals with it from the fresh, the naive, the novel perspective of a freckle-faced little redhead (an autobiographical approximation, slightly more aged, of the filmmaker himself) who befriends a lower-class charity case at his exclusive Catholic boys' school, and who experiences a broad range of coming-of-age emotions: the stirrings of liberalism (the fall of Allende will be felt as the disruption of the dream of oneness), the stirrings of sexuality (a session of three-way kissing practice with a savvy girl of the streets and a can of condensed milk is a Freudian gold mine), the stirrings of morality (disapproval of his mother's extramarital liaison, compromised by his acceptance of hardback Lone Ranger comics as a bribe from his mother's lover). These emotions are explored with complexity and courage, an ample penance for the climactic act of childhood weakness. If the total package the autobiography, the Catholic school, the idealistic priest, the outsiders taken in, the traumatic finale — brings to mind Louis Malle's Au Revoir, les Enfants, it needn't shrink from comparison. True, some of Wood's arbitrary desaturation of the color, even desiccation of it, seems a tad heavy handed, but that's just to say that additional force was uncalled-for. The film possesses power to spare. With Matías Quer, Ariel Mateluna, Manuela Martelli, Aline Kuppenheim, Federico Luppi. 2004. ★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 8/5; HAZARD CENTER 7)

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-aleaf wild," in the less sanguine view of the lion. ("They are just a bunch of pansies," observes the resident Lord of the Lemurs, even before the lion gets caught biting the zebra in the butt.) Palatable computer cartoon in the contemporary style of aggressive, hard-edged hipness. The lion's discovery of his innate catness is worked out predictably but adeptly. With the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett Smith, and David Schwimmer; directed by Eric Darnell and Tom McGrath. 2005. ★ (VOGUE)

Mad Hot Ballroom — Marilyn Agrelo's documentary on New York City fifthgraders who've been channeled into the stay-off-the-streets-and-stay-out-of-trouble activity of competitive ballroom dancing: "I see them turning into these ladies and gentlemen," one teacher manages to say while fighting back tears. We follow three disparate classes (only one of which will make it through to the citywide finals: "I still really don't understand what happened," a dejected curly top buttonholes the emcee at the quarterfinals, after his team falls three points short), and we follow them with an

almost parental tunnel vision: we cannot really judge the competition; we have eyes only for "ours." Kids being kids, however, with no pumped-up heroes or villains (beyond a troublesome student named Jonathan, whose troubles go uninvestigated), this is an easy-to-like film with an easy-to-overlook fuzzy video image. 2005. ** (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

March of the Penguins - Nature documentary on the reproductive ritual of the emperor penguin, the back-and-forth walk of around seventy miles, the mating dance, the harsh winter, the interminable night, the months of starvation, the high mortality rate. It's a hard life, and fascinating. The cuteness of the creatures makes up for much of the hardness, although it also makes the hardness harder to bear. Narrated by Morgan Freeman; directed by Luc Jacquet. 2004.

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Me and You and Everyone We

Know — Quirky comedy, without question, but quirkiness these days is no scarcer than shark's teeth, and it becomes necessary to distinguish between the pointlessly quirky and the pointedly. The issue still teeters in the balance when, for instance, a scraggly, trashy-looking white male, kicked out of the house by his black wife, says goodbye to his two café-au-lait children by setting his hand on fire outside their bedroom window. It has irreversibly tipped to the good, however, by the time a female driver of an Elder Cab, squiring a shut-in oldster to the shoe store to purchase a pair of neon blue Nikes, spies a goldfish in a plastic bag forgotten atop the car in front of her, is thereupon overcome by sentiments of sadness and helplessness over the fish's inevitable fate, yet feels honor-bound to accompany it to the end. You know right then that you're in the presence of a hypersensitive, a highly individual, and yes, a quirky vision, at once acute and tender. The vision would be that of the multimedia performance artist and first-time feature filmmaker Miranda July, who is an object of vision, herself, in the pivotal role of the moonlighting cab driver and, incidentally, aspiring multimedia performance artist, a figure redolent of insecurity and determination, pain and perseverance. Character interest is spread democratically among an assortment of oddballs, but centers on the wary mating dance between this cabbie and the scraggly hand-burner (John Hawkes), a sadsack shoe salesman for whom she has unaccountably set her cap. The separateness, the strangeness, the unknownness of people are subjects close to the crosshairs of the filmmaker's vision. Even closer to dead-



RALPH DE LAURO

Film programmer, San Diego Central Public Library and Cinema Under the Stars

How can you pass on the first "jewxploitation" film where the evil son of Santa Claus tries to eliminate the lewish holiday of Hanukkah only to meet resistance from the union of the baddest Hebe this side of Tel Aviv and the leader of the Kwanzaa Liberation Front. The film is The Hebrew Hammer, starring Adam Goldberg, Mario Van Peebles, and Andy Dick.

A film that puts the quirk in quirky is *lump Tomorrow*, an off-kilter, deadpan, multicultural, romantic trifle about living in the moment. An unlucky-in-love Frenchman plays cupid for a Nigerian man about to be wed and a Hispanic woman involved with a stuffy Brit.

THE HEBREW HAMMER (USA) 2003, Paramount List price: \$19.99

JUMP TOMORROW (England) 2001, MGM

List price: \$19.98

KARL KOZAK

Director of programming, San Diego Film Festival

Here are three recent mustwatch films for me. First, the documentary Super Size Me offers an exposé of America's obsession with fast food. Entertaining, enlightening, and, at times, disgusting.

Second, Alexander Payne's Sideways is proof that a movie without a single special effect can still be greatly entertaining and terribly funny.

And, finally, House of Sand and Fog, starring Ben Kingsley and Jennifer Connelly, is a great take on a well-known novel. It's well worth a watch.

SUPER SIZE ME (USA) 2004, Hart Sharp Entertainment List price: \$26.99

SIDEWAYS (USA) 2004, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment List price: \$29.98

HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG (USA) 2003, Dreamworks List price: \$26.99

MARK TITLE

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I'm an avid collector of short films. The Man Who Planted Trees Deluxe Edition contains the inspiring and delightful shorts of world-renowned master of animation Frédéric Back, including his heart-warming "The Man Who Planted Trees" and "Crac!"

Allegro Non Troppo, a 1977 animated Italian spoof of Disney's classic Fantasia, is beautifully hilarious. Favorite shorts include "Slavic Dance," the story of a man who hates copycats, and "Bolero," the evolution of life from a Coke bottle left on the moon.

The Animation Show, Volume One includes the brilliant German short "Das Rad (The Rocks)," with two talking rocks on a mountaintop watching the rise and fall of civilization.

THE MAN WHO PLANTED TREES **DELUXE EDITION** (Canada) 1980–1987, CBC Radio Canada List price: \$49.99 (four discs) ALLEGRO NON TROPPO (Italy) 1977, Home Vision Entertainment List price: \$29.95 THE ANIMATION SHOW, VOLUME ONE (International) 2003, www.animationshow.com List price:\$19.95

center are the fundamental elements of hope and improbability in any romantic overture. The quirkiness of the thing, though it feels as if drawn from reality and not imposed by force, is nevertheless a kind of tunnel vision, 2005.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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), wor-

shipfully 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



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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.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Murderball — Reviewed this issue. With Joe Soares and Mark Zupan; co-directed by Henry Alex Rubin and Dana Adam

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Must Love Dogs — Hen-party atmosphere for a romantic comedy wherein the sisters of an Irish-Catholic divorcée push her into Internet dating to find a replacement. Diane Lane seems too good for the shticky John Cusack ("You seem very practiced and smooth," she observes), who frankly doesn't act like a man whose favorite movie would be Doctor Zhivago, and too good, too, for the "incorrigible" womanizer of Dermot Mulroney. Not to mention too good for the fast shuffle of datefrom-hell auditioners. Too good, really, for the movie in toto. With Elizabeth Perkins,

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Christopher Plummer, and Stockard Chan-

ning; directed by Gary David Goldberg.

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 $\textbf{November} \longrightarrow \text{Reviewed this issue. With}$ Courteney Cox and James LeGros; directed by Greg Harrison.

• (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/4)

Rebound — Unskilled basketball comedy in which a banned college coach turns around the Mount Vernon Junior High Smelters, winless in twelve years, pointless in the last three games. A few miles overstated, in spite of a sleepy performance

from Martin Lawrence. Directed by Steve Carr. 2005.

● (VOGUE)

Saraband - -- Ingmar Bergman's sequel toScenes from a Marriage, after an unprecedented interval of thirty years, emerges not just as a relative trifle, but also as a less than legitimate sequel. Constructed in ten distinct acts, or chapters, plus a prologue and epilogue (Scenes from a Divorce, if you please), it is no longer about a marriage, nor is it even predominantly about the two former marrieds. Marianne (Liv Ullmann) and Johan (Erland Josephson) have not communicated with one another in the three decades since the conclusion of the earlier film, until Marianne, musing over a jumble of old snapshots, takes it into her head to get back in touch, to pay a visit. She is now sixty-three ("and they've taken away my ovaries and uterus"), and he, like Bergman himself, is eighty-six. But Marianne will function as little more than a witness to the main order of business, a power struggle between the now wealthy and retired Johan and his down-and-out widower son (by another woman) over the schooling of the latter's daughter, a gifted cellist whose instruction has heretofore been left to her incestuously possessive father, not averse, in true Bergmanly fashion, to expressing his feelings through hitting. (Bergman, you might recall, has been titillated by the idea of a female cellist as far back as his unfunny comedy, All These Women, titillated, to be blunt about it, by the idea of a female cellist needing to spread open her legs.) The direct address to the camera in the prologue, to be repeated in the epilogue, makes for an inauspicious

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4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri -Thu (12:15. 3:15) 6:45, 9:25; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri. (12:05, 1:55, 2:40) 4:30, 5:10, 7:55, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 12:05, 1:55, 2:40) 4:30, 5:15, 7:55, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 1:55, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20; **The Dukes of** Hazzard (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 1:15, 3:00) 4:25, 5:30, 7:15, 8:05, 9:45, 10:35; Sat. (11:30, 12:20, 2:05, 3:00) 4:40, 5:30, 7:05, 8:05, 9:45, 10:35; Sun. (11:30, 12:20, 2:05, 3:00) 4:40, 5:30, 7:05, 8:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 1:15, 3:00, 4:25, 5:30) 7:15, 8:05, 9:45; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55) 4:15, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 1:40) 4:25, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 4:15) 7:00, 9:35; **The Great Raid** (R) Sat. 7:30; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:05) 6:55, 9:50; March of the Penguins (G) Fri. (1:20, 3:20) 5:15, 7:20, 9:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:20) 5:20, 7:20, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:20, 5:15) 7:20, 9:20; **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:55) 6:45, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:55) 6:45, 9:30; Must Love Dogs (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 1:45) 4:20, 7:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; **Sky High** (PG) Fri. (12:45, 3:10) 5:25, 7:50, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:55, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:10, 5:25) 7:45, 10:10; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 3:25) 7:10, 10:00; Sat. (11:20, 2:15) 5:05, 7:50, 10:40; Sun. (11:20, 2:15) 5:05, 7:50, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 3:25) 7:10, 10:00; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10) 4:45, 7:40, 10:20; Sat. (11:35, 2:10) 4:50, 10:45; Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:45) 7:40, 10:15; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri. (12:35) 4:20, 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:15; Sat. (11:05, 2:00) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30; Sun. (11:05, 2:00) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 4:20) 7:05, 7:35, 9:40

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:30) 7:10, 9:55; Charlie and the Chocolate Fac**tory** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 12:20, 1:35, 2:10, 2:55) 4:10, 4:45, 5:30, 6:40, 7:25, 8:10, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45; Sun. (11:35, 12:20, 1:35, 2:10, 2:55) 4:10, 4:45, 5:30, 6:40, 7:25, 8:10, 9:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 1:35, 2:10, 2:55, 4:10, 4:45, 5:30) 6:40, 7:25, 8:10, 9:15, 10:00; Cinderella Man (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:30) 6:35, 9:50; Cronicas (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:00) 4:20, 7:00, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:20) 7:00, 9:20; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10; The Devil's Rejects (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:45) 6:10, 8:30, 10:50; Sun. (1:00, 3:25) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:55) 8:15, 10:35; **The Dukes of Hazzard** 2:25, 3:10) 4:05, 4:50, 5:35, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 8:55, 9:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 12:45, 1:40, 2:25, 3:10, 4:05, 4:50, 5:35) 6:30, 7:15 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:00, 12:45, 1:40, 8:00, 8:55, 9:40, 10:25; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 1:45, 3:50) 4:40, 6:45,

7:45, 9:45, 10:40; Sun. (12:55, 1:45, 3:50) 4:40, 6:45, 7:45, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 1:45, 3:50, 4:40) 6:45, 7:45, 9:45; **Rize** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55) 6:15, 8:20, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:55) 6:15, 8:20, 10:30

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:10) 7:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:10, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:20; Crash (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:25; The Great Raid (R) Sat. 7:00; Herbie: Fully Loaded (G) Fri. (12:15, 2:50, 5:20); Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:50, (12:15, 2:50) 5:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:50, 5:20); **Hustle and Flow** (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:20, 12:10) 6:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:20, 12:10) 4:20, 6:15, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20, 12:10) 6:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:15, 4:45); Sat. (12:05, 2:15) 4:45; Sun.-Thu. (12:05, 2:15, 4:45); **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. 7:05, 9:55; Sat. 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 7:05, 9:55; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 1:10, 3:00, 3:40, 5:30) 6:45, 7:55, 9:15, 10:20; Sat. (12:20, 1:10, 3:00, 3:40) 5:30, 6:45, 7:55, 9:15, 10:20; Sun.-Thu. (12:20, 1:10, 3:00, 3:40, 5:30) 6:45, 7:55, 9:15, 10:20; Schizo (Not Rated) Fri. (12:25, 2:40, 4:55) 7:25, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:40, 4:55) 7:25, 9:50; **Sky High** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 1:15, 2:30, 4:15, 5:00) 6:50, 7:30, 9:25, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:15, 2:30) 4:15, 5:00, 6:50, 7:30, 9:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 1:15, 2:30, 4:15, 5:00) 6:50, 7:30, 9:25, 10:10; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:55) 9:00; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:10) 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:00, 3:30) 4:10, 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:10) 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:45) 6:40, 9:40; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:10) 7:10, 7:45, 10:05, 10:30

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) The Dukes of Hazzard; Stealth; Sky High; Must Love Dogs; The Island; Bad News Bears; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Wedding Crashers; Fantastic Four; War of

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

Broken Flowers (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:15) 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:15) 7:00, 9:35; Mad Hot **Ballroom** (PG) Fri. (2:10, 4:35) 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 4:35, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:35) 7:20, 9:45; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:25; **Saraband** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 9:55

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

The Dukes of Hazzard: Stealth: Sky High: Must Love Dogs; The Island; Bad New Bears; The Devil's Rejects; Hustle and Flow; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Wedding Crashers; Fantastic Four; War of the Worlds; Mr. and Mrs. Smith

Mann Hazard 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849) $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Charlie and the Chocolate Factory} \ (PG) \ Fri. \\ (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) \ 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Thu. \\ (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) \ 7:20, 10:00; \textbf{The Dukes of} \end{array}$ **Hazzard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Machuca** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20; **Mad Hot Ball**room (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; Must Love Dogs (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:00, 9:40; Stealth (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40; **Wed**ding Crashers (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 5:00) 7:40, 10:30

Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) The Dukes of Hazzard; Stealth; Sky High; Must Love Dogs; The Island; Bad News Bears; The Devil's Rejects; Hustle and Flow; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Wedding Crashers; Fantastic Four; War of the Worlds; Batman Begins; Mr. and Mrs.

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:45) 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:20, 5:45) 8:10; The Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:25, 5:40) 8:00; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:35, 5:55) 8:20; **Hustle and Flow** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:50) 7:50; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:55) 7:15, 9:45; Sun. (1:15 3:55) 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:40) 7:40

9061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Lila Says** (Not Rated) Fri. (5:00) 7:15, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (5:00) 7:15, 9:30; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Sat. 12:00

LIPTOWN

Garden Cabaret

1040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Some Like It Hot, Thursday through Sunday

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Broken Flowers (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:20) 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:20) 7:00, 9:45; **Happy** Endings (R) Fri. (4:10) 9:35; Sat.-Sun. 4:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (4:10) 9:35; **Last Days** (R) Fri. (2:15, 4:45) 7:35, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:45, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:45) 7:35, 9:55; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:30; Mon. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20, 9:30; Tue.-Wed. (2:10, 4:40) 9:30; Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20, 9:30; Me and You and Everyone **We Know** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:40) 7:10; **Murder-ball** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00,

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag (Not

Rated) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00; Sat.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; **Myster**ies of Egypt (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; Mystery of the Nile (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00,

7:00; Sat.-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; Sat.-Thu. 8:00; Wolves (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) **Bad News Bears** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:30,

4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (10:45, 1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **Bewitched** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:35) 7:45; **Charlie and the Choco**late Factory (PG) Fri. (10:30, 1:25, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 1:25) 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (10:30, 1:25, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10; **The** Devil's Rejects (R) Fri. (12:15, 5:10) 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:15) 5:10, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 5:10) 10:10; **The Dukes of Hazzard** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 11:40, 1:50, 2:20, 4:30, 5:00) 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 11:40, 1:50, 2:20) 4:30, 5:00, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 11:40, 1:50, 2:20, 4:30, 5:00) 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20; **Fantastic** Four (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (10:40, 1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; The Great Raid (R) Sat. 7:00; Herbie: Fully Loaded (G) Fri. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25); Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25); **Hustle and Flow** (R) Fri. (10:35, 1:20, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 1:20) 4:10, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (10:35, 1:20, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:20, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:20, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:20, 9:30; Mrs. **Smith** (PG-13) Fri. 7:00, 10:05; Sat 10:05; Sun -Thu 7:00, 10:05; Must Love Dogs (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:05, 7:35, 9:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30) 4:30, 5:00, 7:05, 7:35, 9:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:25, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:05, 7:35, 9:30, 10:05; **Sky High** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 12:00, 2:10, 2:40, 4:50, 5:20) 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 2:10, 2:40) 4:50, 5:20, 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:10, 2:40, 4:50, 5:20) 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 11:00, 1:30, 1:55, 4:25, 4:50) 7:20, 7:45, 10:20, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 11:00, 1:30, 1:55) 4:25, 4:50, Sat.-sun. (10:35, 11:00, 1:30, 1:55) 4:25, 4:50, 7:20, 7:45, 10:20, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (10:35, 11:00, 1:30, 1:55, 4:25, 4:50) 7:20, 7:45, 10:20, 10:40; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri. (10:30, 1:25, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 1:25) 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (10:30, 1:25,

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:50, 7:35, 10:50; Sat. (11:15, 2:00) 4:50, 7:35, 10:50; Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:50, 7:35, 10:10; Mon. (11:15, 2:00, 4:50) 7:35, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (2:00, 4:50) 7:35, 10:10: Charlie and the Chocolate **Factory** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:55, 7:45, 10:40; Sun. (1:50) 4:55, 7:45, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:55) 7:45, 10:25; **The Dukes of Hazzard** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:15, 8:05, 10:45; Sat. (11:50, 2:30) 5:15, 8:05, 10:40; Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:15, 8:05, 10:35; Mon. (11:00, 2:30, 5:15) 8:05, 10:35; Tue.-Thu. (2:30, 5:15) 8:05, 10:35; Fantastic Four (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:30, 8:10, (12:00, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30; Mon. (12:00,

2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30; Tue.-Thu. (2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:30; **The Great Raid** (R) Sat. 7:55; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:15, 7:20, 10:35; Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:20, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:15) 7:20, 10:20; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45) 4:30, 7:05, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:45) 4:30, 7:05, 9:30; Mon. (11:25, 1:45, 4:30) 7:05, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:05, 9:30; **Sky High** (PG) Fri. (2:20) 4:35, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 4:35, 7:00, 9:45; Mon. (11:35, 2:20, 4:35) 7:00, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (2:20, 4:35) 7:00, 9:45; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:25, 7:25, 10:25; Sun. (1:20) 4:25, 7:25, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:25) 7:25, 10:15; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:40) 6:40, 9:40; **Wedding** Crashers (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 6:55, 9:55

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:45) 6:45, 9:40; Sun.-Thu (12:50, 3:45) 6:45; The Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00; **Hustle and Flow** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:10; Sun. (2:05) 4:45, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:45) 7:25; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:00, 3:05) 5:00, 6:30, 8:05, 9:50; Sun. (12:00, 2:00, 3:05) 5:00, 6:30, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:00, 3:05, 5:00) 6:30, 7:55; **March of** the Penguins (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00, 5:15) 7:45; **Must** Love Dogs (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 7:50 Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:20) 7:50; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 3:30) 6:35, 9:25; Sun.-Thu. (12:25, 3:30) 6:35

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:50) 7:40, 10:30; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri. (10:10, 1:15, 4:15) 7:10, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (10:10, 1:15, 4:15) 7:10, 10:15; Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (R) Thu 11:59; The Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 10:35, 1:20, 4:00, 12:35, 3:15) 6:30, 7:15, 9:15, 10:00; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri. (10:55, 1:50, 4:35) 7:35, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:50) 4:35, 7:35, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (10:55, 1:50, 4:35) 7:35, 10:25; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:50) 7:05, 10:20 March of the Penguins (G) Fri. (10:20, 12:40, 2:55, 5:10) 7:25, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 12:40, 2:55) 5:10, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (10:20, 12:40, 2:55, 5:10) 7:25, 9:40; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Thu. 11:59; **Sky High** (PG) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 1:35, 2:05, 4:10, 4:40) 6:45, 7:20, 9:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 1:35, 2:05) 4:10, 4:40, 6:45, 7:20, 9:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 1:35, 2:05, 4:10, 4:40) 6:45, 7:20, 9:20, 9:50; Stealth (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45) 7:00, 7:45, 9:55, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:55, 10:45; Mon.-Thu (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45) 7:00, 7:45,9:55, 10:45; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:15, 1:05, 3:55) 6:50, 9:45; Tue.-Wed. (1:05, 3:55) 6:50, 9:45; Thu. (10:15, 1:05, 3:55) 6:50, 9:45; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri. (10:05, 11:10, 1:10, 2:10, 4:05, 5:05) 7:05, 8:05, 10:10, 10:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 11:10, 1:10, 2:10) 4:05, 5:05, 7:05, 8:05, 10:10, 10:55 Mon.-Thu. (10:05, 11:10, 1:10, 2:10, 4:05, 5:05) 7:05, 8:05, 10:10, 10:55

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

ie (619-448-7447) The Island; Stealth; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Fantastic Four

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45) 5:45: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Wed. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 10:00; Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Devil's Rejects** (R) Fri.-Thu. 3:15, 8:15, 10:45; **The** Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; The Island (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; March of the Pen guins (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15, 10:15; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:500, 7:30, 10:00; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15,

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) The Dukes of Hazzard: Stealth: Sky High:

Must Love Dogs; The Island; Bad News Bears; The Devil's Rejects; Hustle and Flow; March of the Penguins; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Wedding Crashers; Fantastic Four; Dark Water; War of the Worlds; Herbie: Fully Loaded; Batman Be-

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 4:10) 6:55, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:10, 6:55, 9:45; Mon. (1:35, 4:10) 6:55, 9:45; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:05) 7:15, 10:20; Sat. (1:00, 4:00) 10:20; Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:15, 10:20; Mon. (1:00, 4:05) 7:15, 10:20; **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri. (1:30, 4:35) 7:30, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:35, 7:30, 10:30; Mon. (1:30, 4:35) 7:30, 10:30; **The Dukes of Haz**zard (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 1:45, 4:00, 4:40) 7:00, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:20, 1:45, 4:00) 4:40, 7:00, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15; Mon. (1:20, 1:45, 4:00, 4:40) 7:00, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15; Fantastic Four (PG-13) Fri. (2:05, 4:55) 7:45, 10:35; Sat.-Sun. (2:05) 4:55, 7:45, 10:35; Mon. (2:05, 4:55) 7:45, 10:35: The Great Raid (R) Sat 7:00; **Hustle and Flow** (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:45) 7:50, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 4:45, 7:50, 10:40; Mon. (1:55, 4:45) 7:50, 10:40; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (1:05, 3:30, 5:50) 8:00, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (1:05, 3:30) 5:50, 8:00, 10:05: Mon. (1:05, 3:30, 5:50) 8:00, 10:05; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 2:30, 4:20, 5:10) 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:25, 2:30) 4:20, 5:10, 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:25; Mon. (1:25, 2:30) 4:20, 5:10) 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:25; Sky High (PG) Fri. (1:10, 1:50, 3:40, 4:30) 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:10, 1:50, 3:40) 4:30, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30; Mon. (1:10, 1:50, 3:40, 4:30) 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 2:00, 4:35, 5:00) 7:25, 7:55, 10:20, 10:50; Sat.-Sun. (1:30, 2:00) 4:35, 5:00, 7:25, 7:55, 10:20, 10:50; Mon. (1:30, 2:00, 4:35, 5: 7:25, 7:55, 10:20, 10:50: War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:15) 7:05, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:05, 10:00; Mon. (1:15, 4:15) 7:05, 10:00; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:20) 7:20, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Mon. (1:25, 4:20) 7:20, 10:10

Vogue

3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) Dark Water (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 9:30; Madagascar (PG) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 7:45; Rebound (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 6:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:40; The Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 12:45; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:40; Stealth (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 8:30, 12:35; Wedding Crashers (R) Fri.-Thu.

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30) 7:25: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:30) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (10:45, 1:30, 4:35) 7:20, 10:05; **The**

Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50) 4:25, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 12:15, 1:50, 2:50, 4:25, 5:25) 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:40, 10:20; Sat. (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 10:35; Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:40, 10:20; The Great Raid (R) Sat. 7:40; The Island (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:25, 2:30, 3:30, 5:25, 8:20, 10:25; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:40, 2:50) 5:00, 7:10, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (10:30, 12:40, 2:50, 5:00) 7:10, 9:20; Must Love Dogs (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (10:35, 12:55, 3:15, 5:35) 7:55, 10:15; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 7:30, 10:00; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri -Sun (10:55, 1:35) 4:15, 7:35, 10:15: Mon.-Thu. (10:55, 1:35, 4:15) 7:35, 10:15; **War** of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:40, 10:20; Wedding Crashers (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

56 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (1:45) 7:15: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:00) 7:00,

 $10{:}00; \textbf{The Dukes of Hazzard}\ (PG\text{-}13)$ Fri.-Thu, 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; The Island (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 9:45; Must Love Dogs (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Stealth (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:30 (1:30, 4:30)

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45
(4:30); Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; The Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; The Island (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 7:15, 10:15; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15, 10:15; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; **War of the** Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Mon. (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Tue. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Wed.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00

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San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05,

1:55, 4:50) 7:40, 10:10; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:35) 9:20; **Charlie and** the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:25, 4:35) 7:35, 10:35; Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (R) Thu. 11:59; The Devil's Rejects (R) Fri. (1:30) 7:15; Sat. (1:30); Sun.-Thu. (1:30) 7:15; **The Dukes of Hazzard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:00, 1:45, 3:45, 4:25) 6:30, 7:00, 9:15, 9:40, 11:59; Sun.-Thu. (11:00, 1:00, 1:45, 3:45, 4:25) 6:30, 7:00, 9:15, 9:40; **Fantas**tic Four (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:15, 3:50) 6:25, 9:10; The Great Raid (R) Sat. 7:00; Hustle and Flow (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:20, 9:55; The Island (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:40) 7:10, 10:25; March of the Penguins (G) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 8:20, 10:20; Must Love Dogs (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 12:15, 2:45, 4:55) 6:30, 7:30, 10:15; The Skeleton **Key** (PG-13) Thu. 11:59; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 1:40, 2:40, 4:30, 5:15) 7:25. 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13) Fri. (4:00) 9:55; Sat. (4:00) 10:20; Sun.-Thu. (4:00) 9:55; Stealth (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:50, 3:10, 3:55) 6:00, 6:40, 9:00, 9:25; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:35, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 1:05, 3:15, 4:05) 6:10, 6:50, 9:05, 10:05

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15

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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00: The **Dukes of Hazzard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; Wedding Crashers (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8 El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Charlie and** the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; The Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **The** Island (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Wedding Crashers (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Cinderella Man (PG-13) Fri. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Great Raid** (R) Sat. 7:00; **Machuca** (Not Rated) Fri.-Mon. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Tue. 10:15 (12:45) 10:45; Wed. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 10:45; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) The Dukes of Hazzard; Stealth; Sky High; The Island: Bad News Bears: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Wedding Crashers; War of the Worlds; Batman Begins

471 South Coast Highway 101

(760-436-SHOW)
Crash (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:45; The Wild Parrots **of Telegraph Hill** (G) Fri. 6:45; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. 6:45

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (1:45) 7:15; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15: The Island (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:15. 9:45; March of the Penguins (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00,

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:05; **Charlie and the** Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 11:30, 1:20, 2:00, 4:15, 4:45, 6:45, 7:15, 9:30, 10:00; **The Devil's Rejects** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:25; **The Dukes of Hazzard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:05, 1:55, 4:55, 7:55, 10:05; Fantastic Four (PG-13) Fri.-Thu 11:35, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **The Great Raid** (R) Sat. 7:00; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 3:45, 6:55, 9:50; Must Love Dogs (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:35, 2:10, 5:00, 7:35, 10:20; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:10; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 11:30, 2:00, 2:30, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30; War of the Worlds (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 3:55, 7:05, 10:10; Sat. 12:30, 3:55, 10:10; Sun.-Thu. 12:30, 3:55, 7:05, 10:10; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu, 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05

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start, a bit lazy, a bit lubberly. And the ensuing ten acts, or chapters, or scenes, look a bit like a soap-operatic TV play, an impression possibly heightened by the shooting in digital video. (Et tu, Ingmar?) It's quite shocking how fast the old fatigue comes back to you, how quickly you tire of people talking to each other as people talk nowhere but in a Bergman film: "There's a healthy dose of hatred in your general mushiness,' and so on. If the effect had not taken hold so fast, it might have been merely disappointing instead of shocking. One scene, a very late scene, gives a taste of what we would have expected from a satisfactory sequel: when Johan comes into Marianne's bedroom in the grip of the night sweats (at the Hour of the Wolf, if you know your Bergman), and crawls into her bed to seek comfort from his glimpse of the abyss. For the rest, it's hard not to hear a broader implication when Marianne sizes up her visit, "This was a mistake." Börje Ahlstedt, Julia Dufvenius. 2004.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Shrek 2 — Another dose of foam-rubber animation, rapacious capitalism, mainstream hipness, and coy vulgarity ("It looks like we're up Chocolate Creek without a popsicle stick"). Viewers of the forerunner will know what they are in for, and will have only themselves to blame. One new character, Puss 'n Boots, is well drawn whether coughing up a hairball or soliciting poor-kitty pity, and well voiced by Antonio Banderas. With the returning voices of Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz, and Eddie Murphy; co-directed by Andrew Adamson, Kelly Asbury, and Conrad Vernon. 2004. ★ (ESCONDIDO 16; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO

DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MAR-

COS 18; 8/9 AND 10, 10 A.M.) Sin City — Comic-book burlesque of the hard-boiled film noir, tougher than tough, cooler than cool, bloodier than bloody, sillier than silly. Robert Rodriguez adapted it — or more accurately, copied it — from Frank Miller's series of graphic novels; and he insisted, to the point of resigning from the Director's Guild, on sharing the directing credit with Miller (besides bringing in

his buddy, Quentin Tarantino, as a "guest director" of unspecified services). Different first-person narrators guide us through the different, dovetailed storylines, but always with the same hammerhead tone of voice: "I'm gonna find that son of a bitch that killed you, and I'm gonna give him the hard goodbye." The baroque black-and-white photography, with digital dabs of color for a red dress, green eyes, blue eyes, golden hair, blood, etc., may at first be "visually arresting" (thank you, Newsweek), but over the long haul it's visually imprisoning. Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke, Clive Owen, Benecio Del Toro, Jessica Alba, Brittany Murphy, Carla Gugino, Jaime King, Rosario Dawson, Alexis Bledel, Michael

Madsen, Elijah Wood, Nick Stahl, Powers

Boothe. 2005 ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Sky High — Kurt Russell goes back to his beginnings: silly Disney family films, this one a sort of live-action version of The Incredibles, with Russell and Kelly Preston as the superhero parents (realtors by day) of a "late bloomer" who in his freshman year at the elite prep school must be assigned to a go as Hero Support, while awaiting a manifestation of superpowers. tation of superpowers. Russell is very skillfully silly ("All I ever wanted for him was to save the world"), and on balance the whole show tilts more toward pleasant than painful, and in any event it's several degrees more human than The Incredibles, With Michael Angarano, Danielle Panabaker, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Lynda Carter, and Bruce Campbell; directed by Mike Mitchell, 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: ESCON-DIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6;

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Some Like It Hot — In the later stage of Billy Wilder's career, there is an evident pull toward the romantic and euphoric (Love in the Afternoon, Irma La Douce, Avanti), and there is an opposing pull toward the caustic and raucous (One Two Three, The Fortune Cookie, the Ray Walston-Cliff Osmond bits, particularly, in Kiss Me, Stupid). This one belongs at the head of the second batch, for the impression made by Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis in drag (among other things) is unhappily deeper, stronger, and longer-lasting than the impression made, in spots, by Marilyn Monroe. Curtis's Cary Grant impression, when out of drag, isn't bad, but why would someone be doing a Cary Grant impression in a 1920s setting? 1960.

★ (GARDEN CABARET, 8/4 THROUGH 7, 8:30 P.M.)

Stealth — The Frankenstein story transplanted to the Naval Air Force of "the near future," where a UCAV by the name of EDI (for us civilians, that's an Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle by the name of Extreme Deep Invader) goes "completely haywire" and, in a voice as tranquilized as that of HAL in 2001, politely disobeys any order but his own. It falls to three top-gun humans — a piercingly blue-eved daredevil as disobedient as EDI, a hard-bodied babe, and an expendable African-American whose namesake is the English Baroque composer, Henry Purcell — to bring EDI back or bring EDI down. (The mad scientist would be an apple-munching Navy officer who rushes too fast into the future.) The aerial action is cartoonish in both concep tion and execution. But the biggest laughs, unsolicited, go to Jessica Biel on the ground in North Korea, with a pack of Commie sharpshooters hot on her heels. Josh Lucas, Jamie Foxx, Sam Shepard; directed by Rob Cohen. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

War of the Worlds - Steven Spielberg's retelling of H.G. Wells's s-f classic. The alien-invasion subgenre, as everyone now knows, blossomed during the Cold War, fertilized by fears of Communist takeover; and it's quite reasonable, quite knowledgeable, to deduce that 9/11 and its aftermath could dump some fresh manure in the field. Spielberg makes damn good and sure that no one will miss the relevance: the "sleeper cells" hidden beneath American streets; the hero's coat of ashes fabricated from his incinerated fellow citizens; the shower of clothes from the sky; the bulletin board of the "missing"; and of course the natural question in the first confusion, "Is it the terrorists?" All of that seems legitimate enough. This is a serious film in a way that Independence Day, merrily blowing up the White House so few years earlier, didn't need to be, want to be, or pretend to be.



Sky High

There's something of an air of penitence in Spielberg's choice at this time to do an anti-Close Encounters, an anti-E.T. Or if not quite penitence, then a reappraisal, a caveat He would appear to have seen a new light. And if his conversion falls short of total renunciation, it at least infuses him with a new zeal. Still, the decision to re-do the seminal alien-invasion story, rather than to do a new one, tends to raise the familiar specter of Spielbergian arrogance. In spite of the gracious gran-and-gramps cameos for Gene Barry and Ann Robinson, the two stars of the commendable 1953 treatment of the novel, there is the inescapable implication that that version didn't have the wherewithal to do the job right. No matter how eye-popping Spielberg's special effects may be, no matter how much "improved" over those of a half-century ago, we are at every turn confronted by his belief in the almighty dollar, his infatuation with size, his complacent certainty that bigger is always better, and his dependence on mere loudness and suddenness to elicit a response from his audience. And his trusty old device of the temporary death, the takesy-backsy death, the just-fooling death, would indicate that his penitence for E.T. lacks a little something in sincerity. Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Tim Robbins. 2005.

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Wedding Crashers — It starts out as a men-behaving-badly skit about a couple of skirt-chasing cads who drop in on weddings to pick up susceptible girls and promptly drop them. After a frenetic montage of their modus operandi, however, the action settles into a perfectly conventional romantic

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the expected times, as our two cads — the equally expected Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson, who earlier worked with the director, David Dobkin, on Clay Pigeons and Shanghai Knights respectively — discover their true soul mates, two sisters for added convenience, a phony virgin slash nymphomaniac slash bondage girl (Isla Fisher) and a save-the-planet altruist (Rachel McAdams) who reveals her superior sensibility by giggling uncontrollably at the selfwritten vows of their older sister and new brother-in-law. The funny business, in what amounts merely to a newer convention, is pushed to such extremes of crassness and grossness that you feel as if the laughs are being extracted not by feather tickler but by thumbscrew. E.g., the ancient matriarch of one of America's leading polit-

conversation with epithets like "asshole "homo" (of her own grandson), and "rug muncher" (of Eleanor Roosevelt), while her granddaughter administers a hand job beneath the tablecloth. Audiences do laugh at this sort of thing. But why? With Christopher Walken, Jane Seymour, Will Ferrell. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCON-DIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)





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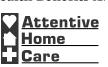
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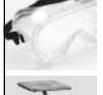
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Aubrey DeWolf Student

Arizona

There are quite a few overrated celebrities. Paris Hilton is famous for nothing other than not being cute. She doesn't do anything; she's rich from her parents. If she didn t have any money, she'd be a hooker or porn star at best. I'm sad about Brad and Jen separating; I pay attention to what's going on with them. Angelina's a good actress from what I've seen, but everybody's always saying how gorgeous she is. She's really pretty, but a lot of it is just hype. Jessica Simpson's dumb as a brick. Besides being dumb, she sings weird, almost as if she's having spasms or seizures. Maybe she'll be a good actress; sometimes dumb people act really well.



Lauren Jaeger

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indsey Lohan gets too much Lattention from paparazzi when people aren't that interested in her. Okay, it's kind of funny that her dad's in jail, she's anorexic, and she used to date a guy named "Fez." People really pay too much attention to Donald Trump; he's a rich guy with what looks like a dead animal on top of his head. He should point his fingers at his hairstylist and say, "You're fired." Ashton Kutcher is cute and funny, but he's the Jessica Simpson of men and Demi [Moore] only dates him to get back at bald Bruce Willis. I saw Bruce Willis's last movie and I felt like I was the Hostage who paid ten bucks to see bad acting. Jude Law's getting a lot of bad press because he cheated on his fiancée maybe Jude saw Brad, Jen, and Angelina and thought he could make a comeback from Alfie, Sea Captain, and *Closer*. What was his wife thinking anyway? Didn't she see *Closer*? I wouldn't trust Jude Law any further than I could throw Lindsey Lohan.



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T'd have to say that Angelina Jolie is the most overrated. She hasn't really been in any good movies (or, at least, nothing that I've seen), and it just seems like her publicity is all for show. Actors like Bruce Willis or Mel Gibson deserve more attention; I like those guys. I'm not really interested in celebrities' personal lives; I'd rather hear more about their movies I've fallen into some of the hype. I watched Jessica Simpson's show. Newlyweds, and I'll probably end up seeing her in Dukes of Hazzard more because it's just something to do, less because I really care about celebrity lives.



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 $\overline{B^{\text{en Affleck. Even before he was}}}$ with Jennifer Lopez, he had too much hype around him. He won an Oscar, but that could be a fluke. I honestly don't like his acting, and I haven't seen many movies with him. I see that he's in a movie and cringe. The fact that I. Lo looked hotter than him while they were together wasn't that big a deal because she's too high-maintenance for anybody I think John Leguizamo should get more attention; I like him. He's a good actor who deserves more credit for his roles in the movie *Empire*, and he was a good bad guy in *Romeo and* Juliet. There are people like Britney Spears with her own perfume and I think that's taking it too far. She's only popular because of her looks. If that Paris Hilton weren't rich to begin with, she'd be making more of those [sex] videos for a living. I want to see more of Jessica Alba, if you know what I



Caleb Castelli

Student Ramona

Johnny Depp. Girls dig him so much, but he's, like, 50 years old. Brad Pitt is overrated, too. The whole Brad and Jen divorce thing is another example of how things are in the media. I'm against divorces, but when you're a celebrity, that's the only thing you really do. Neither Brad or Johnny Depp are that good of actors. They're put in movies where they can get by as little pretty boys. Johnny Depp gets by being the weird guy. Paris Hilton doesn't have any reason to be a celebrity; besides that, she's gross. She's not pretty, but she gets put in ads like the Carl's Jr. commercial where she's

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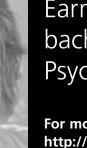
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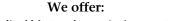
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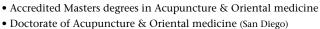
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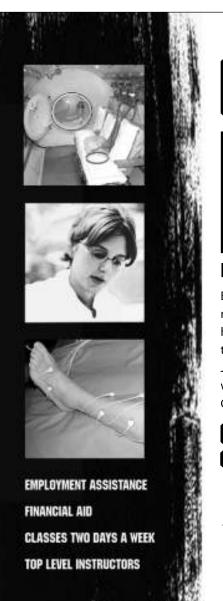
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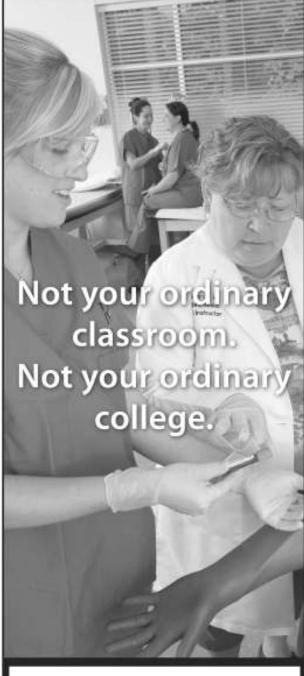
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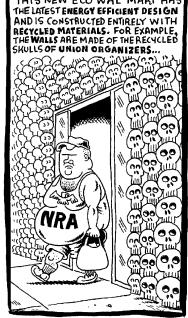
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VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, slender loving, 5'6", youthful, 60s, educated, holistic, mystical healer. Love outdoors, new age music, walks, laughter. Seeking soft spoken, educated gentleman. (8/10)

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LONG LEGGED, musical, athletic, openminded, ivy league transplant-60, 57°.
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FULL-FIGURED BLONDE, green eyes

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LOOKING FOR NICE, SINCERE, caring,

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tive, 52, financially secure, nonsmoker, 5'10", slender. Seeking fun, attractive, tall nonsmoker for dating or more. Motorcycle rider a plus. (8/17) 48109

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FUNLOVING, KIND, PRETTY, Curvaceous lady, 66, San Diego South Bay. In search of kind, lighthearted gentleman, 70-78 years, 510'+, for long-term relationship. (8/10) \$\frac{3}{4}0886\$

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LOOKING FOR TRAVEL partner to travel to Europe, possibly build relationship and more. Me: 50, blonde, nice looking, European educated. You: good looking, educated, North. (8/17) 248105

educated, North. (8/1/) 46 105
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YOUNG, SEXY, BLACK LADY, 5'5', 130lbs., 40. Seeking young cutie who's fit, under 40, available, adventurous, outgoing, social, fun loving, intellectual. Me: same. Race open. (8/10) \$\overline{a}\$ 48075

MAKE TODAY COUNT! Plus-size black woman looking for military man between 35-40. Must love children and be ready for adventure. Race open. (8/10)

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FILIPINA, 5'7", 130lbs., loving, faithful, kind, goal-oriented, attractive. Seeking Caucasian, financially/emoionally stable, faithful, kind, generous, thoughtful, loving and committed for long-term relationship. (8/17) 48099

CLASSY, SEXY, 50s, looks 40. Enjoy the best, maybe you. Must be funny, emotionally and financially secure, 50+, long-term love, romance, laughing, best friend. (8/17) ☎ 48080

PRINCESS, 45, WHITE, TALL, passionate, single. Would love to love good single man with car, work, 45-60, no family problems. Happy to travel, healthy. (8/17) 348103

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smoker. Seeking honest, trusty, sincere man for serious long-term relationship. (8/10) \$\infty\$48084

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6', trim, athletic, enjoy outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 50-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (8/10) \$\times\$ 48078

SLIM, PRETTY: LOOKING for a man. When I look into his eyes, I see something. Nonsmoker/nondrinker, 5'10" will do because I'm 5'2". Please call. (8/17) 48112

LIFE IS SHORT, 39, single black female. Seeking Caucasian or Hispanic male, 37-49, adventurous, honest, no inhibitions and ready to enjoy life as it unfolds. (8/17) 248102

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, 48. Seeking honest, kind, spiritual, Christian, emotionally financially secure. emotionally available gentleman for friendship, dating and eventual long-term relationship/marriage. North County. (8/10)

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woman. (8/17) 48634

OUTDOORS, THE LATE 60s, new adventures, sweet, sexy, one-man woman. Me: quiet casual type, 45, act 25. 5'8', 165lbs. If understood call and prove. (8/17) 48647

EASYGOING, ENJOY HOME life, 54, Caucasian, fun, quiet times, sports, concerts, dining, outdoors, events. Seeking female with same interest for permanent friendship. Race open. (8/17) ☎48627

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OCEANSIDE CHAMELEON, mature guy.
Love ocean, music, conversation.
Age/race unimportant. You be true. (8/10)

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ASHEVILLE IS PARADISE. Join me. Generous, kind, handsome, intelligent, passionate, sensual. Seeking sweet, affectionate woman. Share life, laughter, love, happiness. (8/10) 248614

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OUTGOING, ATTRACTIVE, active, fit, humorous, searching for an attractive woman who has a great smile! I'm 38, Latin with lots of interests. Age/race unimportant. (8/10) 48585

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SENSITIVE, WARM-HEARTED male, 41. Seeking a fun-loving lady, 20s-50s, for friendship and possible long-term relationship. Look forward to meeting you. (8/10) 48596

you. (8/10) △46596

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59-YEAR-OLD MAN in North County. Looking for nice woman, nonsmoker, with Looking for nice woman, nonsmoker, witr good sense of humor, nice person who likes herself and her life. (8/10) \$\mathbf{\textit{T}} 48586

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ENJOY MOVIES? Dinner/drinks? Warm, affectionate man to romance you? 40ish, white, sincere but can make you laugh. San Carlos area. I know you're there. (8/17) △48622

FOREIGN BORN LADY WANTED. I'm 40s. Caucasian, caring, responsible, humorous, like travel and walks. You're 20s-30s, attractive, genuine, committed, personable, fun, enjoy conversation and outdoors. (8/17) ☎48649

CARING, FUN, FIT, ROMANTIC, stable white male, 6', 54, 175lbs. Seeking special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel. Bye for now. (8/17) 2748657

SENSE OF HUMOR, 50+, kind, fit, white,

reunistrip. (6/10) **\text{T4592}**

**END YOUR LONELINESS, mine too! I'm a youthful 78, financially secure, non-smoker, liking RV travel, fishing, home life. Seeking lifetime caring and sharing. (8/17) *\text{T48659}*

HEALTHY, HANDSOME, hardworking black malé, 6', athletic. Seeking sincere confident black female, 25-45, as poter tial soulmate. Serious responses only short. (8/10) **~**48602

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SPIRITUAL, ROMANTIC, sensual man,
46. Seeking affectionate, passionate, true
woman-brunette with beautiful heart,
looks, shape, legs for relationship full of
passion, intimacy and growth. (8/17)
748621

SINGLE, BLACK, ATTRACTIVE caregiver Honest, romantic, funny, athletic. Looking for honest female for serious relationship. Must be honest. Our search is over. (8/10) ☎ 48598

PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE, 54, 6'3" irruerested in meeting down-to-earth, non-smoking, good humor, honest female, 37-55 years, for friendship and possible rela-tionship. Race unimportant. (8/10)

RETIRED LATINO WIDOWER, 58, with herpes. Seeking secure, fit, nonsmoker/ nondrinker to share walks, movies, similar interests, 50-60, possible long-term rela-tionship. (8/17) 48642

ATTRACTIVE, DEGREED professional, divorced white male, homeowner, finan-cially secure, emotionally available, mid-60s, to meet attractive Caucasian lady to share a nice lifestyle. Friends first. (8/10)

START MY HEART AGAIN. Active widower, 60s, Caucasian, 5'7", 165lbs., wel groomed, fit. Like music, cooking, wine

der os, for dating, (811) 12-46653
FILIPINA LADY sought by 5'10', 175lbs, gentleman for long-term relationship, possibly marriage. I enjoy movies, dining, working out, massages, quiet times at home. Nonsmoker. (8/17) 12-48104

HANDSOME, TALL, 50. Looking for lady, 40-45; dancing, bowling, enjoy life, have few laughs, glass of vino. (8/10)

HANDSOME, 56, 5'8", 160lbs., athletic healthy lifestyle, romantic, kind, considerate, financially secure, tennis, travel, dancing. Seeking an attractive woman for a monogamous relationship. Rancho Bernardo. (8/17) 48661

Bernardo. (8/17) T 4800 I

NATURIST MALE, WHITE, 42 look 30, attractive, slim. Seeking 18-45 height/weight proportionate lady with whom to enjoy sun and beach as they were intended. (8/17) 48630

SOUTH BAY PROFESSIONAL. I am His-

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am a gentleman, like to have fun, live alone with pets. (8/10) ★ 48606

BUSINESSMAN, 57, no drugs, no smoking. Seeking Hispanic/Russian, or Asian lady for dating; attractive, 35-45, 5'2' to 5'6', dining, travel, walks and having fun. No games. (8/17) ★ 48628

HOT TO TROT, fun and fit, 60, traveler, 5'8', 140lbs., romance, tennis, Caucasian, gentle, type B Personality seeks another B. I'll respond to all messages. (8/10) ★ 48612

sages. (8/10) ☎48612

HERPES? YOUR SECRET is safe-deal?

Me: 38, very hot, honest, tall Caucasian.

You: nice, smart, attractive, 30ish. Call, let's see if we click. (8/17) ☎48646

LARGE LUSCIOUS FEMALE, 180lbs., wanted by attractive, passionate, black male for an experience you'll never forget. Be large, proportioned, white, attractive and love black. (8/17) ★48640

DESIRE LEADING, LEGGY lady with creativity, humor, for romantic friendship. 49, white, astute, 5'11', 190lbs., swimming, hiking, cultural events, movies. Openminded attitude to express yourself. (8/10) 148610

HANDSOME, GENEROUS gentleman living on the golf course looking for trim, young lady to spoil and pamper. All races invited. (8/10) \$\frac{1}{48595}\$

KEY INGREDIENTS FOR LIFE: timing

communication, chemistry, trust, respect, laughter, passion, romance, KPBS Radio, classic rock, arts, creative, spontaneous. Looking for athletic, petite, nonsmoker, 38-48. (8/17) ☎48660

TALL GENT, 6'6'. Seeking tall, 5'8"+, slender lady to enjoy doing stuff together. I'm Caucasian, professional, 57 and fit. La Jolla/UTC area. (8/17) 🕿 48654

48, POLICE UPFIGURE
casian, secure, gentleman's standards, morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 42-49, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, re-48, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Cau-casian, secure, gentleman's standards,

I'M A FUN, ADVENTUROUS, divorced

white male, 44, boy with motorcycles. Seeking a lady to serve! Use me for your enjoyment and amusement! (8/10)

HAVE YOU SEEN HER? 60+, petite, spiritual, sensuous, yoga, meditation, ocean.

CAUTION, SCRUFFY BLOND, 50, 5'10" 180lbs., East County homeowner. Smoke

HONEST, FUN, EASYGOING, white male, 40 years old, good looking, real, nothing fake here. 5'7", 175lbs., give it a try! (8/17) 48635

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57, white, 6'3", 213lbs., handsome, sexy, intelligent, Rancho Bernardo. Looking for female, 40-60, like travel, movies, jazz, classical music, dining, plays and more. (8/17) **24**8639

DEL MAR WOMAN WANTED. 46 or older; mentally, physically and spiritually stab friendship leading to possible long-last-ing relationship. (8/10) **2**48599

WARM HANDS, WARM HEART. Handsome Encinitas professional/business-man, 53, eclectic, intelligent, communica-tive. Seeking companionship, relationship with sensuous, articulate, professional, intelligent, independent, egalitarian, fun-loving woman. (8/17) 248656

47. 5'8". ESTABLISHED professional wants committed relationship. Intuitive, honest, good listener, confident, risk taker, Point Loma. Desires emotionally available, intelligent, outgoing, woman with positive vibration. (8/17) \$\infty\$ 48651

EASYGOING WHITE, dinners out, home cooking, novice gardener. Seeking lady to share a cold one with middle age, romantic, home body a plus. (8/10) 48590

GENUINELY GLAMOROUS, shapely, fun loving, upbeat, sense of humor, brunette. Seeking 50-65, mellow, caring man, with wonderful sense of humor for dating and possibly more. (8/17) 48650

54, TALL, SLENDER, SINGLE, white Caucasian male, Type B personality, easygoing, morning person. Seeking slenderish, catless, Caucasian female. (8/10)

GENT, 68, HEALTHY IN MIND and body. love to travel, movies, outdoors, desert, stable finance, East County. Like to share life with like minded lady. (8/10) ★ 48609

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogle boarding, soccer, football, poker and anything to do with sports. (8/17) ★ 48638

sports. (8/17) ★ 48638

HIGH REGARD FOR WOMEN including equal treatment. Unselfish, sensitive, personable, adventurous, liberal, well traveled. Music, arts, politics, tennis, outdoor adventures, animals, agnostic, 6'1", young 59. (8/17) ★ 48652

CARY GRANT LOOKS! Tall, healthy, wid ower, affluent, educated, virile, retired, successful business owner! Seeking attractive, slim, affectionate, curvaceous, sexy, special lady, 50-65. Dates, romance, genuine! (8/17) 48643

SENIOR RETIRED, ACTIVE, intelligent nonsmoking gentleman, great personal-ity, humorous, good manners. Seeking platonic, best friend relationship with classy lady, 60-70. I am a happy per-son. (8/10) **3**48605

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, 57, good natured, sharp appearance, sincere, blond/blue, 6', 175lbs. Love to surf, dine out, travel. Seeking nonsmoking, very attractive woman, 42-62, sensuous. (8/10)

CREATIVE GENIUS, integrity, passion wit, wisdom, style. Seeking communica wit, wisdom, style. Seeking communicative cuddler, good heart, naughty mind, for life partnership, music, film, dining, travel, love, growth, 58, 5'10'. (8/10)

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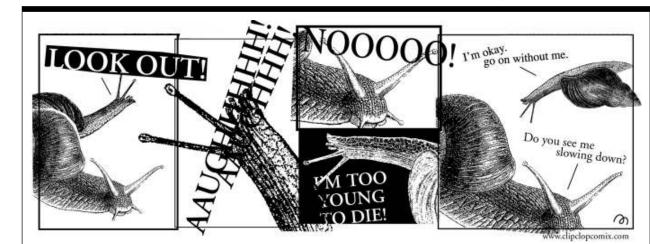
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- 19. Banks on the runway
- 20. Vending machine inserts
- 21. Setting of many jokes
- 22. Attach, in a way
- 23. "Turn up the heat!"
- 24. It often charges by the axle
- 27. Food service industry giant
- 29. Run well
- 30. Neckline style
- 31. Obsess over
- 35. "Chicago" actor Richard
- 36. Archer of legend
- 38. Feet above sea level: Abbr. 40. Acquires a liking for
- 41. One of the 13 orig. colonies
- 42. Security Council veto 43. Quite sufficient
- 47. 2004 movie starring The Rock
- 52. ____-en-Provence 53. Pop singer Lavigne
- 54. Victorian __
- 55. "That's __ 56. Film unit __ need!
- 57. Victim of 1955
- 60. Ivory competitor
- 61. Kelly of morning TV
- 62. Riveter of song 63. Guidelines: Abbr.
- 64. Get smart with
- 65. "What does he see __

- 1. Positions with no future
- 2. Writer with an award named after him
- 3. Soda bottle units
- 4. Homer Simpson outbursts 5. Map letters, once
- 6. Luggage attachment
- Rural youth club 8. Bedridden
- 9. Monthly bill: Abbr.
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- 38. He debated Cheney in 2004
- 39. Ultimatum option
- 42. Zero
- 44. Lacking color
- 45. Actress Langtry
- 46. Sender to Siberia
- 48. Does great, as a stand-up comic
- 49. Fill-in workers
- 50. Fields
- 51. Long.'s opposite 55. Oodles
- 57. Triage ctrs. 58. Farrow of "Zelig"
- 59. Prefix with pod

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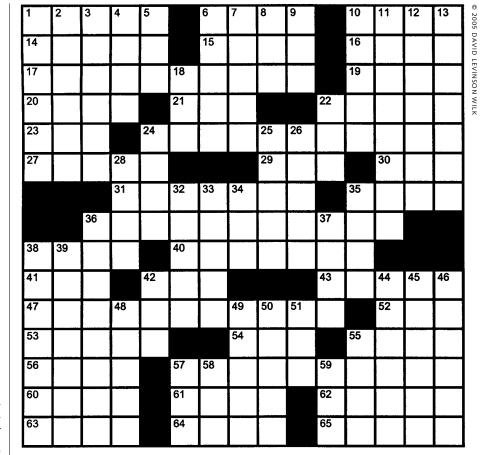
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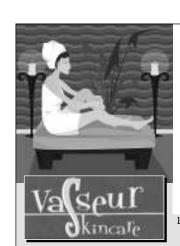
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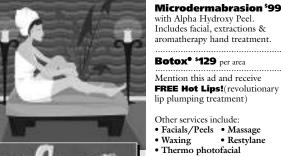
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A subculture of hip-hop music has developed recently among computer science professionals, who taunt each other in verse much as mainstream rap artists do, according to a June report on Wired.com. "Geeksta" rappers like Ytcracker and MC Plus+ spin verses such as the latter's "I'm encrypting shit like every single day/ sending it across a network in a safe way / protecting messages to make my pay/ if you hack me you're guilty under DMCA" (referring to a federal copyright law). Explained another, "Monzy": "(I)nstead of boasting about our bitches, blunts, Benzes or Benjamins, maybe we talk about our math skills or the efficiency of our code." A hiphop journal editor doubted the genre would endure, though, because so far the major artists are males: "You're going to need some females."

Compelling Explanations

 Andre Guthrie, 22, faced with a special fivevear-minimum sentence under the law because he robbed a Sovereign Bank in Lowell, Mass., "while masked," argued to his sentencing judge in June that he wasn't actually in disguise but merely in his transvestite mode ("Andrea Guthrie"), including wig, false breasts, and a fake nose and facial moles. "This is what he does," said Guthrie's lawyer. "This is who he is."

— Maureen Faibish, the owner of two pit bulls that attacked and killed Faibish's 12-year-old son in June in San Francisco while he was home alone (after Faibish had ordered him to stay away from the dogs and shut him in a room), denied that she was in any way responsible for little Nicholas' death. "It [was] Nicky's time to go," she told the San Francisco Chronicle. "When you're born, you're destined to go, and this was

Pieces of Work

- In April, Florida Highway Patrol officers in Miami-Dade County set up surveillance, including an airplane, to catch a notorious motorcyclist who at least twice before had sped past officers at speeds up to 140 mph and escaped. On

April 24, he blew by again, going the wrong way in rush-hour traffic, but with the help of the plane, officers tracked him to his apartment and arrested him on six counts. The motorcyclist turned out to be David Carpenter, 24, who was at that time on track to become a Florida Highway Patrol officer. (He was advised to forget about the new career.)

- In February, a Judicial Conduct Board in Pittsburgh filed charges against District Judge Ernest Marraccini, who apparently was upset one day at having to sit as a substitute traffic judge. ("Well, I'm not spending the day here," he allegedly said in court.) To the 30 people waiting to appeal their tickets, Marraccini reportedly said, "Well, then, let's just find everybody not guilty!" When the stunned appellants didn't immediately react, Marraccini said, "I told you you're all not guilty. ... What are you, a bunch of morons?'

Things You Probably Didn't Realize

- It Must Not Be Difficult to Fly Cessnas: In a widely reported incident in June, an apparently intoxicated 20-year-old man with seven hours' student flying time stole a single-engine plane in Danbury, Conn., and joyrode for three hours before landing in White Plains, N.Y. However, a week before that, a 14-year-old boy, who, according to police, had never flown before, stole a Cessna in Fort Payne, Ala., took it up for about 30 minutes, and touched down and took off again before landing hard on a road (suffering only cuts and bruises).

- Two Middle-Eastern Women's Need for Speed: (1) A 27-year-old Saudi woman, Hanadi Zakaria al-Hindi (whose countrywomen are not permitted to drive cars), was granted a commercial pilot's license in June after flight training in Jordan and returned home to fly for Saudi Prince al-Walid bin Talal's company. (2) Ms. Laleh Seddigh, 28, won Iran's national championship car race in March after becoming the first woman allowed to compete against men in any sport since Iran's Islamic Revolution. (In the winner's circle, Ms. Seddigh put on a scarf and draped a

cape over her tight-fitting uniform.)

· The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's lab in Vista, Calif., reported in April that it had received for testing 17 600-gram bricks of what it determined to be cocaine, but that on closer inspection only the outsides of the bricks were of cocaine. Inside each brick was 500 grams of heroin. Officials guessed that the ruse was to fool transporters, who typically charge more to ship heroin than cocaine.

Leadership in America

- According to an Associated Press report, Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick told a middle-school class he was visiting in April that the U.S. Congress is different from the Texas legislature, in that in Washington there are "454" members on the House side and "60" in the Senate. (The real numbers are 435 and 100.) And The Kansas City Star, reporting in May on a Missouri legislative debate on the Confederate flag, quoted Rep. Jim Avery as stating that the 1803 Louisiana Purchase involved a fight with France over the territory: "Well, we fought over it. We fought over it, right? You don't think there were any lives lost in that? It was a friendly thing?" (It appears well-settled in history that the Louisiana Purchase was just a land deal.)

Least Competent Criminals

- According to police in Shreveport, La., in June, Jared Gipson, 24, had entered Blalock's Beauty College looking to rob the place but left (according to a Shreveport Times reporter) "crying, bleeding and under arrest" after the 20 students and teachers (almost all women) wrestled him down and attacked him with curling irons, chairs and a table leg, as well as their fists. Manager Dianne Mitchell had led the charge, tripping Gipson as he headed out the door, then yelling "Get that sucker!"

Recurring Themes

- Gary Moody, 45, was arrested after being pulled by police from a tank underneath a women's outhouse in a park near Albany, N.H., in June. A teenage girl had reported that when she went to use the facility, she saw Moody, standing in the muck below the hole, staring up at her. ["News of the Weird" has reported on others discovered in similar circumstances (and who typically wear raincoats and waders and stand patiently, waiting for a user): in Horsetooth National Park in Colorado in 1998; near Peterborough, Ontario, in 1995; at a state park near Hamden, Conn., in 1990; and near Durango, Colo., in 1990.] According to Moody's arrest report, his explanation (which is a familiar one for these situations) was that he accidentally "dropped" a "ring" into the toilet and had to go looking for it.

Hyperactive Seniors

 Lawrence Brown, 91, was arrested in June after an armed standoff with police, who said he was operating a drug market out of his home in order to, according to one officer, "supplement his Social Security income" (Chicago). ... Dorothy Densmore, 86, was arrested in May for having called 911 20 times in a 40-minute period to complain of poor pizza-service delivery and then biting the officer who came to question her (Charlotte, N.C.). ... Vera Tursi, 80, who uses an oxygen tank and a walker, was nonetheless arrested in June and charged with running a prostitution service out of her apartment in a low-income project (Lindenwold, N.J.).

Undignified Deaths

· A 21-year-old student at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga died after pulling her car into a garage and closing the door behind her but leaving the engine running while continuing a long cell phone call (February). ... A 54-yearold man in the Tokyo suburb of Musashimurayama became the latest person to be killed by a suicide jumper's inadvertently landing on him (December).

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My kids both love books, and one of the things that I look forward to most as a parent is introducing them to my favorite books. We've read to our kids for almost every day they've been alive — even when they were tiny infants. When the Bumblebee was a baby, sometimes I would read aloud to her from books that I was reading myself, because just the way my voice changed when I was reading her a story (versus talking to her) seemed to calm her down.

We have literally thousands of books in our house, that run the gamut from kids' books, to contemporary trade fiction, to junky mysteries, to scholarly tomes (hello Riverside Shakespeare). We've got amateur poetry, family autobiography, literary crit and analysis, theatrical anthologies. We've got a lot of books. Once, my mom asked me if there was any room in our house that didn't have a bookshelf in it, and I told her, "Of course, Mom, I would never store books in the bathroom water is bad for them." That was before the cookbooks got moved into the dining room, though, so now there are three rooms in our house with no permanent collection.

Both of our kids have bookshelves that are crammed full of picture books, board books, and lately, chapter books. Over the years, we've read the Bee some books that were (at the time) way beyond her comprehension (The Hobbit, Alice in Wonderland & Through the Looking Glass, The Wizard of Oz). When the Bee was born, I started reading kids' and young adult books again, so that I would be prepared when she was ready to read that stuff, and I've found some amazing things along the way (although nothing yet to dislodge my personal favorite, From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, a book I must have read twice a year from ages 8 to 11). The Sweet Potato is currently in a phase where he drags piles of books (mostly board books) from one room to another, demanding to have them read. And the Bee has gotten to be a good enough reader that she can sometimes read those books to him, which makes him (and me) very happy.

My own parents had very different attitudes about books. I grew up in a house with a lot of books — when I was 6 or 7, my dad built a bookcase from one end of our upstairs hall to the other, to house his own books. He had great, eclectic taste in novels, and was definitely the parent that you wanted to have reading to you at bedtime. I vividly remember lying in my parents' bed with my two brothers, as he read aloud to us from

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and later Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator. I think we had every Roald Dahl book that was intended for children, and some that weren't.

My dad played a very important role in my development as a reader, and it continued on as I got older, even as my parents' marriage crumbled and eventually fell apart. He always encouraged me to read, and gave me books that he thought would challenge me. He let me read anything on his shelves, although I do remember once or twice having him tell me (when I was 12 or 13) that I should wait until high school to read a certain novel.

His own reading tended to the black humorists. He was a great fan of Vonnegut's, and had all of John Irving's early work (the Irving novels were among the books he thought I read a year or two too early). He also had stuff by Woody Allen, and Steve Martin's first book, Cruel Shoes (which I found hilarious as an adolescent). But I think it was important to his image of himself that he read the work that was contemporary and important. When, in sixth grade, I was given an assignment to write a book report on a biography or autobiography, I went home and looked on his shelf and found The Autobiography of *Malcolm X*, and wrote my report on that. Needless to say, I was the only suburban white girl in my school who wrote about that book.

My mother had a somewhat different parenting attitude about books. My mom is not really a reader. I don't remember seeing her ever with a book in my childhood, and even now, she tends to read things like *The Pilot's* Wife. While I read a healthy amount of what's now called chick lit myself, I don't think she ever really enjoyed reading anything that was really meaty. But the other difference between my parents was



in the way they felt about my reading. My mom was the parent who would tell me things like, "you've got your nose in a book all the time," or would try to make me stop reading to go out and play.

Looking back now, I know that she wasn't doing this out of some malice. toward books. My mom is an educated woman, who values literacy very highly. She sends my kids books. But in my childhood, she came off as a parent who was suspicious of books. When I was 13 or 14, I checked out Lenny Bruce's autobiography, How to Talk Dirty and Influence People, from the library, and she was so enraged when she saw me reading it that she made me stop immediately and returned it to the library herself. I'm not sure what bothered her most about it — the cursing or the fact of Lenny Bruce himself. The thing that I came away from that experience with, though, was that she didn't trust me to evaluate my own reading. That she thought that just by reading about Bruce's prodigious drug use and profanity, I'd be sure to head that direction myself.

Now that I'm a parent, I

see my own parents differently (of course). My mom, at the time of that incident, was going through a bitter separation and divorce from a person who swore like a longshoreman and drank like F. Scott Fitzgerald. My dad and I had really only one thing in common — our love

of reading — and when he moved out, he knew it was a topic we could connect on, and he knew that by treating me as more of an 'adult' reader, we would bond more easily.

I don't know how I'll react when my kids want to read something that I think is "too old" for them. I get to make those choices now -I've read the BB the first of the Lemony Snicket books, but not yet Harry Potter, because I think she'll find the Potter book scary, while the Snicket books are not. But what would I do if she wanted to read The Cider House Rules at age 12? I'm not really sure. Luckily, I've still got a few years to decide.

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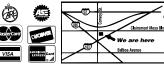
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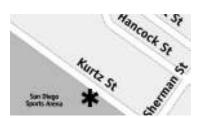
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PETTY THEFT

Location: 3487 Kurtz Street, Midway Time/Date: 5:25 a.m. on 7/12/05

Officer's Investigation: Upon my arrival I contacted the victim, L. I noticed his vehicle was parked



directly behind another vehicle, a van, so as to prevent the other vehicle from leavina. L.

informed me that his backpack was stolen from inside the Adult Depot this morning and the theft was caught on videotape. L. also stated he believed the suspect was in the van.

Officer Garrette and I knocked on the van doors and announced our presence. We received no response. L. stated he was sure someone was inside because he saw the van move just prior to our arrival. Officer Garrette informed L. that we could not force entry without being positive the suspect, and not someone else, was inside. Officer Garrette further informed L. that the parking lot was private property and if the Adult Depot wished to tow the vehicle from the property, we would wait in order to make sure the vehicle was towed safely and no one was found inside. L. spoke with the manager of the Adult Depot, and they decided to have the vehicle towed.

L. showed me the surveillance video that captured the aforementioned theft. At approximately 5:25 a.m., a white male, wearing a red shirt and khaki pants, walks into the Adult Depot and up to the front counter. The unknown male speaks to L. for a few minutes. L. then walks away from the front counter. The unknown male walks to the front of the store, stops near the front and picks up two magazines, then immediately exits the store. A few minutes later, the male returns to the inside of the store, takes L.'s backpack from behind the counter, and leaves again. The male appeared to be tall, thin, and had long brown hair.

A tow truck from Star Towing arrived and the driver

opened the vehicle with a slim-jim, in order to put the vehicle in neutral for towing purposes. As he did so, A. appeared from the back of the vehicle. A. stepped outside. Officer Garrette asked A. why he didn't answer when we knocked on the door and A. stated he did not do so because he has warrants for his arrest and he did not want to go to jail. I looked at A. and determined, based on the surveillance video, that he was not the person who stole L.'s backpack.

Officer Maggi obtained A.'s name and date of birth and checked for warrants. A. was found to have two outstanding warrants. I informed A. he was under arrest and placed him in handcuffs. I double-locked the handcuffs.

HIGH-SPEED PURSUIT

Location: Corner of Earl Street and Severin Drive, La Mesa

Time/Date: 12:24 p.m. on 7/4/05



Incident: Officer Claudia McDaniel saw a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign. McDaniel caught up to the vehicle and tried to initiate a traffic stop in the area of Dallas Street and Fletcher Parkway. She activated her emergency lights and siren and the vehicle fled from [her].

Officer McDaniel pursued the vehicle into the city of El Cajon, for a distance of approximately 1.1 miles and at speeds reaching about 80 mph. The suspect's vehicle lost a tire after striking a curb in the area of Fletcher Parkway and Garfield Avenue. McDaniel terminated her pursuit when the vehicle drove onto the wrong side of a divided roadway, traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of Fletcher Parkway at Hacienda Drive.

The suspect vehicle was found abandoned in the 1100 block of Loma Portal Drive. The vehicle had been reported stolen by the El Cajon Police Department four days earlier. With the assistance of El Cajon police officers and citizens, the driver of the vehicle [later identified as Michael P., 33 years old1 was found and arrested a few blocks away. A passenger in the suspect's vehicle had intentionally jumped from the car to evade officers, and was injured as a result.

RESIDENTIAL ROBBERY

Location: 12700 Pomerado Road, Poway Time/Date: 6:18 a.m. on 7/24/05



Incident: Deputies from the Poway Station responded to a residential armed robbery. Upon arrival, deputies contacted the owners of the residence, who indicated they were the victims of a home invasion robbery. According to the victims, two suspects broke into the residence and held the victims at gunpoint while they stole valuables. One of the victims was assaulted with a lamp. The suspects escaped in the

victim's vehicle prior to deputies' arrival.

The vehicle is described as a 1992 Ford Mustang convertible. The suspects are described as two white males, each about six feet tall and both around 20 years old.

AUTO THEFT, ETC.

Location: Corner of Fanta Drive and Mission Gorge Road, Santee

Time/Date: 2:00 a.m. on 7/26/05



Report: Deputies from the Santee Station contacted the driver of a white Toyota Camry at a convenience store. A check of the vehicle license disclosed the car was stolen from a Rancho Bernardo burglary several days earlier. The driver, identified as Jeffrey M., from San Diego, was arrested.

Deputies later contacted Sheriff's detectives at the Powav Station and learned that M. was wanted in a home invasion in Powav on Sunday, July 24, 2005. M. was also wanted for a series of residential burglaries in the Poway, Rancho Bernardo, and Rancho Peñasquitos areas.

M. was booked into the San Diego Central Jail and charged with conspiracy, robbery (first degree), assault with a deadly weapon (not a firearm) with great bodily injury, burglary (three counts), and auto theft (three counts).

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"It was my first car. Growing up in New York, and at college, I didn't really need one. Except one summer during college I was building a house with a couple of buddies in the Vermont woods. The site had no electricity, no running water.

"To get our supplies, we had this International Harvester three-quarterton flatbed crew cab. It's this big old thing with an engine that sounds like it's under water. Blub, blub, blub. And a first gear that's suitable only for pulling stumps. That's what I learned to drive a stick in.

"One time I was on the other side of the mountain, going toward Middlebury for a load of lumber. You climb very steeply and come to the summit, and the road drops sharply after that and goes into a hairpin turn. Now with this truck, if the motor stalled, you lost your brakes. One of those old-time power brake systems. So I got up to the summit, and I stalled, right before the steep down and the hairpin turn. I thought, 'What? Am I going to have to jump out of the truck and let it go flying down the hill, or can I get this thing going?' I had one hand on the door handle, ready to bail. As a last-ditch attempt, I popped the clutch. And the motor started up. I couldn't have done that with an automatic. So when I bought the Toyota, I got the stick, a

"The Toyota is the kind of truck I love. It's the tortoise in 'The Tortoise and the Hare.' If you're willing to puttputt and smell the roses, it's for you.

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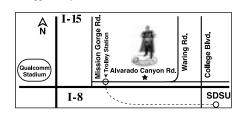
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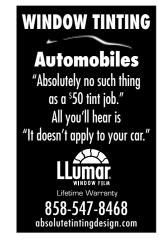
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After brushing my teeth for the 13th time and languishing in the shower, I'm out of my room and wandering. There's a hollow feeling everywhere I am and in everything I do. I'm hungry and full, tired but not sleepy, want to go outside but need to sit on the couch and flip channels. I am an empty ball of need, a black hole. My shoulders and elbows tingle inside and I want to keep them moving. Flip channels. Move from room to room.

Television thinks for me when I can't stand to do it myself. Original thought comes only in the form of desire today — coffee, food, nap. In my head are thoughts, but not my own. The good life. Just do it. Low price guaranteed. The voice in my head, my voice, repeats these things, but they're not mine. Flip channels.

My coffee cup is empty. Time to get up. Go to the stand across the street to get another cup. Keep moving. Keep consuming. Fill the hole. Bourbon is poor filler. Come morning and it's splashed out by a speeding tire.

Lie on the couch watching commercials come at me sideways until my left arm falls asleep then switch over to the right. Expect more, pay less. Where do you want to go today? Click and save. You're now free to move about the country. Thanks.

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I'd rather take a punch to the yam than be hung over. You take a blow to the ghoolies, double over, feel sick for ten minutes from the pain, then it's over. Instead it feels like my brain is carved out of wood. Flip channels.

Takin' care of business!

Cram it.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

EXTREME MAKEOVER

ARC 8:00 PM

Last weekend I grew a tail. If it had grown longer it would have been prehensile like a monkey's, but Tuesday morning it fell off in the shower. It was still just small. I threw it off my balcony onto the street below.

HIP-HOP SHOW

MTV2 7:00 P.M.

I have a question for the kids who are walking around the beach in black goose-down jackets. What the hell are you doing? You think vour statement is, "I'm rebellious. I don't follow even the most accepted social norms." What you are really saying is, "I cannot bear to think for myself, please someone else do it for me."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

LESS THAN PERFECT

ABC 9:30 P.M.

If my uncle isn't inventor of the phrase, "yow yow yow," then he is the only one I have ever heard use it. It is interchangeable with "running your mouth," and is reserved by Unc for when he is talking about one of his ex-wives. An example of proper use is, "So I'm out on the back porch fixing the handrail when Sherry drives up and

starts yow-yow-yowing in my Goddamn ear."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

PRESIDENT BUSH'S WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS AND DEMOCRATIC RESPONSE CSPAN 3:45 P.M.

The San Diego radio station that used to be called Star 100.7 is now called lack. That's a sweet name. When I'm mega-rich and I own a radio station I'm going to call it Dillhole FM. That'll make a cool bumper sticker.



The O.C.

SEX GAMES: VEGAS

MAX 11:40 P.M.

My new favorite euphemism for masturbation is "giving oneself hell." My favorite used to be "landing the Johnson account," but that's hard to work into a conversation. It's easier to say, "Oh, really? You walked in on George giving himself hell?"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

OVER THERE

FX 11:00 P.M.

This hurts my soul. I'm not sure why. Something isn't right about dramatizing a war that's still going on. Hollywood is profiting from reallife dramatic situations that are happening now. Real soldiers wounded in war do not receive the best treatment. The American public is not interested in them. We're interested in the theatrical portrayal of them instead, and the actors who play them on TV are making a boatload more money. The writers, directors - hell, the cameramen are probably better off than the soldiers.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

RENOVATE MY FAMILY

It's just too soon.

FOX 8:00 P.M.

Another "We're not good enough" show. Put us on TV. Tape our tits together to make cleavage, Vaseline our teeth, and cake makeup on our necks. Duct tape my shirt down in the back and I'll stand in front of your hot lights and camera. Make us good. Make us the good people.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

JOHN RATZENBERGER'S MADE IN AMERICA

What the hell is this about? Is that Cliffy Clavin? Oh, Cliffy. Try as you might to repackage yourself, we'll never see you doing anything else except giving us little-known facts about birds from the end seat at the bar.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

BORN WITHOUT A FACE

DHC 7:00 P.M.

I miss my tail.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

THE O.C.

FOX 9:00 P.M.

Thursday's a good night to go out with someone new. Have a couple drinks; tell your good stories. If she's a total dummy you haven't blown a perfectly good Friday or Saturday night. If you imbibe a little too much and feel like junk the next day. Fridays at the office are a cakewalk anyway. Just keep half of the lights in your office shut off and bring on the coffee.

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"The tree line's lousy with NVA...I've called in an air strike."

<u>Bv Iohn Brizzolara</u>

We moved on a Friday in August 1965. From Chicago to five and a half acres in Round Lake, Illinois, a godforsaken outpost of the John Birch Society. The place was little more than cornfields; a few isolated, low-income veterans' housing tracts; a train station; and a town with grain and feed stores, a post office, bars, and the Robin Hood Supermarket. The wooded areas were jungles in the summer, fantasy landscapes in the fall, the Black Forest in winter. In spring, cool bayous of mud: a crèche world for June's mosquitoes. Our new house was among the trees, on the lake. I was 14, just sprung from summer school in the city.

I rode with the moving van and was left to "help" the movers, who reeked of beer sweat and let me commandeer the radio if I could explain what the hell Mick Jagger was saying ("yeah, time is on yer goddamn side ya' fruity son of a bitch!") or why the Beatles kept saying yeah, yeah, I explained that they

I think I was supposed to tell them where to put the marked boxes, but I wandered off to explore. The radio in the truck's cab was switched to some station playing Dean Martin, Gene Pitney, and Bobby Vinton, who sang "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime," "Town Without Pity," and "Blue on Blue." I stood at the edge of the lake.

The day before, Thursday, I had been stifling in an algebra class that I had failed freshman year. I was pretty sure I had failed it over the summer as well. Eventually my father explained it very well for me. I almost started to cry when I finally got it and have since forgotten

the simplest principle of the stuff.

The lake, they said, was exactly a mile in diameter and three in circumference. I knew the difference. A few powerboats tore the green marble surface in fading white scars; Sunfish sailboats sat like skewered washtubs in the still heat.

I walked inland to the far end of the property along Hainesville Road. Heat mirages shimmered on the blacktop. Very few cars passed; each wobbled into the foreground like gelatinous beasts from a primordial, hallucinatory pond at the road's vanishing point. I could still hear the constipated sound of the powerboats through the trees as I walked along the gravel shoulder of Hainesville. I pretended I was on the Bataan Death March in the Philippines. My men were dropping around me, but I helped who I could, placing their arms over my shoulders, joking, and offering encouragement. "You can make it, Kowalski. There's Jap beer just waitin' for us over the next rise."

The Jap beer turned out to be Royal Crown Cola at a Sunoco station at the crossroads where Hainesville Road met a four-lane highway to Wisconsin. On the way back I was a lost Legionnaire in North Africa just escaped from the Taureg marauders. My glass canteen of Royal Crown gave out just as I glimpsed the sunlight on the lake, winking like silver-yellow coins. I had found the Nile.

The garage on the property was at one time a stable, long since used for two cars. A workbench lined one wall, and it became a torture rack. The congealed black oil from three decades of Fords or DeSotos in the dirt were now old bloodstains. The Inquisition, I nodded to myself, down on one knee sifting dirt between two fingers and holding a pinch below my nostrils. "It's their calling card, D'Artagnon. I'd recognize it anywhere. They cleared out just in time. We'll never know what became of the poor lads who were sport for these devils. Pray, for the sake of the Grand Inquisitor, they were not Musketeers."

On a rotted pier jutting into the lake like a scabrous gray tongue, I stood, my palm horizontal above my brow, and awaited the return of Captain Savage to Caribbean waters. Slaves were yet to be freed on this island, but I could make no move until I glimpsed the shrouds of the HMS Dolphin on the horizon. The signal would be cannon fire, and I would get word to men in the garrison who would create the diversion. Meanwhile, the sadistic Governor Gutlurch (uncanny resemblance to the obese algebra teacher, Gottlatch) was unknowingly masticating his final, greasy repast with his bungling Colonel Wort and the beautiful captive American, Arabella.

It was late in the afternoon when the convoy arrived with my parents, three brothers, and four sisters. The station wagon was a half-track; the rental trailer it towed was a field howitzer. My mother brought the women, and I superimposed a white cross on the side of the 1954 sedan. I went to my younger brother, Paul, and informed him I had reconnoitered the perimeter. "There's nothing here," he pronounced, blinking sweat from his eyes behind his glasses and



Haiphong Harbo

looking around.

"The tree line's lousy with NVA," I corrected him. "I've called in an air strike." "Huh?"

"Let's mobilize. We're escalating over here."

"What's that?"

"I don't know. Let's get out of here before Mom makes us clean something. Down there," I pointed to the lake. From a burger joint in town on the edge of the water, a jukebox played "Hey Mister Tambourine Man," and it echoed across the stillness shot with the insistent, repetitive whine of diesel inboards and Mercury outboard motors. "Down there is Haiphong Harbor and it's full of mines."

"Yeah?"

"Let's strip down, we're going for a swim. We'll need knives."

"Knives?"

"Deactivate the mines," I explained.

The movers were packing up the truck, the blankets, and stuff. They had killed a six-pack each, all four of them, while sitting on the porch listening to Jerry Vale and Al Martino. From the cab of the truck they produced my ragged paperback, Great Tales of Action and Adventure. "Hey, kid! You left this."

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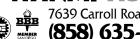
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