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Incredibly Insulting

I'm writing to you today in response to an article written by a Mr. Josh Board regarding the popular bar the Zombie Lounge ("NightSpotting," August 4).

Near the end of his article is a mention of "Other interesting sights: a one-legged woman with a pit bull." I, and several others, including the woman he has mentioned, find this incredibly insulting. While I'm sure the gentleman who wrote the article was thinking he was being funny in a "carnival sideshow" kind of way, the truth is that she is a living, thinking human being, with feelings just as I am sure you have.

It is unfortunate that as an "alternative" publication, a person with a visible disability is viewed as "other interesting sights."

I appreciate your taking the time to read this. But, I assure you, a proper public apology is due to this woman.

Erin W.
Roseville

Wrong Answer

Don Bauder's otherwise excellent analysis on financing sports facilities and the hidden dangers we face here with the Chargers omits one crucial issue: Who is going to own and be responsible for managing a new Chargers stadium the 355 days per year they won't be playing? ("Stadium Mess," "City Lights," August 4.)

People often knee-jerk an answer, "The city, of course," but that's the wrong answer. San Diego has demonstrated it can't operate sports facilities in a profitable manner and has repeatedly fallen for the old "improve it or we'll have to leave" ploy.

When sports teams own and operate their own stadiums (see L.A. Dodgers, e.g.), it's pretty tough to sing that song with a straight face.

They have the ability to modify the stadium any way they want, within current building codes, or to tear it down and build another one at their own expense.

They also have the opportunity to make additional profits by renting it or putting on other events, something the city has not been able to make enough money on to cover operating and maintenance costs. If you doubt this, check the current city budgets for the operation of Qualcomm Stadium and Petco Park. They're right there on the city websites.

When the Chargers make their pitch to the public, I hope someone tells them to build and operate their own stadium and wishes them well on making it profitable.

Bill Bradshaw
Mission Beach

Outdated Emergencies

I just finished your article "Emergency Room" in the August 4 issue of the Reader. Although its contents are interesting and certainly juicy enough to get your readers' attention, it was written 30 years ago and misrepresents current ER practices and surroundings. For instance, if your readers did not read the complete story (and I would bet most of them won't) and note the original date of publication at the end, they would probably think smoking cigarettes is an accepted practice in the ER. Instead of printing grossly out-of-date articles, spend a day or two in a local ER. There is plenty to write about.

I suggest you place your original-publication disclaimer at the beginning of the article in a slightly larger font to allow your readers to be informed as to the accuracy and validity of the article in present day.

L.G.
via e-mail

Investigative Guts

Your article on the Republican Party fund-raising cesspool (and its head honey dipper, Ronnie Boy) is the type of investigative reporting this sorry town can find only in the Reader and the Voice ("Ludicrous and Irresponsible Gossip," "City Lights," July 28). I've circulated it to all my friends in San Diego, no matter what

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It's a Weird Market

By Don Bauder

Without question, nerds boost the local economy. But so do smerfs. Indeed, San Diego should post a sign on the outskirts:

"Smerfs Welcome." Smerfs are notorious cheapskates, but their dollars are green. In the tourist industry, "smerf" is an acronym standing for "social, military, educational, religious, and fraternal" organizations. Normally, their members pay their own way to a meeting or convention. "These visitors typically pack four travelers in a hotel room and don't have corporate credit cards to blow on expensive meals," says *Forbes* magazine.

Many hoteliers count government employees among smerfs. "Governments have per diem rates that are published," says Peter Shure of Conferon Global Services, Twinsburg, Ohio. "So most hotels, knowing what the government employees can spend, have special government rates."

National political conventions are also increasingly lumped with smerfs. Republican dele-

gates used to be considered big spenders, but no more. Increasingly, they are brown baggers. Last year, New York City's Economic Development Corporation figured the Republican convention was a big winner, but the city's comptroller, using different statistical models, said it cost the city a bundle.

With the big-spending convention-and-meetings business getting intensely competitive, San Diego cannot look down its nose at smerfs. San Diego dodged a bullet this year but long-term faces the prospect of the shutdown of military installations. If that happens, it may be a good idea to rescue some lodging units from the wrecking ball so they can be used to capture the lowest-budget smerf markets, such as scout troops, cheerleaders, impecunious poets, and regiment reunion attendees.

Activist John McNab un-

successfully battled the teardown of lodging units at the old Naval Training Center, now a housing development. "The real estate industry is drooling, knocking off properties one by one," he says. Long range, developers are eyeing such properties as North Island (the Naval Air Station and Naval Amphibious Base) and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. McNab intends to fight and hopes that lodging units can be used for low-cost smerf accommodation. Planning specialists say such an idea is workable if there are other amenities, such as food service.

Smerfs have their peculiarities, of course. The trade publication *Association Meetings* warns host hotels that members of fraternal organizations might want to bring their own booze. A gospel group "brings along a ten-dollar bill and the Ten Commandments, fully intending not to break either," says the publication. Back in the 1980s, when Brigham Young University's teams regularly played in the Holiday Bowl, the coach, now-retired LaVelle Edwards, made the same observation in almost identical words. It wasn't funny to San Diego hotels, restaurants, and bars.



But don't sniff at smerfs. "A corporate meeting may bring 1000 people, while a smerf meeting brings 100,000 and has more impact on the local economy," says E.J. Siwek, who writes on conventions and meetings from Bethel, Connecticut. He points out that smerfs will hold their meetings on weekends, while corporations prefer Monday through Friday. Thus, smerfs can keep hotels full.

That doesn't help here. "Weekends are the busiest in San Diego," says La Jolla tourism expert Jerry Morrison. "It

depends on the market. Downtown Dallas is empty on weekends, unless there is a big convention there."

Some smerfs do spend big. "We've found that 30 percent of the smerf market can afford high-priced hotels," says Walter Barnard, publisher of *Smerf Meetings Journal*, Irvington, New York. Focus on the Family, a politically potent, fundamentalist religious group based in Colorado Springs, schedules meetings in \$200-a-night hotels, Barnard notes. On the other hand, "I doubt that an associ-

ation of Texas Baptist ministers will schedule a meeting in the [Manchester Grand] Hyatt in San Diego."

However, "The flip side is that a lot of smerf planners plan family trips around meetings. If they are among the 30 percent, they may stay in downtown San Diego and go up to Disneyland. But it's a weird

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Food Servers Ride the Bull

By Cruz Medina

Around ten o'clock every morning, a prep cook strolls through the kitchen of a Mission Valley restaurant crying, "Red Bull. Red Bull. Red Bull." He collects \$2 each from waiters, busboys, and cooks to buy the silver cans from the roach coach.

Busboys ask waiters to buy them the energy drink with the tip money they share, and sometimes busboys buy waiters the drink so the waiter will work harder, turn over more tables, and earn more tips.

A product of Austria, Red Bull came out in 1987. The company's website says the energy drink was "developed especially for periods of increased mental and physical exertion...sport, work, study, driving and socializing." Key ingredients are taurine, glucuronolactone, and caffeine.

The website explains glucuronolactone as "a carbohydrate, a kind of sugar"; taurine "is a conditionally essential

amino acid...naturally occurring in our body." A can of Red Bull contains 80 milligrams of caffeine; the same amount of coffee, depending on how it's brewed, can have twice as much.



Rachel Fonte

In 2004, people in 120 countries drank close to two billion cans of Red Bull.

Maritza, 45, has served food on and off for more than 20

years. She began waiting tables while studying social work in college. "When I first started, people were different," she says. "No one was sending back food or complaining about service." Energy drinks help her maintain an upbeat attitude.

"You take it when you need energy," she says. However, "It's like crack; I'm addicted. But it alleviates some of the hard labor. It works like speed."

Food preparation workers, waiters, waitresses, and bartenders top the list of illegal



Maritza

drug and alcohol abusers, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The administration's website, www.drugabusestatistics.samhsa.gov, says that food industry workers have "the highest rate of both current illicit drug and heavy alcohol use at 18.7 percent and 15 percent, respectively."

Maritza remembers that in the '80s, every food server drank coffee and smoked cigarettes. "I can remember making a salad for a customer with one hand and smoking a cigarette with the other," she says, gesturing as if she's tossing lettuce leaves and dragging on a cigarette at the same time. Serving tables and going to school, Maritza depended on coffee to wake up in the morning. "Smoking cigarettes was a way to relax and release stress." She adds, "Now more servers I know smoke marijuana than cigarettes."

Recently a friend who delivers energy drinks to grocery and liquor stores gave Maritza a bottle of ephedra. Maritza tried the energy supplement out of curiosity.

According to the FDA, "Ephedra, also called Ma huang, is a naturally occurring substance derived from plants. Its principal active ingredient is



Food service truck

ephedrine, which when chemically synthesized is regulated as a drug. In recent years ephedra products have been extensively promoted to aid weight loss, enhance sports performance, and increase energy."

Products containing ephedra have been described as having an amphetamine-like effect. Asked to compare the effects of ephedra and energy drinks, Maritza says, "You feel completely different on ephedra than drinking a Red Bull. Ephedra makes your stomach hurt; you feel that it's not good for you."

Katie Spangler, a 24-year-

old nursing student at San Diego State and part-time waitress, has taken ephedra since she was 18.

"It started that I used it to lose weight," she says. "In the beginning I lost a few pounds, but I kept taking it for the energy boost."

At the time, Spangler worked as a waitress in Mission Valley, went to school, and trained for and later ran a marathon. "I could've never done it without

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Matt Potter
is on vacation.

His Eyes Were Red and Glassy

By Joe Deegan

Five years ago, criminal defense and civil rights attorney Mary Prévost began investigating how the City and County of San Diego conducted blood draws from people suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol. But when she sought documentation on the matter, she tells me from behind her cluttered desk, "The city attorney's office practically laughed in my face." Eventually she used a California Public Records Act request to discover that law enforcement agencies hired "unauthorized individuals to draw blood in [our] filthy jails."

Prior to 2004, California Vehicle Code stipulated that only doctors, nurses, clinical laboratory technologists, and other licensed medical personnel "may withdraw blood for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content therein." The law permitted phlebotomists to draw blood in such cases but only under the supervision of physicians and registered nurses.

But American Forensic Nurses, a company that had contracted with city and county law enforcement to conduct blood draws, found it much more economical to use unsupervised phlebotomists for the job. As a result, estimates Prévost,

as many as 10,000 people suspected of drunk driving in San Diego County have had their blood drawn illegally over a period of five to eight years. "So I began litigating," she says. "In testimony, one woman said she kept her phlebotomist's supplies under a sink next to the



Richard Huffman II

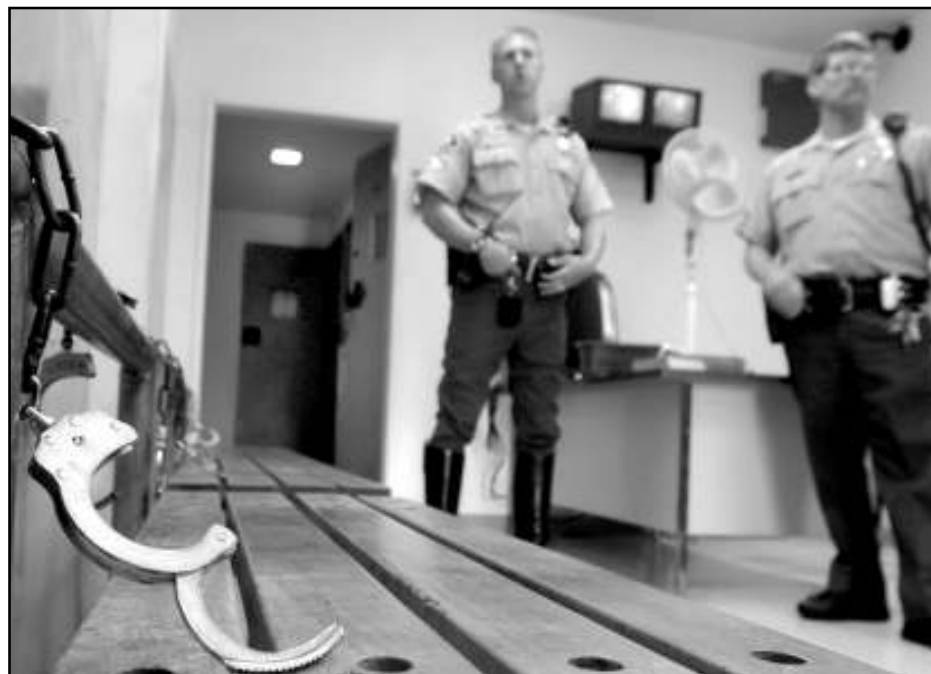
Drano and that she only used a toothbrush to clean her vials if she saw remainders of blood in them when empty."

Last fall, 19 people who were appealing their driving-under-the-influence convictions argued in San Diego County Superior Court that the unauthorized use of phlebotomists to obtain

their blood alcohol levels required that the evidence be suppressed. The appellants were represented by Prévost or one of several other attorneys. At trial, however, all their "motions to suppress" were denied.

In the meantime, San Diego law enforcement officials had been getting worried. As early as summer 2001, they began seeking a legislative change to make their use of unsupervised phlebotomists legal, without, according to Prévost, discontinuing it in the meantime. On July 25, 2001, San Diego Police Department criminalist Patricia Lough e-mailed deputy city attorney Shannon Thomas addressing the problem. "Steve Aronis from the [district attorney's] office is pressuring me," she said, "to get a meeting together [as soon as possible]...to write a legislative change regarding the phlebotomy laws.... He is having many problems in court related to this issue." In 2004, Assemblyman Phil Wyman, Republican from Tehachapi, maneuvered a bill through the California legislature permitting licensed, but unsupervised, phlebotomists to perform the blood draws in drunk driving cases.

The new law was not in place at the time Mary Prévost and the other attorneys entered the motions to suppress blood evidence in their clients' cases. All 19 cases were consolidated to appear before California's Fourth Appellate District Court in San Diego. There, according to the court's written opinion filed on



County Sheriff's booking room

May 12 of this year, justices heard testimony from an expert for the county that "the length of time phlebotomists left tourniquets on patients, the storage of their equipment, [whether they used] gloves and...washed their hands...[were not] medically significant."

But during oral arguments, according to Prévost, several justices upbraided the city attorney for initially refusing to give her documentation of the city's practices. And the court granted that the city's and county's use of unsupervised phlebotomists to draw blood had been illegal. Even so, it denied that the appellants' Fourth Amendment right to freedom from unreasonable search and seizure had been violated or that their right to due process of law had been lost. The lower court's decision was upheld.

On the question of equal protection under the law, the court was especially adamant, arguing that the appellants had no legitimate complaints, despite the fact that other defendants in California may not have had their blood drawn by unauthorized personnel. "Here," reads the court's opinion, "the sole circumstance which made the appellants subject to prosecution was behavior which gave law enforcement agencies reason to suspect the appellants had been driving under the influence of alcohol."

Midway through the appeals deliberation, on March 29, Prévost filed a motion requesting that Justice Richard Huffman and the entire appellate panel recuse themselves from

the case. "The basis of this motion," she wrote, "is that Justice Huffman's son, Richard Huffman, II, was given a substantial legal benefit in a criminal case by the City Attorney of San Diego, a party opposing Appellants in this case. Neither the City Attorney, nor Justice Huffman, advised Appellants of the potential conflict prior to argument." Prévost went on to note that the mere

and .137 percent. Huffman was arrested and, at a highway patrol office shortly afterward, two breath tests showed his blood alcohol levels to be .09 percent and .10 percent. (The legal limit is .08 percent.) Officer Mendes wrote in his report of the incident: "I recommend that a copy of this report and other related documents be forwarded to the San Diego City Attorney's office for prosecution of Huffman"



Mary Prévost

appearance of a conflict of interest has always warranted recusal.

Shortly after midnight on April 25, 2004, Richard Dennis Huffman, 45, was stopped on Gilman Drive in La Jolla by California Highway Patrol officer G. Mendes. Huffman is a deputy district attorney for San Diego County. Two preliminary alcohol-screening-device tests indicated he had blood alcohol levels of .135 percent

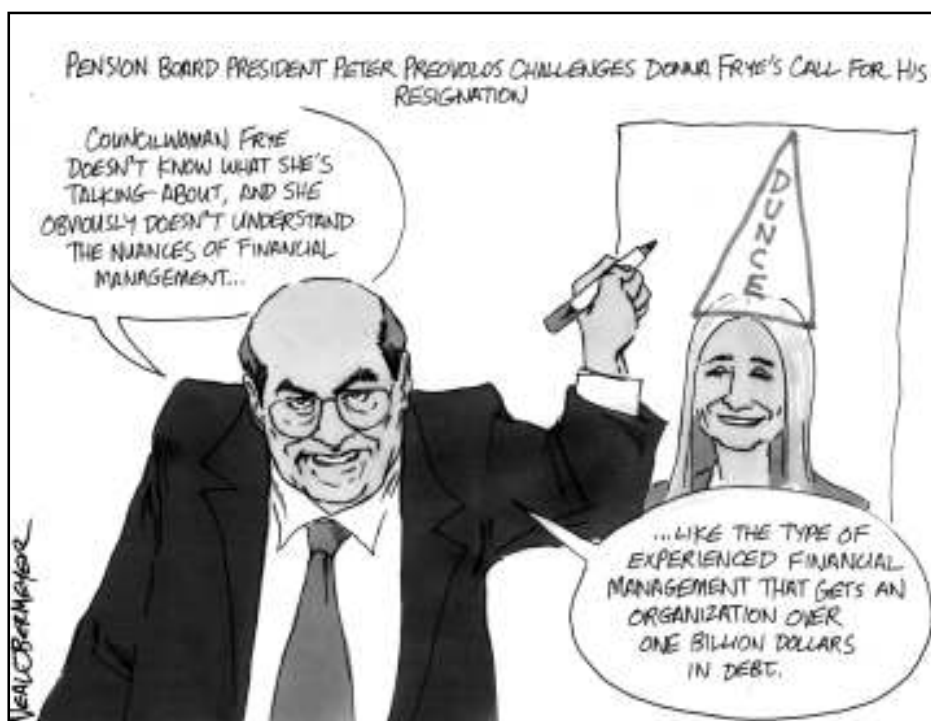
on drunk driving charges.

Yet the accused was released into his father's care only an hour later, at 2:05 a.m. Mary Prévost wonders why it was Justice Huffman who went to pick up his son. "Wouldn't a 45-year-

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market. If a group is determined to go to New Orleans, it will go in August, which is the worst time of the year to go to New Orleans," says Barnard. With convention centers overbuilt and the convention business stagnating, the cost-conscious smerfs are offered better deals than ever by cities with gleaming-but-empty convention halls. Smerfs will be a higher share of the market for places like Shreveport, Galveston, and Tulsa, he says.

The smerf business is "immune to downturns," he says. After 9/11, corporate travel and the convention/meetings

business collapsed. But smerfs remained a robust market, suddenly courted by cities that once had snubbed them.

In 2003, occupancies by smerfs were 5 percent of San Diego's total of 12.8 million hotel room nights, says Skip Hull, vice president of CIC Research, Inc., San Diego. How much do smerfs spend? It's a fraction of the direct delegate spending at the glitzy events: \$1049 per delegate at a convention-only meeting; \$1338 at a convention/trade show; and \$1627 for a trade show only. These San Diego spending totals are higher than national figures.

Jack Giacomini, vice president and managing director of the Red Lion Hanalei and Hilton San Diego Mission Valley, esti-

mates that smerfs spend 40 percent of what the "highest ticket" delegates spend. So 40 percent of \$1627 is not bad. Hull agrees that 40 percent of the top ticket is about right. "The beauty of it is if they need to transact business, what better place is there than San Diego, with all its leisure options?" says Giacomini. He has regular marketers assigned to recruiting smerfs. The Red Lion Hanalei gets about 25 percent of its business from smerfs and the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley 15 percent.

"Spring and fall are the prime times for business travel, conventions, and meetings," says Giacomini. Smerfs fill in the gaps in winter and summer. Mission Valley, Mission Bay, and Harbor Island are the

most popular smerf locations. Sal Giametta of the Convention and Visitors Bureau says the small and medium-sized hotels and motels get a big chunk of the smerf business. Both Morrison and Robert Rauch, director of San Diego State University's Center for Hospitality and Tourism Research, believe downtown, with its \$200-plus nightly prices, may have priced itself out of much of the smerf market. ■

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taking ephedra. There's no way that I would've had the same motivation."

But in 2003, supplements containing ephedra were banned in California, and they went off shelves across the nation in April 2004, when the FDA published a ruling claiming that ephedra presented "an unreasonable risk of illness or injury." The FDA linked ephedra to 155 deaths, including the 2003 death of 23-year-old Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler.

When ephedra became unavailable, Spangler went without it for a year. Instead, she drank 32-ounce Diet Cokes, or "I'd drink about two Big Gulps every day," she says, and "I used other herbal supplements that claimed to be as effective as ephedra. But they didn't work as well.

"I feel like those people

who're addicted to heroin," Spangler says. "When I stop taking energy supplements, I'm tired, cranky, exhausted, and unmotivated."

Last April, in Salt Lake City, district court judge Tena Campbell ruled that the FDA had not met the burden of proving that ephedra, in doses of 10 milligrams or less, posed an unreasonable risk. After learning that the ban had been lifted, Spangler began purchasing ephedra on the Internet. Jevette International, operating out of Gardena, California, boasts on its website, www.acnedoctor.com, that one version of ephedra "works so well that the FDA doesn't want you to have it."

"Now with the Internet, I can

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get the good stuff," Spangler says.

Spangler's recently been taking "two to three pills a day," even though the bottle recommends one per day, two at most. Each pill of the Lipodrene brand she buys contains 25 milligrams of ephedra. Spangler pays \$60 for a bottle of 100 pills. By the time she orders her next bottle, she imagines, "I might be up to three pills [75 milligrams] a day."

As a student nurse, Spangler knows the effects stimulants have on the body. "One cup of coffee has been proven to be healthy for the body," she says. "It's any amount more than the first cup that increases stress and causes your blood sugar to rise."

"When you come down or crash from energy supplements, you feel bad because your body chemistry is out of whack."

Spangler lists the major harm from ephedra. "It's hard on the liver because it's a diuretic. Diuretics put added stress on the heart, leading to potential heart valve disorders because of the added wear and tear from a continuously heightened heart rate."

"Extra caffeine in the body has the same effect as the chemicals that your body produces when you're being chased by a bear. If you're constantly pumping these into your body, your body will stop making these chemicals for itself and become dependant on them."

"If my liver could talk, I'm sure it'd be angry with me," she jokes. "It'd probably say 'Stop, stop, I can't take any more.'"

Rachel Fonte, 26, believes that the restaurant environment poses a temptation for its employees and allows addictions to develop. "One restaurant I worked at back in New Mexico," she says, "there was an employee bathroom that a lot of the time had lines of cocaine on the back of the tank for whoever wanted one. There was always a [marijuana] pipe in there to take a quick hit before going back on the [dining room] floor."

"Most restaurants have a bar," Fonte says. "I've noticed that people drink more often after they start serving [food]." She worked at a Red Lobster where employees served each other alcohol in restaurant's children's cups. "The bartender could slip you a drink by pouring it in a kid's cup, and no one could tell what you were drinking."

Fonte says without any regret,

"I earned the most tips that I ever made one day because I had been drinking; it made me a little more blasé about work, but more intimate with my customers."

When she was a manager, she faced the issue of drugs head-on. "At one point, another manager suggested drug testing the staff," she says. "I told him that he would have to fire half of the staff including some of the management." ■

Red and glassy

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old man living on his own," she asks, "have his girlfriend or one of his friends come to get him? And how often does anyone arrested for drunk driving receive the 'cite and release' treatment immediately after arrest?"

The senior Huffman and his fellow justices declined on March 30 to recuse themselves from the blood-draw appeal case. In defense of his decision, Huffman wrote, "I became aware [of the situation] on April 25, 2004, when my son called me from the [California Highway Patrol] office. I was advised he would be released if my wife and I would pick him up. I appeared at the office and signed the [required] form. I did not

advise anyone at the station of my position or title.... In my view, the fact that an adult child had a legal problem, which was resolved without any involvement by me, does not create a conflict or the appearance of conflict in the mind of any person aware of the facts."

On October 18, 2004, the court backed off charging the younger Huffman with the strict offense of driving under the influence of alcohol and allowed him to plead to a lesser offense. The decision occurred after assistant city attorney Tracy Rogers had completed and signed a "Declaration in Support of Reducing Charges." As reasons for her action, Rogers checked the box on the form called "Problems of Proof." She then checked the following subsections of the box: "No observed erratic driving or defendant not observed driving...; No impairment shown by field coordination tests; Low blood-alcohol level when tested or evidence of rising blood alcohol level."

But arresting officer Mendes's report paints a different picture. Huffman was driving his motorcycle 80 miles per hour when Mendes first spotted him. To catch the suspect, he had to increase the speed of his patrol car to 85 miles per hour on Gilman Drive. After pulling

Huffman over and "while speaking with [him]," Mendes writes, "I could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his exhaled breath. I also noticed that his eyes were red and glassy and he was unsteady on his feet.... As Huffman continued his conversation with me, I noted that his speech was thick and slurred."

Mendes continues that he explained "a series of sobriety tests" to Huffman, who then expressed concern he would have problems performing them due to injuries he had experienced. "Huffman did not perform the sobriety tests as demonstrated," the report continues. "Based upon my observations of Huffman's driving, his objective symptoms of being under the influence, his performance on the sobriety tests, I formed the opinion that he was under the influence of alcohol."

The four readings of Huff-

man's blood alcohol level on the night of the incident show perhaps the greatest failure to square with city attorney Rogers's "Declaration in Support of Reducing Charges." Mary Prévost explains to me that defense attorneys often use the concept of rising blood alcohol levels to argue that smaller amounts of alcohol were in defendants' blood while they drove than when they test in a police station later.

That's because it takes a while for alcohol to enter the bloodstream, the exact time depending on how fast people drink and what they eat before drinking.

But Huffman's readings suggest the opposite. He had blood alcohol levels of .135 percent and .137 percent at the scene of arrest and .09 percent and .10 percent in the station. By the time his blood was tested, his alcohol levels were declining. ■

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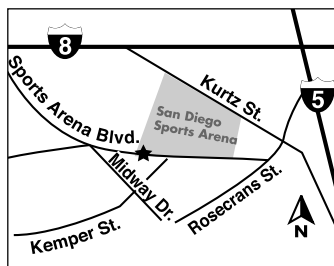
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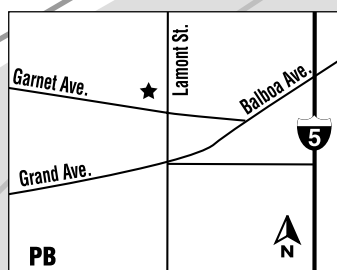


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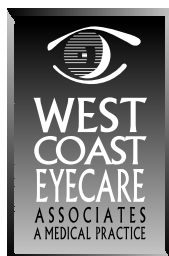
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Dear Matt:

I was wondering. If a set of identical twins married another set of identical twins, and each couple had a child, would the two children be identical?

— Ag, the net

UCSD's medical genetics department I'm sure has bigger fish to fry, but they took time out from the important stuff to say that the children of your hypothetical lovebirds would look about as much alike as any other siblings. As the great genetic wheel of fortune spins, each pair having one child would be roughly the same as two single births from one couple Over some infinite number of pregnancies, the couples would produce kids who were genetically identical, but that scenario has more to do with statistics than reality. And it would just confuse the heck out of the relatives anyway.

And, on a related note, from the overstuffed M.A. archives:

Dear Matthew Alice:

Now that my father has passed away, I "inherited" boxes that filled a basement, attic, and two-car garage (into which my father never put a car.) Amidst the papers, pictures, and assorted historic items there was a family tree going back into the late 17th Century. In a rare spare moment, I noted eye color beside each member. Virtually every male and female had blue eyes, except for me. Mine are hazel, though my mother assured me they were blue on my birthday but "changed" sometime in the first year. My wife and all of her family also have blue eyes, as do our three children and all of our grandchildren. Recalling genetics taught in school, I thought that blue eye color is a recessive gene, not allowing for other eye hues of descendants. Is it possible for me to have hazel eyes under those extraordinary circumstances? Have I discovered a family secret?

— Buried in Boxes

If you're old enough to have grandchildren, be assured that everything you learned in biology class is now wrong. Time and science march on. One of the "facts" jettisoned by contemporary research is the assumption that only two genes predict eye color. Science guys are pretty sure there are genes they haven't even found yet that play some part in each person's ultimate peeper pigmentation. Though it might be an unusual occurrence, you (and millions of other kids) are testimony to the fact that two blue-eyed parents (or five blue-eyed generations) can produce a non-blue-eyed child. If we'd known this sooner, perhaps the divorce rate would be lower.

The main source of eye color is a layer of cells in the iris that contains deposits of pigment. The color we see is created by light entering the eye and being scattered by this layer. The size, shape, and density of these layered cells — plus the size and intensity of the pigment spots and their distribution within the cells — determine the scatter pattern, and thus eye color and color depth. (Why is the sky blue? Same reason eyes are blue— conditions that scatter blue light.) Gene patterns will influence the characteristics of this iris cell layer. How many genes? What's their influence? Stay tuned. Nobody's sure yet.

So far, eye science has identified three genes that are eye-pigment linked: green-blue, brown-blue, and brown. These will influence the amount of pigment (melanin) in the iris; at one extreme, dense deposits of melanin help make eyes look some shade of what we'd label "brown." At the other end of the continuum, minimal deposits create shades of "blue." And, given a polygenic model for eye color, a family with predominantly blue-eyed ancestors can still carry a genetic potential for a brown- or hazel-eyed child. Actually, greenish eyes are colored by an additional pigment, lipochrome, so there's another variable in the chromatic mix. Aren't you glad you took biology back when life was simpler?

Heymatt:

How come during rush hour the slow lanes are faster than the fast lanes?

— Y.F., the net

First of all, because the fast lane is fast in name only. In a finely tuned gridlock, the number-one lane is no more fun than any other. But through some goofy faith, people often figure if they're in the number-one lane, eventually they'll be speeding along. The secret to the "slow" lane is to find a stretch of freeway where there are more exiting cars than entering. The more cars that leave the freeway, the more room you have to zoom. This generally happens during 5:00 traffic on a stretch of road going through principally residential zones, where you're not picking up an equal amount of leaving-the-office traffic to compensate for the homeward bound bailing off the f'way. Reverse is true for morning traffic. This theory would work all the time if it weren't for the acres of Caltrans construction and pointless exit-onlys (West Bernardo/Pomerado Road? What's up with that?) and "Lane ends, merge left"s. Just when you think you've got it figured out, somebody throws a few miles of K rail in your way and you're back tying to psych out the road builders.

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Around With Us For Decades

'How did you come upon this?" Beth Shannon says, "My sister made a donation in my name."

We're talking about Old Friends, a Kentucky nonprofit "dedicated to providing a dignified retirement to old champions." Old champions being champion thoroughbreds found abroad, bought, and then shipped to Hurstland Farm near Lexington.

Before we get any further, I should mention that Beth lives in Lexington, Kentucky, and normally flies into California once or twice a year to visit friends. I should note further that "lives in Lexington, Kentucky" is a little like saying the Emperor of Japan lives in Tokyo. Beth's forefathers (actually, a fore-uncle) arrived in the Lexington area during the 1790s. She is a local girl of some 200-plus years standing.

This will cause a personhood to see the world differently than you and me. Particularly when it comes to horses.

Last month, Old Friends bought Ogygian, who, at the age of 22, was taking his meals in Japan. Old Friends bought him for \$13,400 and brought him home.

Beth says, "An awful lot of these horses are being brought back from Japan, but also other places. Sea Hero, who is in Turkey, is on the list. Charismatic is on the list. What this means is that every few months Michael [Michael Blown, Old Friends president] will phone the owner and say, 'How are you doing? Are you interested in sending him back? It's a gentle way of saying, 'We are aware of and care about what happens to this horse. If you ever want to sell, we are interested.'"

I ask if her sister's donation was connected to a particular horse.

"It was made on behalf of a mare who was a daughter of [Kentucky Derby and Breeders Cup winner] Ferdinand. Ferdinand was slaughtered in Japan. I had not thought that horses who used to be stars could be in need of rescue. In Kentucky, they are usually retired in great dignity and comfort. Not so everywhere. That was a rude awakening to a lot of Kentuckians."

I...don't see it. "I talk about Joe Montana the way you talk about horses. Ran into him in a stadium corridor a few weeks before he retired, and instead of asking a question, I thanked him for pleasure he'd given me." Silence. "But, Joe played for 16 years, 16 to 20 games a year. Racehorses run for seconds at a time, a dozen times a year, for two, three years. I don't get how you make a relationship out of that."

Beth says, "For us, it's not a horse who's here for two years and then disappears after he sprained an ankle. These horses are around with us for decades. And they breed, and we follow their lineages. So, the horses are not a flash-in-the-pan to us. They come back and they stay and they live with us for decades and decades."

"For instance," Beth says, "my connection with Ogygian. His grandson, Johannesburg, has given me an enormous amount of pleasure. And my sister was nuts about his grandfather, Sword Dancer. And so, I owe Ogygian. I couldn't see him being starved to death and slaughtered in Japan."

"How much of your passion for horseracing is because you live in Lexington?"

Beth smiles in a way that tells me there are a lot of things I'm never going to know. "Lexington natives mostly grow up going to Keeneland [a racetrack built in the 1930s, located six miles west of Lexington]. It's not for the hard-bitten better; it's a family center. There was an epidemic of strangles [a highly contagious disease attacking equine lymph nodes] a few months ago. A lot of people in Lexington have back-yard horses and pet horses. Keeneland immediately had a workshop on strangles; what it is, how it can be prevented, how to recognize it. Typical of Keeneland. Their purses aren't humongous, but it gives humongous grants to the University of Kentucky library. Keeneland does so much community stuff. It is a presence in the community in a way that I don't think people out here could understand."

Beth mentions she's part of a syndicate that owns Ogygian. I have no idea what that means.

"These are baby shares, \$100 shares," Beth says. "It's kind of a PR thing, but it's fun. People say, 'You're a part-owner of that horse.' Hey, I'm part-owner of a horse who won the Jerome Stakes and Dwyer Stakes and a Futurity. And that's big stuff. I'm part-owner of a son of Damascus. That's a big deal. He is the grandfather of Johannesburg who is worth zillions and zillions of dollars."

"I'm not rich enough that I would normally drop a \$100 on a charity, but when I found out that I could help rescue and be an owner of this particular horse, I picked up the phone and dialed Old Friends' number. Michael answered the phone and I said, 'Put me down. Right now.'"

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Sergio Castro performed "spoken word" for a crowd estimated to be 170 people. "Worship is dangerous. Worship of God is forbidden in many parts of the world. Music reaches into the subconscious. Music is a natural channel to express one's true feelings toward God. Music makes us

part of creation. In the book of Job, it says the stars sang. Perhaps creation did not begin with a big bang after all; perhaps it began with worship," said Castro, keeping rhythm with a beat from DJ Tony Vasquez. As the duo, known as The Root of Jesse, performed, an artist stationed on the stage's right side painted a canvas. At the stage's left, a PowerPoint screen rotated images of children and communities from around the world. Performances by Dance Floor Prophets and Soul Water followed.

At this event held in the basement of Horizon Park Chapel in Banker's Hill, several artists' work was displayed. The art expressed Christian themes—the Holy Spirit represented by fire and a surreal collage about Judas's betrayal of Jesus. Charlene Rice, a painter from Rancho Cucamonga, donated her work to the event. "We want to raise money

in a creative way through the use of art and music. This is not your grandmother's Catholic prayer group," said Rice loudly over the music. "The art here isn't the Passover art people hang over their dining room table. This art speaks to this generation." With paint and seeds, Rice had fashioned a cross-shaped device. "The Christian art community is too saturated with angels, flowers, and trees. People's souls are deep wells and I want to speak to them through my abstract expressions."

Jamey Franich attended the event. "This event is about Christians using their gifts and artwork to glorify God. When you look in the Bible, where God had the Israelites build a temple, God indwelt an artist named Bezalel with the Holy Spirit. The same thing is going on here. Christian arts have gotten boring and mediocre. Christians don't seem to consider the arts important. Maybe it is because [of] the hell, fire, and brimstone Baptist attitude that said that Christians shouldn't dance or listen to music. Some denominations blanket the arts as sin without any support of this in the Word of God."

The event was the brainchild of Abraham Vizcarra, a local artist and owner of Soul Creative design firm. "What began as a design firm has become more of a springboard to serve ministries," said Vizcarra. "We wanted to put on a concert and bring in a variety of Christian artists to donate their work. The proceeds fund national missionaries in Asia. The event has a threefold purpose. First, we want to create awareness for the native missionary movement. Second, we want to call the church into action to wake up from their lukewarmness and go out and share the gospel. Last, we want to evangelize the lost who attend."

Vizcarra said Soul Creative is different than other Christian events. "I've seen too many seeker-sensitive churches who try to reach non-Christians with nothing more than a party where there is no true gospel presentation." Vizcarra spoke passionately about the need for the church to recover a true gospel message and for the support of native missionaries. "There is a lack of missionaries who are laboring to evangelize the world.

The American church, which has the ability and resources, isn't willing to give up our rights and support local missionaries in third world countries. The churches in America only want to send American missionaries because of our arrogance. We are not willing to break free of traditional missionary work."

Vizcarra told me a story he read about missionaries who were based in India for several decades that had their own personal cook and driver. "The missionaries lived far away in a nice home from the people they were ministering to. Their ministry work was not fruitful. ... It wasn't gospel work but social work."

Gary Bishop, a volunteer representative for Gospel for Asia, spoke during an intermission between musical acts. "The Gospel for Asia organization is targeting between the 10- and 40-degree latitude lines

from western Africa to Asia. This is where 60 percent of the world's population lives, where 85 percent of the world's impoverished people are, and where 98 percent of the people groups are who have not heard about Jesus Christ. Today, only 2 percent of the world's missionary force targets this area. Eighty-thousand people die each day in this area without hearing the gospel," said Bishop. He said it takes 30 to 40 thousand dollars to train and send an American missionary to reach these people. "There are thousands of native missionaries who are ready to go into these hostile areas, and they only require 90 to 150 dollars a month for support," Vizcarra said the goal of the evening was to raise money to support ten native missionaries for one year.

I asked Vizcarra what happens to a person after they die. "If a person dies in their sins without Christ, they will be given justice. God will be just to send them to hell," replied Vizcarra. "That is why we are here to warn people."

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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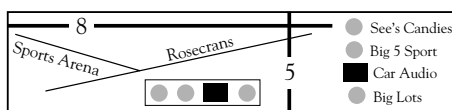
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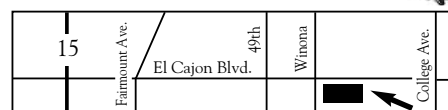
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Dear Saffron,

I teach yoga at various sites in San Diego County. I have several elderly women in my group classes and as private students. One of my private clients is a dear soul who is 80. Her children live on the East Coast and her husband is dead. Most of her friends have passed away or are not in good shape. She is very lonely and has asked me if I will spend time with her outside of class because she wants someone to go places with and to keep her company. She says she wants to pay me to do this, as she now pays me for yoga classes. I like her very much and sympathize with her predicament, but I have two children, a husband, a full teaching schedule, and my own aging parents to deal with. I don't want to let her down, but I really don't have time to add being her companion to my current responsibilities, paid or unpaid. She is an interesting, bright, educated person, and it makes me sad she has to ask someone if they will accept money just to spend time with her. I'd like to help. Do you have any bright ideas?

SANTEE YOGI

Dear Santee Yogi,

Could you match this sweet lady up with any of your other elderly yoga students who might also be grateful for people to do things with? Are there programs for seniors at any of the places you teach yoga where older folks can meet, socialize, play bridge, go on trips? YMCAs often have these kinds of programs. I think you could help her research and find venues where she could hook up with potential, like-minded friends who have common interests. And since you're so fond of her, you might want to consider inviting her over for Christmas or some such holiday, if you and your family do that sort of thing.

Dear Saffron,

My best friend's husband got very ill this summer. He has been bedridden for a couple of months now. He is recovering, but slowly. She has been wonderful during his illness, very devoted and strong. She went to millions of doctors' appointments, slept in a cot by his hospital bed, and now stays home and takes care of him. He is going to be at home convalescing for an indefinite period. Maybe at least till the end of the year. She doesn't go out and has almost no life of her own now apart from caring for him. I talk to her on the phone or drop by and bring a casserole or a cheerful plant sometimes, but her friends almost never see her anymore. She is starting to look pale and spent. I told her that she should get out a little, get some fresh air, but she doesn't want to leave her husband's side. Her friends are worried that if she doesn't start taking some breaks from nursing duty, it's going to take a huge toll on her. How

can we convince her to take the occasional breather for her own good?

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Dear Fretting Friends,

This is a problem I can relate to. When my aunt had a stroke and it was decided I should move in with her to help out for a while, she insisted that she would only consent to the arrangement if I took some nights and days off. She said it would be essential for both our mental health. She turned out to be right. In the beginning, other relatives or friends would come and stay with her when I went out. Later on, when she got better and could be alone if I went out for the evening, she said she appreciated the private time "without anyone hovering." Caregivers often exhaust themselves and can damage their own health if they don't find a way to balance their needs with those of the person they are caring for. You and your mutual friends can get together and talk to "Gina" about your concerns. Make a schedule, if she's willing, where one or two trusted friends stay with her husband while she goes out with another friend or two to relax, take a walk, see a movie, get coffee. You can take turns with who does what. If it's not disturbing to Gina's husband, you can bring entertainment and food in sometimes as well, and visit with him too. DVDs and videotapes make it easy to have an evening of movies and takeout food if someone is housebound. It takes a little creativity, but it's vital that Gina's friends step in and help her figure out ways to get her life back a little while her husband is regaining his health.

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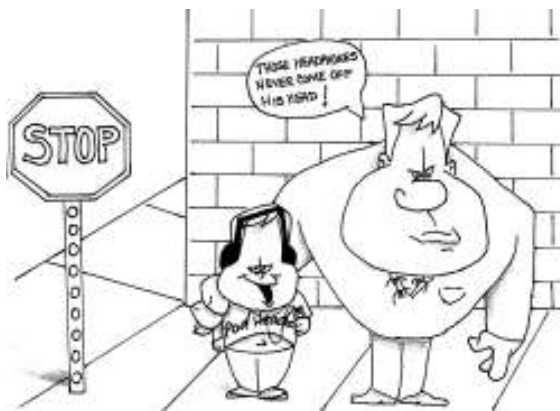


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—EVE KELLY

"Where are people buying these decals?" After ten dead-end calls, Patrick slumped over the telephone, exhausted by his futile hunt. He was trying to buy stick-figure family decals for his sister's car. She has 13 children. "That would be a great gag gift for her," he said, "a string of little girls and boys across the back windshield."

The problem was finding them. He tried stationery shops, car dealers, and label companies. Nothing. To lessen the load, I took up the hunt, and was directed to Nancy at Fiber-World in National City. She makes the decals. "We have some decals already made up or customers can bring in their own drawing to have made into a decal," Nancy explained over the phone. "We have a decal machine, so we can scan a drawing that they have made."

Nancy explained the drawings. "I prefer that the drawings be done with a ball-point pen or a very fine black marker. The machine is exaggeratedly sensitive, so it is going to pick up any extra little dot, squiggly line, or extra lines. The drawing has to be an extremely clean copy with clean lines."

The ready-made decals she describes as "the average stick family, and the boy bouncing a soccer ball. If the customer wants freckles on the child, or some other particular item on it, that has to be custom made."

What are some of the best sellers?

"Calvin peeing on everybody is a best seller. People want Calvin peeing on their mother-in-law. There are things that I will not do, though. Some customers come with very vulgar stuff. I just sell them the Calvin by himself and tell them to put whatever they want on the side. Some people ask for some strange things."

Another bestseller right now are "car clubs," she explained. "Customers are asking for the car clubs, the name of the car for the front of the windshield, or they want a particular girl or guy's name for their cars."

"People want Calvin peeing on their mother-in-law."

The intricacy of the design can be a problem. "Today I had a guy ask me if I could do the Virgin Mary on there," she said. "There's no way I could copy that color picture. It needs to be pencil or pen drawing and look like a coloring book drawing. Some customers want the whole Jesus with the Sacred Heart and there is no way I can do that. It is way too detailed."

What about the quality of the sticker? Is it going to peel?

"The sticker is a heavy vinyl," Nancy explained. "You put it on the window of the car, and when you remove it, you will be left with the stick people, not the background."

The decals come in an assortment of colors. "We have silver, gold, pink, blue, green, but people tend to stick with white or red."

We charge per the size," she offered, "so for a decal about 12 inches long by eight or 10 inches high, it would run around \$25. For the stick family, you can make the people smaller to fit more people on there. If the drawing is not very complicated, it takes me between 15 and 30 minutes to make it."

She added, "It will last for a long time."

Nancy told me she had seen a kiosk at Parkway Plaza selling decals, so I raced down there. The Sticker Shop, located by the movie theaters in the center of the mall, sells a variety of images: firefighter, butterfly, jester, wolf, Calvin praying in front of a cross, and a stick figure family to name just a few. The salesman said a six-inch decal runs \$19.95, and a dollar more for each extra inch. "If you have a catchy design, bring it in, and we can make it up," he said. As for a family of 13 kids, he suggested buying the stick figure family of four then adding the extra kids. "For add-ons it costs \$3.95 and up."

The Sticker Shop salesman suggested cleaning the car glass before placing the decals on the car, "clean the window real well before placing them on it," he recommended, "and if you need to remove it for some reason, use a razor blade, a heat gun, or a hair dryer."

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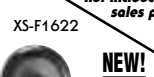
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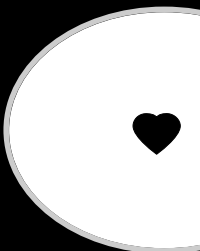
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Thirty Years Ago

Jack Nicholson is heir apparent to the middle-age actor role vacated by the romantic comedians of black-and-white days, the epitome of the lawyer, doctor, journalist, or fugitive from the Mann Act. Jack is pure American: taciturn not shy, necktie sagging from the collar-band, hair left disheveled, jack-of-all trades, jackpot, jack-tar. Nicholson is slightly intellectual, perhaps a year of Oxford, reticence suggesting mystery, a herringbone suit too well-tailored for a '40s private eye....

—**"A NEW MR. RIGHT,"** Derek Dewees,

August 14, 1975



San Diego Reader, August 14, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Gustavo Romero, who played the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 in three concerts with the San Diego Symphony last week, is a child prodigy. Now 15, he is an accomplished pianist. What the interview with young Romero on KFSD-FM revealed was an amiable adolescent, mild-mannered, respectful, with no unusual traits of personality and nothing interesting to say about his music making.

—**"FIFTEEN GOING ON FIFTY-EIGHT,"**

Jonathan Saville, August 14, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Seth would say, "Let's go to Cuyamaca for a minute," or "Let's get a bottle of Mount Gay." He'd shout, "Let's go to Borrego for lunch!" and they'd go. "Let's go to Mexico!" And they all wound up in the Tecate Brewery. Once Seth drove a truckload of kids up to La Costa to the big hill and then they all skated downhill at 55 miles an hour. "There's more to life than just hammering nails," he'd keep reminding them.

—**"THE ULTIMATE FUN HOG HAS BAILED,"**

Sue Garson, August 15, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

Three days after she began serving her 44-month state prison sentence for pandering, "Rolodex Madam" Karen Wilkening wrote a letter to the editor that was published last December in the San Diego Union.... Among those who responded was Nita Van Heest, a Vista woman who has criticized conditions in the San Diego County jails. Wilkening and Van Heest now correspond, and Van Heest has agreed to share Wilkening's letters because she wants "to let the public see that Karen is a real person."

Almost as far from the stereotype as I was as a MADAM is C.I.W. [California Institute for Women — San Bernardino County] as a prison. I am finding it a healthier place to be than sardine-packed

San Diego County jail. Jail is NOT the same as prison! I am learning from some of the 2500 women here from throughout California that there are vast differences in how jails are run. (But that's another newsletter....)

—**CITY LIGHTS: "CORRESPONDENCE FROM**

KAREN," Paul Krueger, August 16, 1990

Ten Years Ago

If there's a single plant that'll send me over the edge, it's oleander. No good reason for a Nerium oleander in every third yard in San Diego, but look around and you'll find one. They're one of the dominant flowering plants visible as you drive the canyons. Come down the grade on I-15 from Escondido to North County Fair, and they form a wall between the northbound and southbound lanes. Drive down San Diego Avenue or walk through the state park, and you'll see them turned into flowering trees. There's an impressive group along the eastern shoulder of 805 North, from Balboa up to 52. People like them so much that horticulturists developed a dwarf version.

—**"IN THE LAND OF SHARED GUILT,"**

Allan Peterson, August 10, 1995

Five Years Ago

The wall is situated on the north side of a commercial car wash located on Palm Avenue in Imperial Beach. I've paid \$13.00, removed the aboveforementioned items from my truck, and am on hold until said grimy machine makes its way through the car-washing tunnel to a large flock of towel-waving humans. This is the outdoor version of the grocery store check-out line, the Friday afternoon bank line, or the year-round California DMV line.

—**SPORTING BOX: "BUTTERFLY AGATE,"**

Patrick Daugherty, August 10, 2000

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Crasher

THE RECEPTIONIST

by Josh Board

the movie *Wedding Crashers* became number one at the box office after playing in theaters for several weeks. The word-of-mouth on this movie has made it a hit. Vince Vaughn is hysterical. (*Swingers*, a 1996 movie starring Vaughn, is one of my favorite comedies.) My friends ask me how *Wedding Crashers* compares to the weddings I've crashed. It doesn't compare. Unlike the crashers in the movie, I can't make balloon animals, and I've never used a fake Purple Heart for free drinks and sympathy. (I'm not saying I'm above such things; just never thought of them.)

I figured I'd crash a few weddings in July to tie in with the film.

The first one I crashed was in Oceanside. A Samoan family that lives near my parents have a daughter named Sarona who was getting married at a place called Natural Reflections. Natural Reflections looks like Hawaii, with tropical trees and bushes and a pond filled with lily pads. It rained the night before Sarona's wedding, and I wondered if the outdoor wedding would be ruined. At the wedding I overheard one person say, "I bet they were shitting last night with that



thunderstorm."

The day was clear and sunny (and too hot to be wearing a suit at 11:00 a.m.). Several wedding guests wore Hawaiian shirts. The wedding party had more people in it than I've ever seen. (I didn't count, but I'm guessing eight groomsmen and eight bridesmaids.) One of the groomsmen had a mohawk. I wondered if anyone had asked him to cut it off for the wedding. When I

I had to wear a kilt in that wedding, so the beard stayed.

was in my early 20s and in many weddings, I had friends ask me to cut my hair (which was long), and one couple asked me to shave off the beard I had at the time. (I had to wear a kilt in that wedding,



so the beard stayed.)

I got a cell-phone call before the ceremony started. I wondered how many weddings get interrupted by folks who forget to turn off their cell phones. I told my friend that I

was crashing a wedding, and he said, "You're not supposed to go to the wedding ceremony. Those are boring. Just show up at the reception." In *Wedding Crashers*, Vince Vaughn's and Owen Wilson's characters went

to the ceremony to scope out the women they would try to seduce at the reception.

When one of the bridesmaids was walking down the aisle, I noticed a tattoo on her shoulder. One of her male friends yelled out, "What's on your shoulder?" He laughed. She didn't.

I sat behind an older couple from Hawaii. They were talking about the humidity and bugs on the islands.

The ceremony was interesting and didn't last too long. The person who performed it (I don't think he was a priest) told jokes. I overheard one

guest ask, "Was that guy drunk? He mispronounced Sarona's name four times before finally calling her 'honey.'"

The reception was at Camp Pendleton. The hall wasn't ready when we got there, but it opened soon after.

The food was excellent. There was prime rib, chicken, and salmon, with sides of potatoes and salads. They did charge for alcohol, so a Purple Heart might've come in handy.

The dances were entertaining. I heard one guy say, "I don't usually see women in bikinis at wedding receptions. This is cool." Two women came out to hula, one thin and the other heavy. I said to a guy at my table, "You get the gal on the left; I get the one on the right." He didn't laugh. "I don't think my wife would care for that," he said.

One of the flower girls, who was about four years old, did a Tahitian dance.

On each table was a box of coffee beans. My parents told me later that Sarona's family had been working on those boxes in their garage for weeks, sawing and sanding. It gave me horrible flashbacks to the seventh-grade wood shop class I almost failed.

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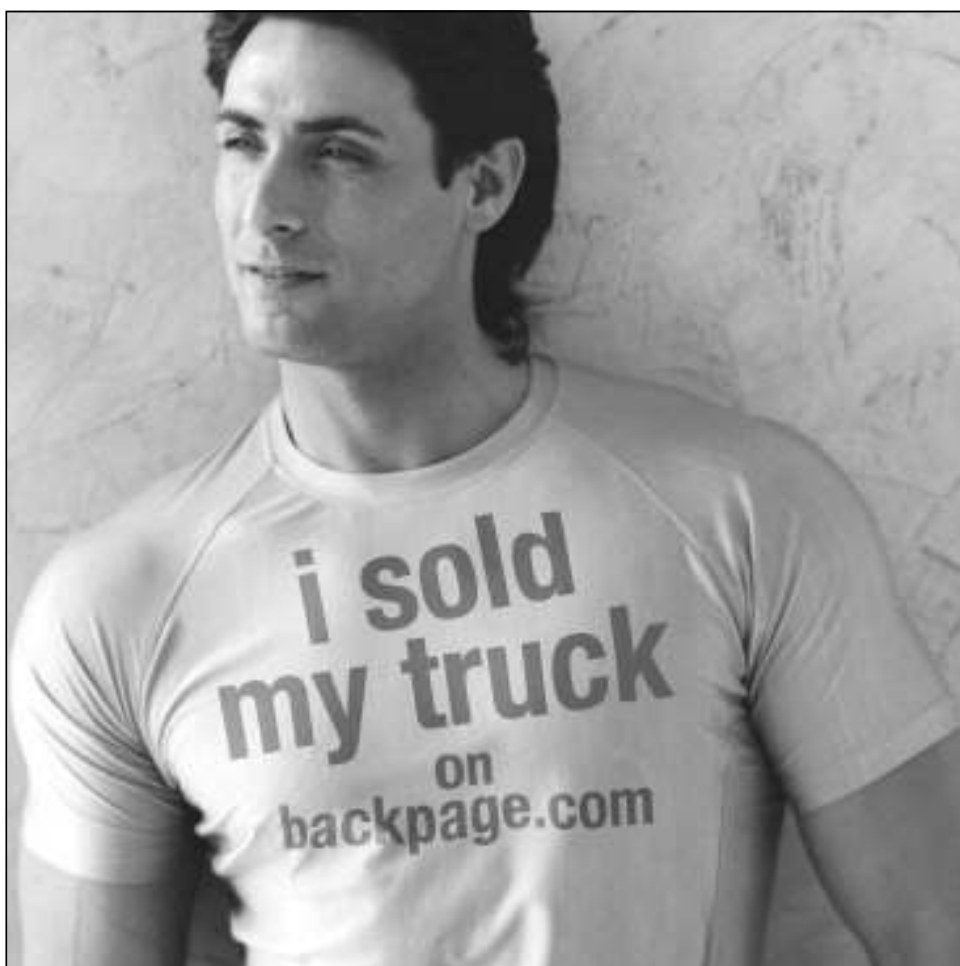
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As I was leaving I overheard one lady say, "The invitation said it was an adult reception and no children, but I see kids here."

Because I left Sarena's reception so late, I didn't make it in time for the next wedding, just their reception.

This wedding party was at the newly married couple's house in Scripps Ranch. It was also a Hawaiian-themed party, so I went home for an appropriate shirt. I could've worn a Hawaiian shirt to both affairs.

Their house was huge. I noticed several game balls from the San Francisco 49ers in their living room. I found out later that the groom played for the 49ers for five years.

I grabbed a glass of wine and found the friend who had given me the heads-up on this reception. My friend wanted to look around the house, so we went upstairs. There were more bathrooms in this house than any house I'd ever been in. I thought that I shouldn't have quit Pop Warner Football after two seasons. One bedroom had a balcony, and I shouted to the kid playing basketball below, "I challenge you to a game of horse." He told me to come down.

I like playing horse — you can shoot from behind parked cars, or one-handed from the middle of the street. (For the record, I kicked his ass.) When we were washing our hands, before heading out back to the BBQ, the kid told me that his girlfriend was the groom's sister. After I got

food, I saw the kid and his girlfriend dancing in front of the band (a guitarist and a guy on steel drums).

There was a person making margaritas, and I grabbed one. As I arrived at my table, a person walked by with freshly baked cookies. I said to him, "You're my new best friend," and took one.

I was talking to a guy who worked for the *Orlando Sentinel* years ago. He told me he wrote a story about a woman who helped the mentally challenged on weekends. He couldn't think of a headline so he just wrote "Woman Helps Retards" until he thought of a better one. After he wrote the story, he forgot about his working title and had to stop the printing presses.

One woman at this party brought her 17-month-old baby. Everyone was saying that the baby looked just like her. I couldn't tell. Babies all look the same to me. Everyone else thinks they look just like their parents. I'd love to see a study done with adopted babies. I guarantee the same number of people would say things like, "The baby has your nose."

I left the second reception stuffed from eating so much, which was the only thing I had in common with Vince Vaughn's character from *Wedding Crashers*. ■

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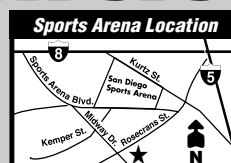
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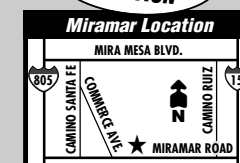
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by Barbarella

Fruit Fly

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— Abigail Van Buren,
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quality of the neighborhood.

Should you walk
into my father’s
home, there is a 90
percent chance you
will catch him
singing show tunes
and burning
incense while
sipping red wine
from a long-
stemmed glass.

When describing David to someone who has never met him, I often include the term “mostly gay.” These two small words communicate to the worldly, A&E-watching individual that David possesses every one of the Fab Five’s talents but is straight enough to enjoy the fact that his partner has boobies. I’m still not sure whether it was his passionate kisses or his obvious eye for interior design that prompted me to say yes to a second date.

The proverbial “they” say that a woman will gravitate toward a man who possesses character traits similar to those of her father, and my case is no different. Should

you walk into my father’s home without knocking, there is a 90 percent chance you will catch him singing show tunes and burning incense while sipping red wine from a long-stemmed glass. But my dad, like David, is not gay.

More than half of my father’s friends are lesbians and because of this, he affectionately calls himself a “dyke daddy.”

“I’m comfortable with lesbians because I love women too!” he’ll joke. At the Gay Pride Parade this year, Dad watched from the front row of an estimated 150,000 Pride revelers. I missed the fanfare, but Dad called me to announce that my friend Eddie (a.k.a. Cabana Boy) was dancing in the middle of the San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center’s float. My father was excited to see

other friends marching and reported to me that Nancy and Carol even ran over to hug him before they jumped back in line. “I knew more people in the parade than anyone else around me!” he shouted, his own brand of pride evident in his voice.

Dad called again from Balboa Park — what he calls the “inner sanctum” of the Pride festivities — where he was volunteering at a booth for Midtown Church of Religious Science, of which he is a member. Only a man confident in his masculinity can immerse himself in the gayest activity of the year. Dad’s coworkers, many of them ex-military and governmental, would sooner drink Drano than be seen driving down University Avenue for lunch on a weekday for fear that they might be mistaken for a homosexual.

The funny thing is, being thought of as gay is the highest of compliments, at least for anyone in a city cosmopolitan enough to offer espresso with a twist of lemon peel. Like my father, I have lesbian friends, all of them wonderful. However, it is the gay boys and their distinctive behavior that tend to draw me into their orbit. If my father is a Dyke Daddy, then I am a Fruit Fly.

A woman falling in love with her gay male friend is a classic scenario, and though I’ve never suffered from such a fate, I can understand why it happens. Most gay men are well-groomed, stylish, thoughtful, and just as interested in shopping and trash-talking the anchorwoman’s choice of lipstick color as most

women are. What’s not to love?

But the characteristics of these marvelous men that draw me in above all others are verve and panache. These guys are having fun and enjoying life; they show the same level of enthusiasm for a stylish new hairdo as they would if Ricky Martin showed up on their front doorstep wearing a tangerine Speedo. That’s why we call them *gay*, the small word that has several definitions in the dictionary, including “Showing cheerfulness and lighthearted excitement; Bright or lively; Given to social pleasures.”

Shortly after I graduated high school, my prom date came out of the closet. We were never involved romantically; he was my best friend’s older brother. But though my gaydar was not yet fully developed, I must have sensed that his hips swished in a different direction, for I was not surprised when my friend told me “the news.”

I honed my homo-interaction skills while living in West Hollywood. One of my closest friends at the time was a petite, blond bombshell named Sassy, or Craig when he wasn’t in drag. On Saturday night we would begin our adventure at a dance club filled with beautifully sculpted, half-naked men and end up in a restaurant on Santa Monica Boulevard, where I was the only woman in a building filled with drag queens and their admirers.

I preferred the gay dance clubs because the creep factor was eliminated, as was the embarrassment quotient. I didn’t have to wonder if any of these guys thought I was sexy or alluring.



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I could be *myself*. The more flamboyant, brassy, and sharp-tongued I was, the more the boys loved me. And I *love* to be flamboyant, brassy, and sharp-tongued. Sassy and I were bombastic and anything we did, we did in a loud, colorful way, complete with generous amounts of glitter and feathers.

As of this week, David and I are official residents of Hillcrest, the Greenwich Village of San Diego — meaning highly concentrated homosexuals, resulting in finer and funkier places to shop, dine, and party. When you move to a place like Hillcrest, you must be either gay or gay-friendly. We are the latter but most of our new neighbors are the former.

Because I'm nosy, I've been peeking into many of the other condos in our building and have ooh'd and aah'd at the design concepts executed by my gay neighbors. John and Todd, who have one of the tall-ceiling ground-floor units, decorated their new home and installed creative lighting

within a matter of days. Where do you boys find the time? John and Joe have already painted their entire home, Jeff and John have finally figured out which way to face their baby grand piano, and Mark and James are well on their way to a fully realized terrace fit for Egyptian kings.

With our Natuzzi Italian leather love seats on a four-month back order, I've been wringing my hands over the fact that all we have in our new home are a few futon mattresses and a whole lot of boxes. What I have to remember is that David has

the magical ability to hold his own in this building of natural-born interior designers.

So while I flit around each floor popping open bottles of champagne in celebration and extreme enthusiasm with all of my wonderfully gay, fellow new homeowners, David will be putting the finishing touches on our penthouse in the homosexual sky. After all, I wouldn't want the boys to be distressed or distracted by the wrong lighting or unfortunate color scheme when they arrive for a fabulous night of cocktails and dancing on the rooftop terrace. ■

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The Woes Of A Woman In Love

My hand paused before the mascara reached my lashes and I inhaled deeply — it was almost time. The mounting passion in her voice, off-key yet somehow harmonizing with the piano's crescendo, jerked me to my feet. With my arms spread wide and my eyes shut tight, I belted along, *"That's how much I luhuhuove you, I...would go anywhere, anywhere you go, dun dun dun DUN, if you just say you wanted me too. What moooooorrrrooorre can I say?!?"*

Emotionally spent, I nodded with satisfaction and sat back down. I applied the mascara and wondered if I had disturbed any of my neighbors as they went about their morning routines. As I was coloring my lips with the latest rock-star endorsed shade from Mac, Nina Simone crooned to me about the woes of a woman in love with a married man. When she reached the line, "the other woman finds time to manicure her nails," I instinctively examined my own — they had been free of that tacky acrylic coating for almost a year. I systematically pressed the tip of each fingernail, from pinky to thumb.

The phone rang, shaking me from my inspection. I was reluctant to answer; Nina was only halfway into telling me how wild the wind was. My cheap stereo was just out of arm's reach, so I used the remote to momentarily hush the music (if I'd gotten up, I would have disturbed the makeup fortress I had built around me on the couch). I carefully reached outside the circle of shadows, brushes, and liners, each a stain waiting to happen, and managed to grab the cordless from my cluttered coffee table without incident.

"Yeah?" I said, checking my watch as I waited to find out who had interrupted my morning meditation with my makeup and Nina.

"Alright, so get this. Last night, after you left, I went with that guy Jay —"

"Who's Jay?" I interrupted. I

could have kicked myself for cutting her off because I didn't really care who Jay was or what my friend had done with him — asking was a force of habit.

"Remember? The one who bought me a drink? Not the first guy on the rooftop, but the second one, downstairs."

"Right. That guy. So? What happened?" I didn't know that that was his name, but I knew exactly who she was talking about. The drink she'd earned for being cute was the reason I'd left the club.

It's not that I wasn't used to being passed over for one of my better-looking girlfriends — it was the way he had dismissed me with such indifference, the same way one might shoo away a mangy dog on the street. And as I had made my way to the door, I couldn't help but notice the rows of plastic girls who averted their eyes and pretended to talk about the likelihood of rain in the next few days. In L.A., fat chicks are regarded with a pungent mixture of pity and disgust, and the sting of it had somehow broken through my armor.

As I half-listened to her explain how Jay wooed her back to his house in the hills, I sang the words to the next song in my head: *This is the end of the line, how can I ever be fine, how helpless I've become, I feel like some discarded Valentine.*

"Can you believe that? Isn't it crazy? He wants to take me! What am I gonna wear?" I suddenly realized she'd reached the end of her story and that I'd clearly missed the climax. Rather than ask her to repeat it, I jumped back in, picking up pieces on the way.

"Well, anything goes. Something

with a splash of color," I suggested. Listen to me, I thought, offering help to the same person who has inadvertently assisted just about every guy who has crushed my hopes and my heart in this town. It wasn't her fault, though. She couldn't help it if men were drawn to her with the same magnitude of force that repelled them from me.

"You know what, babe, I'm gonna be late for work. Can we pick this up later? Maybe hang out tomorrow night or something?"

"Oh. Sure, no problem. But don't forget, because I really want to get your opinion on my ensemble." She said this last word with an exaggerated French accent — *on-som-bluh*.

I hung up the phone and glanced at the green leafy branches through the windows. A droplet of rain fell against the glass, quickly followed by many more.

"Driving to work will be a bitch," I said out loud.

We've reached the end of the line. I hope your dreams turn out fine. I'm awfully tired and so, I guess I'll go, although it's only nine, I finished in my head. With my phone already in hand, I called work and told them I wouldn't be making it in — food poisoning, the easiest excuse in the book.

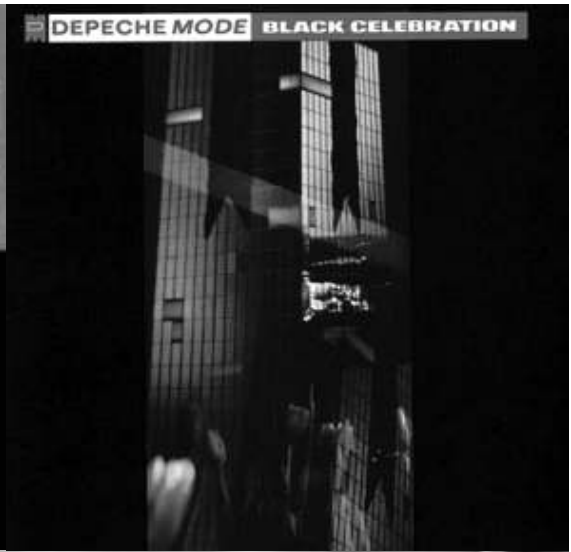
I carefully placed each piece of makeup back into the case, and said, "Alright, Nina. It's just you, me, and the rain. You tell me all about the color of your true love's hair, and I'll make us a cup of cocoa."

— Barbarella

Notes Give Pathos to Clouds

Artur Schnabel Plays Beethoven, Volume 1

**I was born with a
voice that cannot
carry a tune; indeed,
it cannot lift a tune.**



Top: Bob Dylan, Marvin Gaye, Depeche Mode; center: the Rolling Stones, the Cure; bottom: the Beatles, Beethoven, Lionel Richie

*Sonata no. 19 in G Minor,
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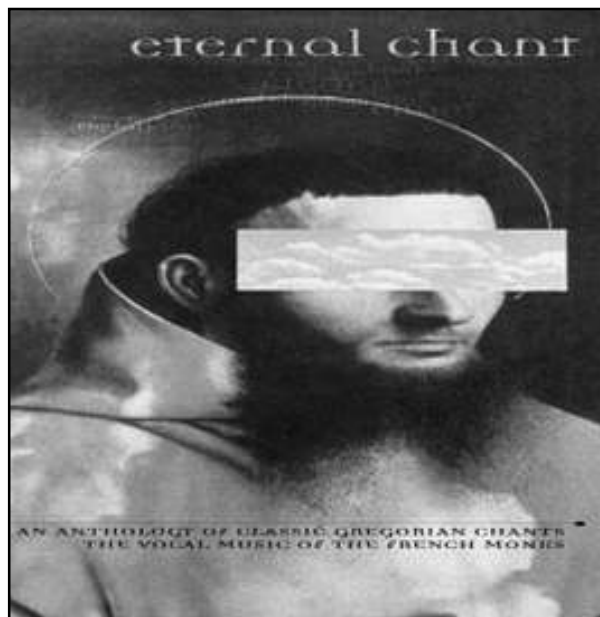
My father bought my first piano from the Briscoes in Sumter, South Carolina. We knew the Briscoes from church and because Brother Briscoe, as we called him, was in the Air Force like my father. They were poor, like all large Mormon families I knew. Sister Briscoe was thin and tall, with dry white skin and straight black hair that I would ponder during the long hours in church because it had been combed but not washed. It was impossible for me to imagine sacrificing so much of yourself that you gave up washing your own hair. Sister Briscoe had five children and she stayed home with them, as the Prophet urged. When we went to buy the piano, their house



Nina Simone

was small and dark, decorated with knick-knacks from military duty in Okinawa, Japan.

I was 11 and I had been pleading for a piano for a long time. My parents weren't musical, and I didn't know anyone who



played, so I imagine my yearning for it had something to do with the contrast between religion, which was full of mystery and beauty, and our lives, which lacked both. We spent three hours each Sunday in church, and we

believed in the Holy Spirit, resurrection, redemption, and the King James Bible. I sat on the pew and pretended to play, moving my fingers over imaginary keys. To play classical piano, I believed, would lift me



James Taylor

like the words Thee and Thou to a state where the air trembled with revelation.

So my parents, who had two children and two incomes, bought Sister Briscoe's piano. If she missed it, I never knew,

never even wondered. I began to take lessons from a small-boned neighbor whose hands flaked and reddened with eczema. I rode my bicycle to her house once a week and sat before her plain beige upright piano, the only furniture in a bare carpeted room beyond which we could hear the thumping sounds of her children, forbidden to interrupt the ticking metronome, the playing of scales, the graceless attempts to speak a language that had no words. The double flats and double sharps, the trills, and Italian notations, directing me to play "dolcissimo" or "agitato" made me feel as I had felt when, for a brief period, my parents had hired a French tutor, and I sat in the kitchen of Madame Gregoire, repeating "Comment vous

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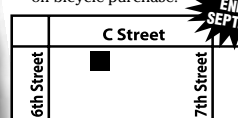
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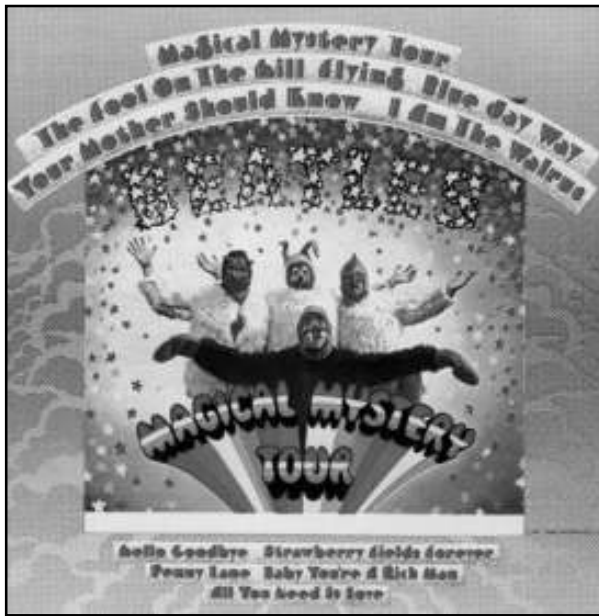
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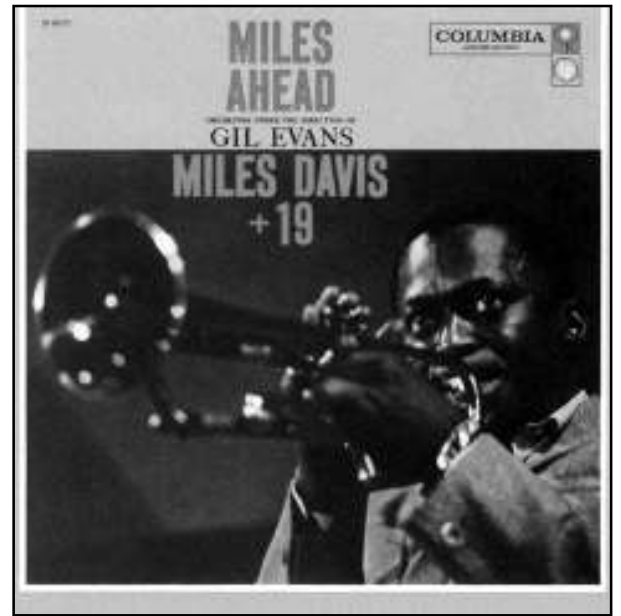
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The mountain peaks were always white above Beth Ann's house. Like my first piano teacher, she had an ordinary woman's life, one that musical talent had not visibly transformed. Married, devout, and efficient, she had twin boys, one of whom had been deformed in the womb, and a daughter who aspired to be a country-western singer. In her basement she corrected my fingering of

Beethoven, Debussy, and Chopin, penciling marks on the chords I'd mangled, the notes I'd missed. The metronome ticked, and her children's footsteps hammered overhead.

Still, I believed that playing the piano would transform my life. I practiced after dinner every night. I played Beethoven's sonatas until the spine of the book broke and the pages were

soft at the edges. To make those sounds with my hands would change everything, I thought — did change everything, when I played well enough. The notes gave pathos to the clouds moving over the Wasatch Mountains, the flat green farmland that I longed to leave, the darkening living room, the women making dinner in every house along my street, the long straight roads, the plain

ugly houses and the silvery shimmer of the lake I could see when I stood on our driveway. In the first line of Opus 49, "Sonata Facile," in the falling down trill of those plaintive notes, lay both solace and escape, revelations too mysterious for words.

— Laura McNeal

Trouble Man

I'm a lousy housekeeper, and by the end of the week dishes are stacked

on every available surface of my kitchen. The thought of cleaning them is overwhelming. So I've developed this ritual. I slip my feet into thick, cushy Danskos, tie on an apron my grandmother sewed when I was a girl, put the green plastic tub in the sink, fill it with warm water and biodegradable dish soap, and carefully lower in as many crusty bowls and plates as possible. Then I

turn on Marvin Gaye's *Trouble Man*. It begins with a two-beat wail — whaa-whaa, ohh-whaa — whatever instrument it is, it sounds like a voice, like it's singing, *whaa-whaa, ooh-whaa*, like a creature from another world who's made contact with us earthlings. And then the horns echo it, as if we earthlings have caught on and we're signaling that we come in peace.

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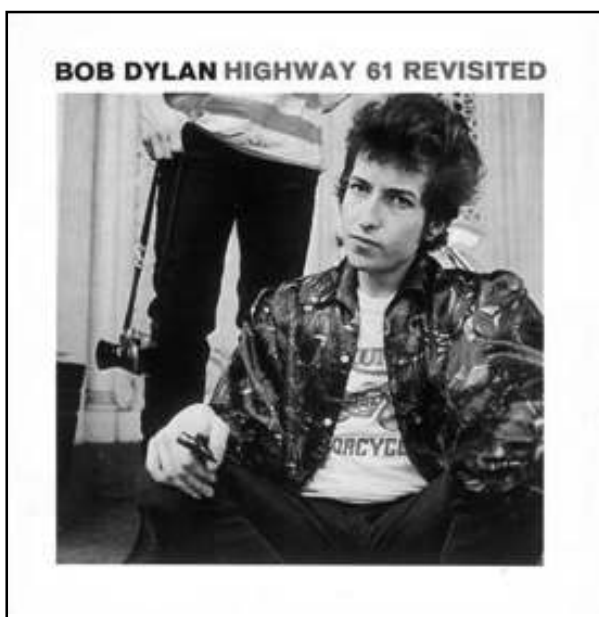
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ly, upbeat. It's perfect music to listen to standing up. I dance around the kitchen as I carry dishes to the sink, carry dishes from the drainer to the hutch my boom box sits on top of. I break out a bottle of organic brown rice sake I bought at the same place as the biodegradable dish soap. *Trouble Man* is the soundtrack to a 1972 blaxploitation film that's no longer in print. It's a soundtrack

that has outlived its movie. So now the movie is me washing the dishes, and I'm feeling pretty good. The kitchen table is half cleared, the dish soap smells like oranges, and the sake is kicking in. When I found a washed out video of *Trouble Man* on eBay, I snapped it up. It's an action flick where actors jump backwards before fists hit their jaws, so their backward plummets look

more like spasms of some neurological condition than any effect of a fight. Mr. T., the hero played by the impenetrable Robert Hooks, is a debonair private eye, with more of a sense of politics and community than James Bond. The film opens with a long tracking shot of Mr. T in a luxury sedan on the Los Angeles freeways. The title song blares through the speakers of his car radio. We don't know

where he's going, he's just moving, and the camera follows him with the unnerving distance with which it later followed O.J. Simpson's flight into Brentwood. Throughout the film Mr. T doesn't say much, but he seems never to stop thinking. He's always one step ahead of the game. The scarcity of words on the soundtrack is emblematic. When Gaye's voice breaks through it's usually as a

moan or a sigh. *Trouble Man*, the soundtrack, is not about action or representation, but about a state of being, and the film only slightly more so. In *Trouble Man*'s dystopic mindscapes, community is everything, but nothing helps the angst, the existential pain of being alone; thus the retreat to the nonverbal. In my kitchen the music switches gears. It gets sadder and sweeter as

dissonant elements intrude. Now it reminds me of the chiming of a clock, its urgent forward momentum warning me that time is running out. And then the music opens to a lagoon of stillness. Track 10 is called "Life Is A Gamble." Its rhythms stop and start, weird synthesized twangs intrude — the alien creatures are upping the ante. Water's running, dishes clank, the sake's tasting better with

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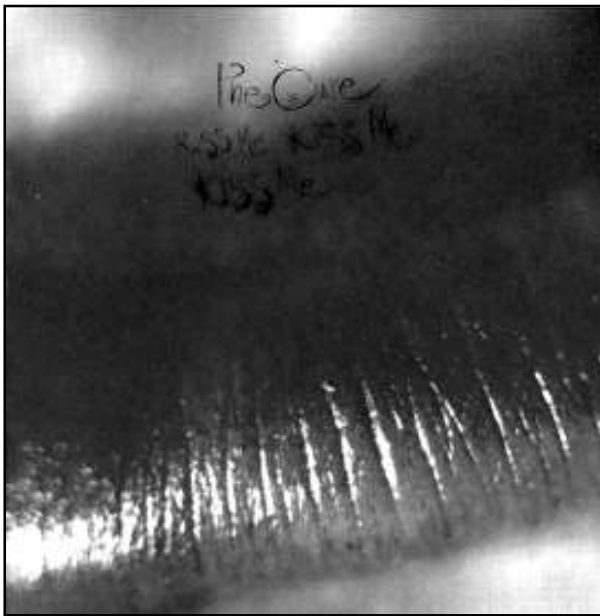
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each sip, I'm swaying at the sink, my mind wandering, and then track 10 comes on and pulls me back in. I stop everything — the coffee mug in my hand frozen midair — and listen. The simple melody of *ooh hoohs* is plaintive, beautiful. Without words, Gaye's voice is a body crying out, loving and losing, with nowhere to hide. I say to my husband, "If I die I want this played at my

memorial service." I've been to few conventional funerals over the 27 years I've lived in San Francisco, but I've attended many AIDS memorials. There's never a body, just photos and favorite music. The dead person has usually chosen the music ahead of time, like a DJ from beyond the grave. Common selections are Patti Smith and Joni Mitchell. The music makes people laugh. The

music makes people cry. "When you hear 'Horses,' remember me." "Life Is a Gamble" is what I'd like to be remembered by, melody so beautiful you could die to it.

— Dodie Bellamy

The Hiss Was Bylsma Himself

Before puberty, before a scalding flood of hormones seared my synapses and boiled my cerebellum, I was a smart kid.

My parents blame the eventual change on a month spent in the mountains of Wyoming with ex-hippie instructors and the children of the wealthy, learning about low-impact camping and the necessity of chilling out and kicking back. But I blame the hormones.

Back then, I was smart enough for my smartness to be a liability, smart enough to receive insults from my fellow

third-graders along the lines of, "I bet you read the dictionary and listen to classical music." The horror — what kind of freak would ever do such things of his own free will?

My accuser was mistaken, however. I didn't read the dictionary, and I didn't listen to classical music — or not much, anyway. The one exception was Virgil Fox's collection of Bach's greatest

organ works, which I fell asleep to for at least a couple of years. (It was, to my unending shame, replaced by Lionel Richie's *Can't Slow Down*. I was young.) And my parents played Pachelbel's *Canon*. Other than that, my musical diet consisted of their Broadway musical soundtracks, their Ann Murray, Barbra Streisand, and Trini Lopez. Some time after that, I heard Billy Joel's *Glass Houses* at a

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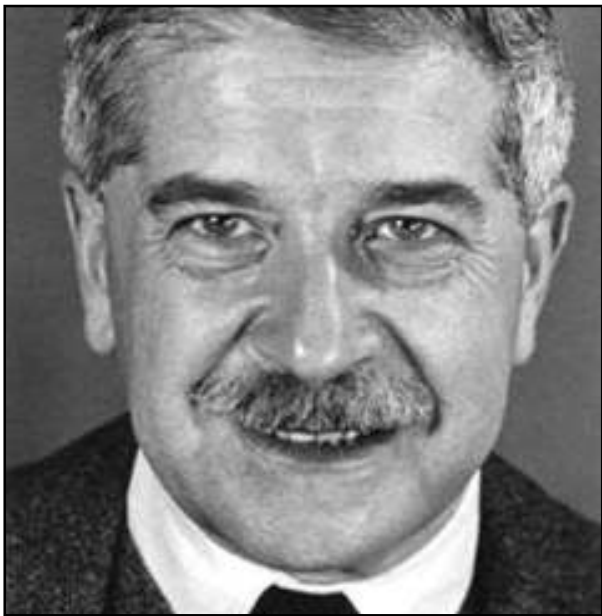
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friend's, and by sixth grade, I was arguing that Joel was better than the Beatles (hello again, unending shame).

When CDs came out, I bought my brother a copy of *Sgt. Pepper's* — I was over my devotion to Joel. And I bought myself a copy of the Bach organ works. But it was Bach's cello suites that got me listening. I first heard them during my sophomore year at college, oozing

through the stud-and-paneling walls of my dorm. My next-door neighbor was a gaunt, mysterious freshman with a long ponytail, a Mephistophelean goatee, and little round Lenin glasses. The only decoration in his half of his room was a print of Hieronymus Bosch's *The Garden of Earthly Delights*. He was gracious enough when I asked what he was listening to — the cello



They Might Be Giants

suites, recorded by Pierre Fournier.

It was the first classical music that had ever gone to my gut. It was complicated and elegant, but also brooding and wild — notes on top of notes, sometimes so many that you wondered if the cellist was still in control of his bow. But then the music would resolve, and Fournier would caress a single note so that it had a discernible beginning,

middle, and end — the gentle attack, the swelling middle (I imagined the cellist leaning into his stroke ever so slightly), then the feather-light release. It was the first time I had ever thought music sensuous.

I told people about my wondrous discovery. A college tutor remarked that he owned the finest recording ever made of the cello suites, made by one Anner Bylsma. It was



Yo-Yo Ma

not available for sale in the United States. I was miffed at his untouchable superiority, but also curious. When a Bylsma recording showed up at Cymbeline on a later visit, I jumped at it.

The playing was incredible; I had to admit I preferred it to my Fournier. But the disc was flawed; every 15 seconds or so, I heard a distracting hiss. Maddening, like a skip on an LP. I put on the

second disc — the same thing. I resolved to ignore it. I failed. Finally, as I suffered, it dawned on me — the hiss was Bylsma himself, taking in huge snootfuls of air as he tore through the music. I tried to accept it as a quirk of his brilliance. I failed again. I returned the record. I tried Rostropovich — expressive, but too imprecise for my taste. Yo-Yo Ma — too precise, and too thin of

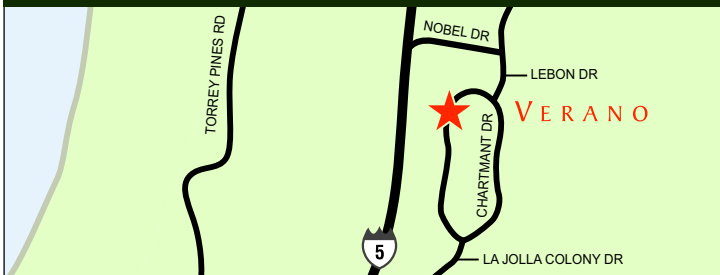
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tone to boot. Pablo Casals, who brought the suites out of obscurity, just didn't move me the way Fournier did. But the listening tour bore this fruit — I got my first concrete lesson in the way a performer interprets a composition and makes it his (or her) own.

My third-grade accuser is still more wrong than right. I still don't read the dictionary, and I listen to more pop and rock than classical. The horror-below-the-surface, surreal goofiness of They Might Be Giants' *Lincoln* has probably wormed further into my soul than Bach's cello suites ever will. Mine is not a classical sensibility. But if I had to go to that desert island with just one recording, I would want the Fournier, if only for the range and complexity of impressions it yields. A deeper vein to mine while I await my rescuers.

— Matthew Lickona

My Junior High High

James Taylor was the soundtrack for my adoles-

cence. I would sit in the living room and play his records over and over on our big console while I tried to imagine what anyone would ever see in me. There was no other music player in the house. We all shared the stereo. We all had to listen to the same music. My children are unable to comprehend this. "What about a Walkman?" they ask.

Before Ben Hashimoto introduced me to "Mudslide Slim" and "Sweet Baby James" and "Steam Roller" ("a churning urn of burning funk"), I knew only musicals and Frank Sinatra. I was the oldest kid in my family, and I had no close, older cousins to introduce me to the latest hits. In sixth grade, when I heard "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" on the bus, I thought that was rock and roll. The Monkees and the Irish Rovers were the only other bands that I knew of (and I liked the Rovers mostly because of their accents). My second cousin saw *Help* four

times, which my mother thought ridiculous, and so I was never allowed to know much about the Beatles until I learned about them myself later in high school.

But James Taylor was my junior high high; the closest I could get to an altered state. I would sit and write and cry and listen for hours. I had such a crush on Ben in seventh grade that it lasted until eighth grade. I was 12 in 1970, and the country was at war then too. I used to listen to "Fire and Rain" and despair that Ben would never fall for me. And he didn't. He dated my two best girlfriends, both blondes. I, a brunette, felt so alone. But alone isn't so bad with James Taylor. (Although when James Taylor and Carly Simon divorced two years later, I thought, "What hope is there for romance?")

I even got James Taylor sheet music for the piano and whenever I felt sad, I used to play "Blossom" or "Carolina In



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My Mind.” (“Hey, babe, the sky’s on fire, I’m dying, ain’t I? I’m gone to Carolina in my mind.” I think of one James Taylor lyric and the whole song comes flooding back to me — why do we equate memory retrieval with natural disasters?)

I put a book cover on my James Taylor book to protect it, and I loaned the book to Ben because I loved him and longed for any connection between us. He was rougher with my book than I would have expected. When I got it back, the book cover

was a bit tattered, and the bottom corner of the book cover was ripped off so that you could see the book underneath. My mother took one look at it and said, “That’s a breast.” “What are you talking about?” I asked. She pointed to the

exposed bottom right corner. It did look kind of like a breast. I took the cover off and realized that it was James Taylor’s elbow. She said, “They do that. They put stuff like that on covers to sell records; it’s disgusting.”

She was disparaging of James Taylor after that. She also implied that Ben was in on this ruse and had purposely ripped the cover to highlight the indignity. I went into the bathroom and took a good look at the cover picture.

Then I looked at my own bent elbow in the mirror, cupping my other hand around the point of my elbow to see what it looked like. And it looked like a breast. I wasn’t sure, but I didn’t think it was James Taylor or Ben who was responsible here. Perhaps evolution made the body more sexual than we know. And it took my mother to see it. — Jennifer Ball

An Album with a Singer

What one album would I take with me to a desert island?

Immediately, it occurs to me that perhaps I shouldn’t take any music with me at all. I’d have my untainted memory of other people’s music, and I’d have my own ability to make some. I could fashion rudimentary instruments out of fallen palm fronds, sand, and coconut husks.

No. I’d take an album. I’d have to. But could I cheat and burn a mixed disc? How else might I have musical accompaniment for all my desert island moods? (The savage beast does need periodic new soothing.) Actually, that might be my final answer. To put together my favorite 80 minutes of assorted music and listen to that on a CD player that offers “shuffle.”

Or what if I could take along a box set? Unquestionably, I would bring the life’s music of the artist whose work I admire most, the inimitable John Coltrane. (Although Johann Sebastian Bach...) Anyway, I own 29 discs by Coltrane. But not one of them alone, not even *Crescent*, nor *My Favorite Things*, nor *A Love Supreme*, could tide me on my island.

To pick one album above all the others... Perhaps the best choice would be the finest single work by the preeminent rock band of all time. Unquestionably, in my opinion, the Beatles are that band. And my favorite album by the Beatles, although it’s a dif-

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ficult choice, is *Abbey Road*.

Or perhaps I should carry an album that reminds me of something positive and wonderful, some music that is a part of the deep fiber of who I am, and that can strike a chord of finer times when I wasn't hot, shriveling

under sunshine, eating my single desert island meal (pasta) morning, noon, and night. When I was a child, my mother used to sing Kingston Trio songs around the house. "Seasons in the Sun," "500 Miles," and especially "The First Time (Ever I Saw Your Face)" all choke

me up when I sing along with them today. No. It must be an album containing solely music. Not a single word on it. Because when it comes to words and music, those chanting medieval monks took things about as far as they should have gone: the

human voice sounding tunefully but alone, without some instrumental composition "helping" the words along. Although it does occur to me, as I consider this assignment literally ("What album would you take to a desert island?"), that I ought to waive my

feelings regarding music with words: my desert island will also be a deserted island, presumably, and unless I bring an album with a singer on it, then I'll have no recourse to any human voice except my own. But one album for the rest of my life in a hot

place? It would have to be something somber yet hopeful. It would have to be something that I don't know too well, and that I could never know too well. I can already "sing" along with many of the saxophone solos on Coltrane's records. And I would hate to bring along

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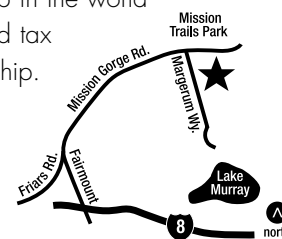
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some delicate music that I love tenderly now, because I know that it would try me over time. You know, the old familiarity/contempt predicament. This is about commitment, and I would need a music so dense and complicated that I could perhaps grow to love it over time, and yet I'd hope to never know the soul of it completely, even as I memorized its notes. A music so full of feeling and musical complexity that it could continually sustain me.

I would choose a piece of music that at least begins to meet the majority of my requirements: my dad used to listen to it often when I was a kid; the human voice is present, both male and female, but it's in German, so it doesn't sound like mere meaningful words to me; it is a music of incredible hopefulness, but also realistic humanity; it is inexhaustibly complex and incomparably beautiful.

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U2 was a little like my Catholicism — I had grown up with the band; it had been part of the atmosphere during my '80s adolescence, hanging in the air the way the Beatles and Led Zeppelin had hung about the '60s

and '70s. But *Achtung Baby* was different. It came in through my ears and kept reverberating. It was for me one of those complete albums, the kind you always listen to all the way through instead of just picking a song or two.

Freshman year of college, I found love — love of the intellectual life, love of my fellow man, love of Jesus Christ. I swam in love. I struggled to understand and follow the philosophers — the lovers of wisdom. I wrestled with their questions about the world and the forces that shaped it. I came to share, in some measure, their desire for truth, however arduous the hunt.

I met my best friend, Kathy. We had the same sense of humor, we shared the same faith and the same tastes. In "One," Bono sang, "We get to carry each other, carry each other..." We carried each other. We nursed each other's broken hearts. We screamed along with "Who's Gonna Ride

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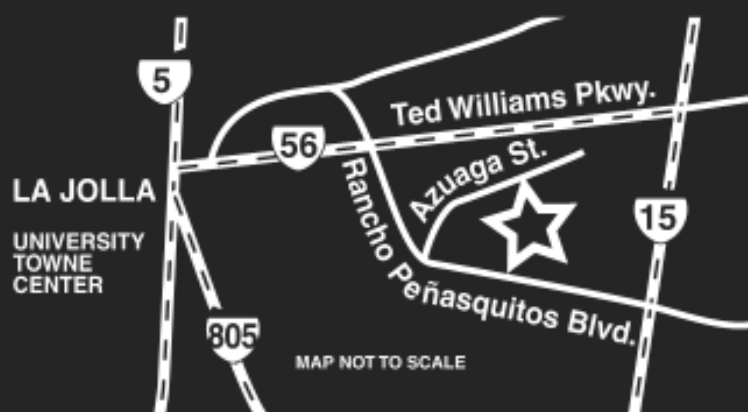
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Achtung Baby meshed with that experience. It gave a sense that something was terribly wrong — “It’s not secret that the stars are falling from the sky/the universe exploding ’cosa one man’s lie” — but still teased love out of every song and situation. The love songs, which so often seemed to concern the love between a man and a woman, yielded easily to a more layered interpretation. That love was a surface layer; underneath, there was the struggle (and the love) between creature and Creator. In the final chorus of “Mysterious Ways,” the line “She moves in mysterious ways” shifted to “Spirit moves in mysterious ways.” Christ was strewn throughout, sometimes subtly, sometimes less so. In “Until the End of the World,” Bono played Judas, betraying Christ in the garden, but the final verse left the door open for mercy: “In waves of regret, waves of joy/I reached out for the one I tried to destroy/You, you said you’d wait/until the end of the world.” And there was this from “One”:

*Have you come here for forgiveness?
Have you come to raise the dead?
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Jesus haunted U2. I’d just found Him, and I relished their references. *Achtung Baby* penetrated my heart. All these encounters



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with love left me a more lovable person. I was like the seed, its outer shell softened by moisture, cracking and giving way to something new. But the cracking wasn't gentle; I had to suffer to grow. Something had to break, something had to die. *Achtung Baby* got that. It showed the wasteland, and it showed the way out: love.

— Deirdre Lickona

The Psychedelic Furs' Talk Talk Talk

"If you like Hendrix, you'll like this," my guitar teacher said, handing me a cassette of the Psychedelic Furs' second album, *Talk Talk Talk*.

More than 20 years later, I have no idea what he meant by that. *Talk Talk Talk* doesn't sound anything like Hendrix. I imagine that my teacher was just taking pity on the nerdy 15-year-old in front of him, trying to trick me into listening to something other than classic rock and heavy metal.

I was skeptical. I held the cassette case by its edges and saw a typical new wave album cover: a black-and-white picture of the band overlapped with geometric shapes in bright colors. But I liked my guitar teacher and I really didn't have anything better to do, so I decided to give it a shot.

As I remember it, I first listened to the album in the car. My family was driving to Monterey for the weekend and I reached up from the back seat and popped the tape in the cassette deck. My father grimaced. "Is this tape warped?" he asked.

The guitars were overdubbed so many times and each track was so saturated with electronic effects that the instruments seemed to be fighting with each other to get out. There were horns and keyboards squealing and squawking here and there, and everywhere there were pounding drums. And of course, there was singer Richard Butler, sounding like Johnny Rotten playing the part of Casanova. I was

amazed.

A couple of years later, *Talk Talk Talk* would become famous as the album that contained "Pretty in Pink," a song Molly Ringwald liked so much that she convinced John Hughes to borrow its title for his next movie.

But as we drove to Monterey that weekend, all that was a couple of years away. When I listened to the cassette, "Pretty in Pink" wasn't yet a teen anthem. It was, I thought, a very adult-sounding song on a very adult-sounding album.

"Pretty in Pink" tells the story of a woman named Caroline and her despicable ex-lovers. In his croaking voice and thick cockney accent, Butler tells us that Caroline "says I love you, and too much." It's not clear if that means she

says "I love you too much" or that she says "I love you" too often. The men, on the other hand, are easy to read: "The one who insists he was first in the line is the last to remember her name."

Sitting in the back seat of my parents' car, I

felt older and cooler just for hearing this album. As Butler sang "They're making up things that we've all heard before, like romance and engage and divorce," I held an imaginary cigarette and stared out the window with what I thought was a suitably

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world-weary expression on my 15-year-old face. "Yeah," I thought, "We've all heard those before."

Today, the Psychedelic Furs are a fixture of the nostalgia tour circuit. They cashed out their credibility a long time ago. When I listen to *Talk Talk Talk*, I find some of the songs aren't as strong as I thought they were. The saxophone, I now realize, is often out of tune. I now recognize that the densely layered production, which once struck me as wholly original, owes a heavy debt to Brian Eno. And, most importantly, I'm also no

longer convinced that Butler's jaded-romantic pose is a good way to live one's life.

But if my guitar teacher hadn't lent me that cassette, I don't know if I would have later got into My Bloody Valentine or the Flaming Lips or a lot of the bands that would become my favorites. And I don't know that I would be the same person I am today.

Maybe the pretentious 15-year-olds of 2005 are having similar experiences when they download one song at a time and listen to them on their iPods. Maybe they

don't need albums to let music change their lives. But I don't know. When I first listened to *Talk Talk Talk*, sides one and two, I entered a new world. I don't think I ever really left it.

— William Crain

Whoooooooooooo

Though I had anticipated its arrival, I dreaded this day. The exact hour when the desire to experience something thrilling had effervesced within me for so long, it expired. Cognitive reservoirs of gumption, drive, purposefulness were stagnant. I surrendered to apathy.

Thankfully the pain wasn't too bad. I was scarred by listlessness more than anything else, a suffering that was only inhibited momentarily by the aural cure that I found in Roger Daltrey's voice, a voice whose blustery inflections alluded to my search for escape, identity, and impunity.

The Who's 1971 album, *Who's Next*, became the soundtrack for days when I felt as though I could disappear into that bright white fuzzy space that snaps me into wakefulness each morning, the ambient noise in Pete Townshend's

extended pieces resonating with the same timbre of the stifled inner scream piercing my consciousness. I've always seen "Baba O' Riley" as the anthem of 20-somethings everywhere who find themselves suspended in limbo; too young to be taken seriously, and too old to not know any better, approaching adulthood with trepidation, the onset of the now-what-the-hell-am-I-going-to-do-with-my-life syndrome having befallen them.

A glimpse at the album's song titles, "Who Are You?" "I Don't Even

Know Myself," and "Too Much of Anything," seem to respond to my dilemma, though there is none so striking as "Baba O'Riley." Daltrey's gruff inflections open the song with the lines "Out here in the fields/I fight for my meals/I get my back into my living/I don't need to fight/ to prove I'm right/I don't need to be forgiven." For me, he is speaking to a legion of young people too exhausted from spending 40+ hours a week dedicated to selling, stocking, cleaning, cooking, or serving to verbalize these thoughts. The beauty of this song is the fluid-

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ity of its lyricism. In ten years, these same words will probably speak to me in a very different way. I'll let you know, but presently, when Daltrey sings, "The exodus is here/the happy ones are near/let's get together/before we get much older," it's as if to say that it's not too late to opt out of the next four decades of servitude to the 40-hour workweek for the ephemeral retraction into the teenage wasteland that you secretly long for.

Fear of living a purposeless existence is not something that easily fades at any age, but what to do? Maybe claw my way to the top in a professional career and encounter the same individuals on my way down some years later. Or take the road less traveled and dedicate my life to some charitable cause or needy individual. Perhaps resign from society entirely and begin a hermetic contemplation of these very conundrums. Needless to say, it is doubtful that I could make a decision like

this today. Daltrey and Townshend were able to channel the unspoken but understood torrent of emotion that rages beneath the surface of human insecurity, and they did it with tact and grace, nothing like the bellicose wailing of the Scorpions or the unmistakable twang of defiance in Mick Jagger's songs. Granted, each of these is appealing in its own right, but the Who managed to

weave riotous apprehension into a cohesive whole. Maybe it was the turbulent era from which it came, or the fact that it was probably ingrained in the collective musical knowledge I gained at an early age. I mostly attribute it to artistic daring, when rock songs defied brevity's sake, negating the constraints of a three-minute power ballad, and addressing some higher purpose.

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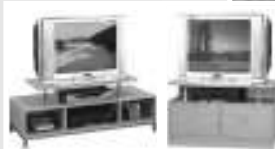
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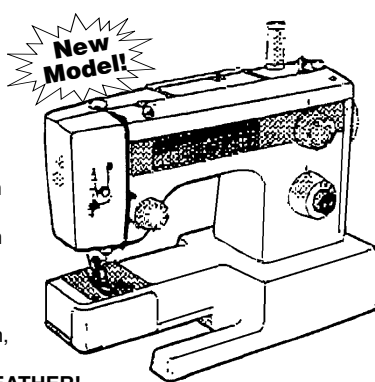
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my grandiose schemes to take on the world, my resignation eclipsed by preventative indecision. I'm sure I'll feel up to it tomorrow.

— Mary Montgomery

Stranded

RE: the rock and roll album and unfurnished island situation.

I'm going to have a problem packing my rucksack. The fact is, I don't have a relationship with music, although at

one time in my life I've owned a box seat at the San Francisco Symphony, I've played a musical instrument in a professional band, and I've spent enough time at the San Diego Opera to be able to walk through a side door, go backstage, and get a wave from the crew.

Still, I can take music or leave it alone. I rarely have music playing in my home. The presets on my truck radio tune to NPR

or sports stations. I don't go to rock and roll concerts now or ever, don't go to bars and listen to bands now or ever. I don't dance. I don't have a glimmer about how music is put together, the technical foundation of it, much less a sense of music's history, how it's developed over time. Come to think of it, I don't know the history of rock and roll.

I was born with a voice that cannot carry a tune; indeed, it cannot lift a tune. Now, add the wild, rhythmic syncopation of a rotting tomato. I've known these unfortunate personal truths since my first conscious thought, but, and this is horribly unfair, that self-knowledge did not arm me against the disappointment I endured as a consequence of my first run-in with a musical instrument.

Sixth grade. My parents moved to Burbank, SoCal. It was my first day at William McKinley Elementary School. Third period. Music class. This was well into the school year and the roomful of whizgigging little toadies had been practicing "Pomp and Circumstance" for weeks. The peculiar, tippy-tippy-

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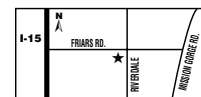
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toe male music teacher directed me to a seat in the first row and handed me a triangle. I was to be the new *trianglist*!

Now we're cooking. I received instruction from the peculiar male music

teacher, to wit; at a predetermined point during the orchestral performance, he would thrust his right hand directly at my nose. That's the instant I am to take my tiny stainless steel triangle striker, which I

hold in my right hand, and strike the bottom of the triangle, which I hold in my left hand, with authority.

Well now. I was pumped. First day in class and already a soloist. The

peculiar male music teacher taps his conductor's baton and the William McKinley Elementary School sixth grade orchestra came together, much like an out-of-tune lump of com-

post. The peculiar male music teacher glides his charges through the haunting introduction of "Pomp and Circumstance," the melody builds, builds, builds, hearts swelling,

music billowing, up, up, up, and now, yes, now, finally, finally...every instrument in the room falls silent, just for a moment, just for that one beat, the beat that was to belong to me, and now the maestro's right hand moves away from the swarm of greedy children, and points to my nose, only to my nose, or, to put it another way, to the nose of the one and only trianglist. I understand now, by the terrible light of all-seeing adult clarity, that the responsibility for this morning's performance rests upon my shoulders. I grip my tiny, stainless steel striker and with a manly cock of my wrist, launch it toward the triangle and...miss. I MISSED!

I missed the bottom of the triangle! Missed both sides! Missed. Missed. Missed! The music room heaves and rolls with yahoo har-de-har. I am mocked.

Twenty years later my professional musical career is in full swing. We called ourselves the Sidewinders. Our old-time band was made up of two fiddles, banjo, mandolin, rhythm guitar, kazoo, tambourine, three female backup singers, and, ahem, myself. I play washtub bass. This was Alaska, summertime. We toured roadhouses, small towns, fairgrounds, and passed the hat. Constant carnival, rolling jamboree, once-in-a-lifetime fun. I lived one summer far above my game. Credit belongs to the powerful combination of youth, drugs, booze, sex, and travel.

But that summer didn't bring me closer to music. I don't know why. I've cruised El Cajon Boulevard with my tape deck cranked to obnoxious, blasting a Lynyrd Skynyrd tune, one hundred times. I've had my heart broken to the sound of "Girl from the North Country," enjoyed raunchy, foulmouthed sex while listening to "Sympathy for the Devil." I've known my share of heartthrob songs that spoke, privately, urgently,

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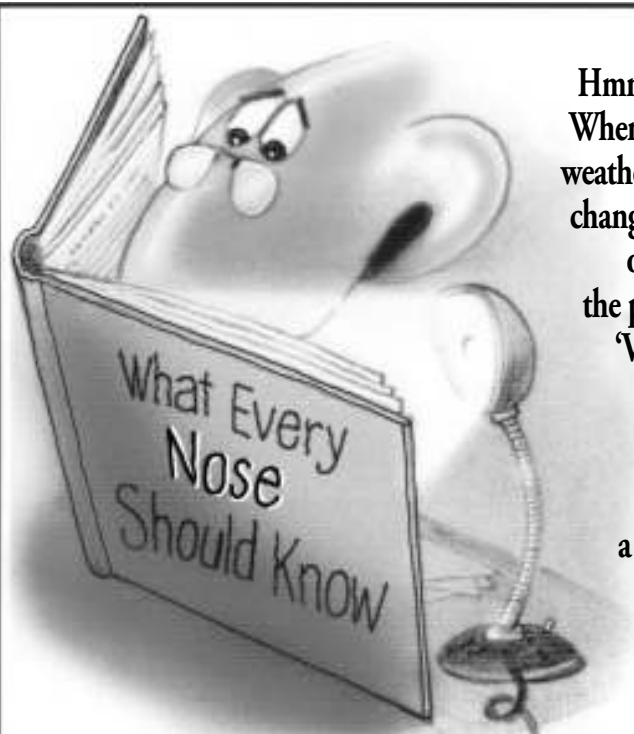
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to what was in my heart. Nothing else cut so deeply as that song. For that particular season.

But...seasons pass. To be dropped onto a desert island with only one tune or album would inevitably mean my musical selection would quickly transmute into audio torture, or, perhaps, considering our national circumstances, one should say, audio abuse. Still, if you're going to be packed off to a deserted island one is not in the position to say no to any offer of entertainment.

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I can always remember important days because the oddest details stick in my mind. I remember sitting cross-legged on the floor in Justin Holcher's room.

The thick carpet cluttered with Dungeons & Dragons pieces, magazines, and a new red skateboard his mom bought him. More important than these details is that Justin put a tape into the boom box and pressed play. A slow, dark, synthesized sound began to build through the speakers. Then a quickened beat pulsed and my heart began to beat faster. "Let's have a black celebration. Black celebration. Tonight," began the full voice of David Gahan, lead singer of Depeche Mode. I was mesmerized. At this moment, all the details in the world became muted except for the song. I stared at the little black box waiting for every word, listening like I had to capture each new idea birthed from the speakers.

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my illusion of childhood immortality like a Ginsu knife. "Death is everywhere. There are flies on the windscreen for a start reminding us we could be torn apart tonight." As a teenager, the thought of death never crossed my mind. Yet, in some sort of nihilistic disregard for mortality, Gahan used death as a pick-up line, "death is everywhere, the more I look, the more I see, the more I feel a sense of urgency tonight. Come here, touch me, kiss me, touch me now." This song was only foreplay for the blatant sexuality to come.

Black Celebration introduced me into the warm, tingly thoughts of sex like a kid who stumbled into his dad's hidden stash of *Playboys*. I have to confess, at 13, I was a late bloomer, having missed the big *E* on the eye chart when it came to Sex Ed. I didn't know this because the norm for me was my father whose first kiss was my mom in college. Yet, the next several songs pushed deeper into a dark place of sensuality. Their songs dealt with teen sex in "A Question of Time," the casual sex and the loss of virginity in "World Full of Nothing," to the nakedness of "Stripped."

Depeche Mode wasn't afraid to portray a colder reality of sex in "It

Doesn't Matter," as Martin Gore writes, "Though it feels good now I know it's only for now." It was with this album I entered through a pop-culture rite of passage.

Depeche Mode pulled back the curtain and exposed a new reality for me. Through their lyrics I began to transition from the safety of childhood into something that felt dangerous and exciting. I felt like I had a new decoder ring to unravel secret messages that my parents and teachers would never dare to speak about. I'll always remember *Black Celebration* nostalgically as my first. It has been a while since I've returned to Depeche Mode because my tastes have changed over the years, but my education continues to this day. It continues each time I turn on the radio, watch a movie or flip through a magazine. Pop-culture has become a pimp in my life that influences my speech, the clothes I wear, and the decisions I make whether I like it or not. What started with an innocent encounter years ago has led me to be a man slut to pop-culture.

— Drew Goodmanson

A Rage Against Monotony

I was grounded, which

was a worse proposition than it sounded in my house. I was 14. It was 1965. My father's decree, he knew not to what he was consigning me. A summer in the countryside of Illinois; idyllic and humid, far more mosquitoes here than in Chicago where we had been living a month ago. No air conditioning, a few fans — all in my mother's room. No color television, of course (we were rarely allowed to watch the black and white Zenith). It mostly depended on my mother and which stage of her (legally prescribed) Dexedrine and or Nembutal high she was engaged in at the moment. Most things in the household depended on this.

My crime was arriving home at 4 a.m. after seeing Albert King and The Paul Butterfield Blues Band at the Aragon Ballroom in the city. My father had been waiting for me in the darkened living room. The only light was the glowing ember in the bowl of the pipe clenched between his teeth.

I was sentenced to six weeks of confinement from mid-July to the end of August. During that time I read *The Catcher in the Rye* at least twice, I think more. I forget the

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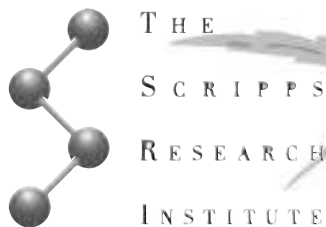
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brand name of the portable turntable I had, but I was allowed to listen to what records I had and the ones that would be smuggled to me by my friend and neighbor, Rick. During those six weeks I listened to the Temptations and Supremes, the Animals, the Kinks, the Beatles and Paul Butterfield. (Was the first Butterfield album out then? In my mind it was.) I also had the McCoy's and the Troggs (I was 14) and Bob Dylan's *Highway 61 Revisited*. The Beatles albums were *Beatles '65* and *Rubber Soul*. (Was *Rubber Soul* out in the summer or winter? In my soul it doesn't matter.)

I reach back to that time because of loneliness and I figure a desert island would be lonely. To be isolated on one with a single album and theoretically something to play it on would be a formula for madness soon enough and pretty much any CD or album would get smashed to bits in a rage against monotony. But there was music for me that summer that helped me get through that isolation. Of course I had more than one album and several 45s. These recordings were the soundtrack to my loneliness, resentment, alienation, resignation, and, I should not forget, puberty.

As unlikely as it is that I will ever again be anywhere near a desert island, I will entertain the idea that I am the lone survivor of a shipwreck in which I manage to salvage a CD player and CD.

Harkening back to that summer, possibly I can isolate a single album that was most useful in preserving some semblance of sanity.

I keep thinking back to the Animals albums, *Animal Tracks* and *Animalization*. There was something so tough in Eric Burdon's voice that those studio performances helped me get through much. His voice seemed to say, "Do your worst, world. Fuck you, I'm still standing." Like a punch-drunk prizefighter,

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Burdon seemed (and actually still does) to be indestructible. Songs like "Inside Lookin' Out," "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood" (the way he did it, not Nina Simone), "I'm Mad,"

That's Another Side of this Life," (produced by Frank Zappa), and "All Night Long" (those are not on any single album, alas) helped ameliorate feelings of abandonment, condemnation, hopeless-

ness. If it's not against the rules, I would burn my own CD of this single artist, maybe two CDs, because I know many contributors to this piece are going to go for *Blonde on Blonde* or *The White*

Album, both two-record sets.

The End of the Innocence by Don Henley helped get me through a bad time at the end of a soured love affair. But as much affection as I had

for that record at the time, on a desert isle, with that alone, I would turn into Mojo Nixon in a week, screaming, "Don Henley must die!"

December 11, 2003, *Rolling Stone* put out an

issue of "500 Greatest Albums of All Time." The list begins with Sgt. *Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band*, unsurprisingly. They called it, "...the most important rock and roll album ever made." They went on to place Elvis Presley's *The Sun Sessions* at number 11. The first would never have existed without the 11th. Other strokes of wrong-headedness on this list has *Band on the Run* at 418, which is okay, but ahead of 443, *Sam Cooke Live at the Harlem Square...?!?!?*

And so I ignore the list, the issue, though my heart hovers at *RS's* number five, *Rubber Soul*. If I can't have my own burned, double CD of *The Animals* and Eric Burdon: *A Brizzolara Compilation*, then give me *Rubber Soul*. I might survive on the magic and beauty in those grooves.

— John Brizzolara

Alto Workouts

It was the stuff we did in high school band class that eventually told how my life would play out. It's hard to imagine any public school music class as being influential, but this was no ordinary band class. Divide it into two halves: the good half and the bad half. The bad half was the mandatory concert band and parade unit. A Calvinist approach to music education if ever there was one, the concert band was a reason to drink. It was designed to punish the PTA moms and dads who were foolish enough to buy us music instruments in the first place — forced, as they were, to sit through our horrific presentations.

As for marching band, there is nothing worse than wearing seedy pajama-weight uniforms as if hired to guard British Royalty on a winter's night at the local football game. This, so you can hump out onto the field at halftime — in formation — and bomb the stands with a bad medley of Stevie Wonder's hit songs.

But it was Crawford's

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jazz ensemble that was the good half of that equation. I lucked out, arriving for tenth grade with a busload of gifted musicians from points south and east on the district's map. I believe they called us a magnet school. They didn't call it bussing, like they did in other parts of the country. Those were fast and exotic times for a sheltered kid from the 'burbs like me, and band class was the equalizer. I got to play music with kids from the hood that took it to the next level. Among them were Nathan East — he eventually went on to join Eric Clapton's band — and Carl Evans, the piano mastermind behind Fattburger.

At the vortex of all this raw talent was a kid named Hollis Gentry. He played saxophone. So did I, but I played nothing like Hollis. Even then, Hollis was already a proficient jazz musician, a child prodigy skilled in the art. I grew up in Lawrence Welk culture, and that's how I sounded when I played. I hardly knew from jazz. I came from La Mesa. Our streets were white and Protestant-safe. Jazz music was not part of our blue-collar Republican lives. And my grandfather's sweet tooth for Delta blues was only a temporary respite from his hardcore bigotry. "There's good n****s," my grandmother explained, "and there's bad n****s." And I think she actually believed that.

But the changing racial fabric in my classrooms required quick adjustments on my part. And I've certainly never told anyone, but that was a coming-of-age time for me. Slippery footing it was, learning that the truths held by my family were utterly cheap and wrong. It would have been easier to come full circle and live the redneck life. Had it not been for Crawford's jazz ensemble, I might well have. Racism, when deeply ingrained from childhood, can be heavy gravity.

Hollis doesn't know

this either, but his alto workouts got me through the long days of high school. He blew with candor and an elegiac suffering that was simply not developed in most teenage boys. The raw emotions that boiled out of that horn invited me to confront my own mental stuff; at 15, one didn't do that. In our jock culture, making vulnerable music that did not come loud and hard from a guitar amp was like being stripped naked in public. It was not always a safe place in the emotional pecking order of high school boys. Now I know that Hollis Gentry's music was about possibilities. I didn't then. And the experience enlarged my own head-heart connection, even though I would not come to capitalize on that for years to come. And all that time, I thought I was only learning to play jazz.

— Dave Good

In Love with Two Daughters

I've been sleeping on a lumpy sofa for several days, and my back is on fire.

The sofa isn't in my own house, a take-no-prisoners zone I return to only to collect fresh clothes, but in the house of elderly friends kind enough to shelter me. It's 1967, I'm 22, I've lived in Philadelphia all my days and graduated from a local college where I lost a year because of a rheumatic illness that put me in the hospital for months, left me slow and gimpy, and made my lower back a kiln that fires up when I sleep on that sofa.

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Valley. But then, I'm also in love, more or less, with the two daughters of the house, and they with me. Somehow we manage assignations at different times, sometimes on the same day, with no one any the wiser, we think.

One kind of mental breakdown is caused by the impacting of the minutest details of everyday life into, it seems, each separate instant. It's not overload, exactly, so much as a feeling that the body, already too head-heavy, is filling with concrete that while it begins to set also begins to crack from amassed internal pressure. The heaviest concentration and most groaning crack is the lower lumbar pain that keeps me awake most nights on the sofa, across from which is a window that lets in silky evening breezes and, on an oak table before the window, a hi-fi set. One night, I play a record I've just acquired and have, as they say, a moment.

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It's now 2005, and the vinyl beauty I spun that night, along with all my other sides, got sold off several months later with practically everything else I owned — clothes, books, turntable, speakers, and a beloved Webcor reel-to-reel tape deck — so that I could launch myself from Philadelphia to land's end in San Francisco. I now own the CD version of that album and listen to it every so often, not to remind myself of that other time of my life (though of course it does that), but to set free a mysterious force that cuts right through me with a pleasure threaded with vague menace.

The opening bars of *Sketches of Spain*, one of the three albums Gil Evans arranged for Miles Davis backed by a large ensemble, punch me into a peculiarly heightened wakefulness. (The track is a reworking of Joaquín Rodrigo's composition for guitar and orchestra, *Concierto de Aranjuez*.) Nothing on the other two

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Evans-Davis collaborations have quite this effect, not the lush grievousness of *Porgy and Bess* or the sky-clearing arousals of *Miles Ahead*, my personal favorite. The Evans-Davis *Concierto* begins with faint castanet cricketing. Then the silence softly cracks open with a whistle of flute and brass brilliantined with wariness, a slightly dissonant reedy reveille of consciousness, a call. It's bold, but it trembles. It has a Romantic rawness; its ringing tones *are* the bayberry, the lumpiness, and the sisters' very different fragrances; it also carries a piercing sensation of life's beautiful unforgiving totality. Other choice passages throughout the recording have the same effect. They bite into my bones a bereaved cry. But what, exactly, has been lost?

— W.S. DiPiero

Joni's Hejira

Stranded on a desert island, I'd find relief from the blazing sun in the wintry imagery of Joni Mitchell's album *Hejira*. Just gazing at the black-and-white album cover would start cooling me down: Joni in a fur coat and beret, the Goddess of Wanderlust, floating above an iced-over lake skirted by snow-dusted trees. *Hejira* would also bring to mind the dead of winter because that's the time of year I first listened to it, on a snowy day in 1976, soon after the album was released. I was 15 and had gotten it as a Christmas present. With four older sisters who adored Joni Mitchell, I'd heard all of her previous eight albums endlessly, and I loved them. But those were records of the past, Joni's hippie-chick past, and, physically, the LPs betrayed their age in pops and scratches and skips. With *Hejira*, however, I met Joni in present tense. The vinyl was pristine. And when I put needle to record, she didn't even sing at first. Instead, she spoke the opening line of the first song: "No regrets," Joni said.

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Mike and announced: "OK, folks, things are going to be different from now on." She wasn't blue anymore. She wasn't writing conventional folk, pop, or rock songs. She could no longer hit the high notes (no doubt due to the "smokes" she sings about), and she didn't give a shit. It was the attitude of a bohemian romantic, someone who'd been places and done things I could only imagine. I

wanted to lead a life just like hers.

I loved everything about this album, and I still do — not only the evocative cover and Joni's smoky vocals but also its sophisticated literary quality. *Hejira*, named after an obscure word meaning "a journey undertaken to seek refuge," documents a solo cross-country road trip as she leaves behind a failed relationship and, along the way, does the kind of soul-searching that only comes from time spent alone. In her lyrics, at once confessional and unsentimental, Joni addresses mistakes and choices she's made and considers what the future may hold. Listening to the album, you can actually trace her journey, both deeply personal and geographic, as one hypnotic song flows into the next. Throughout the music is driven by a propulsive bass that constantly pushes the narrative — and her travels — forward.

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room at age 15, I would daydream of joining Joni's hejira, like the subject of the fourth song, "A Strange Boy." The only boy in my family, living in the small town of Spokane, and, as I was coming to realize, gay (though I'd never spoken of this to anyone), I was already stranded on my own personal island. But *Hejira* represented to me

the possibility of triumphant escape. As witnessed in the album cover photo — in which Joni's coat opens to reveal a two-lane highway — the way out lies inside of you.

This then is the final reason I would choose Joni Mitchell's masterpiece as my "stranded" album. Just as *Hejira* helped me bide my time in a place where I felt

stuck, it would be my soundtrack as I try to figure out some way off this damn desert island.

— Bill Hayes

Love-Drunk Kid

When I was 12, most of my time was spent (a) being mad at absolutely everybody and everything, (b) writing furiously, or (c) being mad at absolutely everybody and

everything and writing furiously at the same time. Most 12-year-olds are angry bastards. If they're not, they're either the products of perfect parents (unlikely) or hiding their rage extremely well (probably). And if it's anything that will swallow the pure, hotheaded seething of a preteen — or a preteen with a sizeable chip on her shoulder

as I was — it is music, in some form or another. And, while my contemporaries were getting their ya-yas out to pop-punk power trio Green Day, I was drowning my sorrows in white typing paper and *Magical Mystery Tour*.

It was the beginning of seventh grade and my life sucked. I say this as I would have said it then, as I sometimes find myself

saying now: "My life sucked." The most generic and vague yet sentimentally perfect statement. That was the end-all, be-all.

The cards seemed stacked against me that year, as my father was on the cusp of remarriage, my school couldn't stand me, and I was just beginning to discover that I could not possibly, in any

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way, shape, or form, turn out to be a normal human being. I had gone from nauseatingly cute child to awkward and funny-looking adolescent, and, I thought, everybody knew it. I was nursing a two-year crush on a manipulative and slightly clueless teacher; the kids in my class, by and large, thought I was nuts and I was desperately lonely. My heart unabashedly on my sleeve for all the world to see, I was doomed. Consumed with fear, dread, self-loathing, I turned to the only people I could: John, George, Paul, and Ringo.

I don't know how they came to me, my four mop-topped, junior high angels. I remember, at some yard sale or other, my eyes wandering over a pile of mysterious new things called compact discs with a youngster's eye for the new and exciting. For novelty's sake alone, I purchased *Beatles Sampler*, a mix tape of sorts put out by Rhino Records containing a series of unreleased and/or poorly recorded tracks. This, however, was merely an awakening, as I didn't listen to that CD until months, if not years, later, after I weaned myself

off cassette tapes in the interest of technological integration. It was, however, the first CD I ever bought — something important in and of itself — and I can still recall it now, blue with wallet-sized headshots of each Beatle adorning the front in a line. But.

My introduction to rock music had come the year before this, during which I had learned all the words to, ironically, "Mrs. Robinson." My parents had a healthy collection of LPs, all of which were readily at my disposal, including an original print of the Stones' *Sticky*

Fingers, complete with a scandalous, fully unzipping zipper down the front of Keith's jeans.

As a youngster, exposed to Scott Joplin and Ry Cooder, among others, I'd become intimately familiar with the phonograph, learning at an early age how to reset and drop the needle with an expert's grace. It was a ritual that I loved; the feeling of the velvety record cleaner in my hand, the way it smelled lightly of plastic and chemicals, how it slid slowly back into its case; the little crack and pop just before the song start-

ed; the way the edge of the record spun on the lip of the turntable.

In a matter of months, I'd gone through a few decades' worth of music. I started with *Beatles for Sale*, moving from that to *Revolver*, from *Revolver* to *Rubber Soul*. When no one was home, I belted out "No Reply" as the cats skulked by the dining table, having learned to be unperturbed by the noise. I loved the lost, lofty sentiments of "I'm a Loser," which is what I was. "Got to Get You Into My Life," with its explosion of horns, got me on my toes and danc-

ing. This was my rock and roll odyssey.

But my favorite favorite: "Strawberry Fields" entered my life via the complicated and horrendously long *Beatles Anthology*, which was released my seventh-grade year. An overambitious, love-drunk kid, I wrote an entire novel listening to that song, the slow melancholy of it taking me away. There were three versions on that 2-tape set — *Anthology 2* I think it was — and I loved each one of them, rewinding and rewinding just to hear them all again. It was this

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song, in every one of its recordings, that said it all to me, in strange, cryptic language, in a way I didn't quite understand. It was this song that pulled from me what I had deep inside — the misery, the hurt, the hope, even — and helped me pour it onto the page, put my real realities and imagined realities up there together. It is for this that I am eternally thankful to those four lads from Liverpool, bright boys who grew to be jaded men, the surviving members growing to be old, bright, nostalgic, and eccentric gents.

So those of you who know 12-year-olds, or any lusty, angry, or hell, even ambivalent preteen, save them from the destruction of modern pop music: go out and buy them *Hard Days Night*, just to get them started. They'll learn to love it; if not, there's no hope for 'em. And when they hand you the 50 pages of manuscript, the hand-drawn comic book, the five-painting series, you'll know. You'll know.

— Rosa Colwin Jurjevics

A Summer on Desolation Row

"Like a Rolling Stone," the most famous song on Bob Dylan's *Highway 61 Revisited*, portrays somebody who thought she was on top contending with her fall to the bottom. It's a fun song but not a great one.

Highway 61 isn't a perfect album. "Tombstone Blues" I skip on account of the drummer's insistence on slamming the cymbal with every backbeat.

"Ballad of a Thin Man" doesn't wear well, with its arrogant lyrics that claim old guys don't know where it's at but young ones do, which I hope makes Bob Dylan cover his ears now that history has proved his generation was also clueless.

And "Queen Jane Approximately" sounds like filler. But with CDs allowing us to skip around, weak tracks don't matter as long as the

album has great ones.

"It Takes a Lot to Laugh and a Train to Cry" isn't great, but I used to sing it when I played in a band, and it has a lilting melody that lifts my spirits. "From a Buick Six" is driven by a pounding beat that let us play the instrumental breaks for 20 minutes and still keep people dancing.

"Highway 61 Revisited" is a great one, a trip through millennia that begins "God said to Abraham give me a son. Abe said, man, you must be putting me on. God said no, Abe said What? God said you can do what you want Abe but the next time you see me coming you'd better run..." and ends with an apocalyptic vision of the next world war.

"Just Like Tom Thumb's Blues" takes me to Juarez, Mexico. Having spent my share of nights in border towns, I get transported by the song's mood of abject confusion and insecurity to times my consciousness had lost.

But the masterpiece is "Desolation Row." After the nifty Mike Bloomfield guitar intro and a procession of chilling images comes: "At midnight all the agents and the super human crew come out and round up everyone that knows more than they do, and they bring them to the factory where the heart attack machine is strapped across their shoulders, and then the kerosene is brought down from the castle by insurance men who go check to see that no one is escaping to Desolation Row."

At a writers' conference last month, I tried to convince a gang of non-fiction writers that we can sometimes fabricate a scene or character that becomes truer than fact. I could've cited "Desolation Row" and argued that the picture it paints of life in the 20th Century is as powerfully rendered a glimpse of reality as any I've seen.

The album came out when I was in college. One summer I attended Universidad de Las

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Americas in Mexico City. Before I left San Diego to drive there, since I was recovering from a painful injury, my mother gave me a bottle of codeine she'd been prescribed but hadn't taken. On the road, I came to enjoy codeine.

My lodging in Mexico City was a room in an apartment near Sanborn's Farmacia. In those days, prescriptions were optional, and the visions codeine gave me, most of them like cartoons from the dark side, didn't allow much sleep. I began to appreciate a couple amphetamine capsules each morning. With their

help, I could stay awake through my classes.

Life got ever more intense. Every day the mean red-haired landlady screamed at her son and cussed prices and thieves and lowbrows and bragged about her rich and cultured friends.

I got a letter from my girlfriend back in San Diego. Whatever it was she wrote all sounded trivial in my condition. So I wrote back only a few words of my own, along with a quote from "Desolation Row."

"I received your letter yesterday, about the time the doorknob broke. When

you asked me how I was doing, was that some kind of joke? Right now, I can't read so good, don't send me no more letters, no. Not unless you mail them from Desolation Row."

If I were condemned for life to a desert island, I would take *Highway 61 Revisited*. I would sometimes wish I had brought *Bringing It All Back Home* instead, as the Bloomfield guitar riffs on "Mr. Tambourine Man" are even more enchanting than those on "Desolation Row."

But I would remind myself that "Mr. Tambourine Man" makes

me yearn for freedom. "Desolation Row" helps me accept being condemned.

— Ken Kuhlken

Could I Start Over?

These days when you can download all sorts of music into an iPod and burn your own CDs, it's odd to think of taking one prerecorded CD to a desert island. But the spirit of the question is one of restricting choices, maybe deciding between music you listen to frequently and the music that you need. On a car trip, when I'm loading five CDs into the player, Monk often

shows up and Boccherini. The trouble is, I don't have one favorite, I have lots. I want to hear Big Bill Broonzy, and I want to hear Joshua Bell. I'm not an opera fan, and I don't get excited about rock, but I perk up when Alison Krauss is on the radio as often as I do when it's Yo-Yo Ma.

When I was in graduate school, Bob Z., who I'd known since high school, always answered "Who's your favorite composer?" with this: "When I'm listening to Bach, Bach is my favorite composer, and when I'm listening to Mozart,

Mozart is my favorite composer, and when I'm listening to Beethoven, Beethoven is my favorite composer. And when I'm not listening to anyone, Beethoven is my favorite composer." I understand that, though I'd be tempted to put in Bach.

When I first heard Glen Gould play the *Goldberg Variations* I was in college. The harpsichord was coming back. Though I'd begun to like baroque music, keyboard works just seemed to me "up-and-down" streams of notes, and when on the harpsichord, clattering, jangling strings. And then

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I heard Gould's recordings. No harpsichord, but more important: melodies, lines of music, several at the same time that I could hear, phrases with breaths that separated them. Listening to Gould play Bach was going to places, not countries, but places all the same, that were, if you applied yourself, intelligible and coherent. Listening made me tired, but it was possible to get to these places and keep in them as long as the music played and I attended to it.

It seems to me now learning that was a defining experience. I can relive it by listening to those recordings. At the same time, I am reminded how I have changed, how I was changed by returning to those spaces that Bach, through Gould, constructs and dismantles.

This is the place to stop. But I can't. There are too many recordings I want to take — they're all magic in being able to conjure up the past or, rather, my youth. I remember, in that youth, talking with a woman 20 years older than I was who said, "Tell me your favorite jazz musician and I'll tell you how old you are." Those were days people like us had favorite jazz musicians, in New York City, anyway. She thought you chose some musician who was playing when you were in your early 20s, because that's when you went to hear them, and you stopped going out, stopped keeping up later. It was how your taste got fixed, how you got stuck in your rut. The world after that was filled with people you'd never heard of, and they all sounded "derivative." If you loved Coleman Hawkins, you were in your 20s in the '30s; if Lester Young was your man, it was the '40s, and Sonny Rollins fans were younger still.

She needed to correct her theory to include all the music first heard in your 20s — not just jazz, not just live. When I was in college, after my girl-

friend visited I would play one of the five records I had over and over again; thus Fauré's *Requiem* is a reminder of lost love for me. And I recall the Five-Spot in NY where I hung out to hear Monk play as well as the apartment of friends where I first heard Flatt and Scruggs. A little later, when I was a continent away in rural Washington State and my mid-20s — I had a protracted youth — I found records of Wade Ward and Tampa Red.

No matter what I listen to now, part of it is hooks into my youth. I got to know more Mozart, more Brahms, Charlie Patton and Django Reinhardt and Dmitri Shostakovich — some of that in my 30s, some later still. Moving from my 20s into middle age has gotten confused for me. Times become more and more "the past" — remote, faded, and soft-edged.

Fortunately, there's no sense that I'd be abandoning, dooming any music I left behind — saving one child, while rejecting others. All the music would remain safe. It's only I who would be at risk. Which might be just the reason to go off to the desert island. One of my recurrent fantasies is of starting over. In the new place no one knows who you are, has any expectations concerning a you that can't be reversed; you can become someone with no history. It's never true. I always revert more to character than I intend. But when I traveled last and lived abroad for several months, for the first time I took no music. I had a radio, but never found a station that appealed to me. I did go to concerts of jazz and classical and regional music that looked interesting, though I could only pick from what was offered, and was restricted by times and prices. I went frequently.

If the desert island had no concert hall, no radio, I would not want to do without music. I'd have to bring something. As I write, I'm inclined to

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avoid something from my past. Perhaps I'd take the music of the area or, failing that, some music I'd never heard. It might prove wonderful, and it might prove disappointing. The chance of "irrecoverable error" doesn't make you listen better, only harder.

— Mark Halperin

Family Music

It's not that I listen to it very often — I don't think I've listened to it once in the past 15 years. Even if I owned a copy I wouldn't be able to play it. I don't own a turntable, and it's never been digitized. Still, it's the album I would take with me to a deserted island, because it's the album my family choir made.

The Grimm Family

Choir record was made in 1972 but it had its beginnings in the late 1960s, when my oldest sister Marya was studying literature at the University of Southern California. The hippie movement was in full swing, and the sexual libertinism, drug use, and acid-rock music revolted my sister. Classes were no refuge either. One professor turned a lecture on Shakespeare's *Macbeth* into a rant against the Vietnam War. Disgusted, Marya decided she'd launch a movement to preserve Western Culture from this onslaught. Luckily, she had an ever-growing throng of younger siblings with which to populate the early stages of her new society. Jess, Marya's lone older sibling, who wasn't

so sure the hippie movement — particularly its music — was all bad, lampooned Marya's society as the Guardians of Edifying and Enlightening Culture, or GEEC (pronounced with a hard C) for short.

The GEEC membership rules were simple: first, obey the Ten Commandments, all of which were under assault in the counterculture; and, second, acknowledge rock music as an instrument of evil then totally reject it. Marya reasoned that it wasn't just the subversive lyrics of the rock music that made it attractive to acid-droppers, weed-smokers, and fornicators. There must be, she thought, something in the very nature of rock music (The electrification? The syncopation? The three-

chord repetition?) that, if it didn't exactly *cause* people to turn from good and embrace evil, at least it helped them along that path.

Since obeying the Ten Commandments isn't exactly a group activity, GEEC focused on the second rule. What better way, Marya opined, to reject rock and roll than to make better music. The problem was there was only one trained musician in the family, my brother Stephen who was a contest-winning pianist. But we Grimms have always had good singing voices, good pitch, and a quick ear for memorizing tunes. So Marya decided to mold the membership of GEEC into an *a cappella* singing group. For material, she dug into the back

shelves of her college library and pulled out sheet music for Renaissance and Medieval madrigals such as "My Heart is Offered Still to You" by Orlando di Lasso, "Never Has My Heart Been Merry" by Pierre Certon, and "Blow Shepherds Blow" by Thomas Morley. Marya learned the four and sometimes five parts of these pieces and taught them to her sisters Paula, Patricia, Anita, and Michelle, and to her brothers Stephen and Danny.

The counterculture, in those days, was not only infiltrating Shakespeare classes, it was invading the Catholic Church. The now-familiar guitars and tambourines were starting to show up

at Mass. To fight it, Marya taught the group sacred church pieces from the 13th through 17th centuries, such as the motets "O Jesu Christe" by Jacquet de Mantua, "Alma Redemptoris Mater" by Giovanni Pierluigi Palestrina, and the "Missa Secunda" by Hans Leo Hassler. My parents, avowed enemies of the counterculture themselves, were tickled pink. At first, the seven sang at family parties in front of admiring aunts and uncles as well as snickering longhaired cousins wearing bellbottoms and "Fuck the Draft" T-shirts. Later, they started singing small concerts, the girls all in matching dresses they had sewn themselves. A friend of my sister's who had contacts at a record-

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ing studio convinced her to produce an album. In 1972, the group gathered in the cold, dark chapel at Thomas Aquinas College (to which Marya had transferred) and sang the six pieces mentioned above plus 13 more.

The album did not go gold. It sold a few hundred copies, mostly to family, friends, and friends of friends. But the Grimm Family Choir lives on. As each of my parents' 17 children came of age, he or she joined the choir. I joined when I was a teenager and still sing with the group when we're all together for a wedding or a big party. Now my nephews and nieces are singing with the choir, and when we're all together the choir, which once numbered seven, now has more than 40 voices. Marya's movement is growing.

— Ernie Grimm

Forth From My Pioneer Speakers

The summer of 1976, PBS broadcast *The Unanswered Question: Six Talks at Harvard* by Leonard Bernstein. Each week Bernstein explained the structure and the meaning of music as well as the crisis of harmony composers faced in the 20th Century. I was in my 20s, a folk-blues-ragtime-jazz guitar player, a composer of songs and instrumental pieces that fit that wide vein. But I was also bored with the smallness and the lack of abstraction of these musical forms. My musical-analytic interests were spiraling outward like a nautilus. But whither? In lecture five, Bernstein played Charles Ives's "The Unanswered Question," a mystical work for strings, woodwinds, and trumpet. Here's a sketch: the strings drone a pulseless diatonic chord; a trumpet plays a melodic fragment, sounding like a question; the strings drone on; the winds answer the question in harmony; the trumpet again poses the question while the strings drone on; the winds respond as a group but

with individual lines; trumpet questions; strings drone; winds, losing cohesion, play chaotic, ambiguous lines; trumpet questions but it goes unanswered while the strings drone on. This piece, Bernstein said, embodied the increasing confusion and violence of 20th-century music as well as of the 20th Century itself. That music could pose ideas — become a field of inquiry, which I'd associated only with literature, philosophy, and criticism — was enthralling. I headed to the library.

I began with Bernstein recordings. He had, alongside musicals like *West Side Story*, composed three symphonies. His first was the *Jeremiah Symphony*, issued on Columbia ML 5703 (recorded in 1960, released in 1962). A marvelous piece, while on the flip side was the *Third Symphony (In One Movement)* by the American Roy Harris. Harris, once a farmer, was a largely self-taught composer, born in Oklahoma, raised in California, who'd been on the vanguard of a new sensibility in American classical music. Conductor Serge Koussevitzky premiered Harris's *Third* with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1939, calling it "the first great symphony by an American composer." Critic Edward Downes noted how Harris's *Third* revealed the "brooding prairie night" of Western Kansas. Its slowly unfolding initial section gave off "stronger and more fundamental emotions than are associated with the entertainments of American jazz."

I loved jazz and all things musically American. But Harris's 17-minute symphony, as it swept forth from my Pioneer speakers, was unlike anything I'd ever heard. There was nothing "entertaining" about it. It was emotionally dark, its sound, recognizably, achingly nationalistic. It also seemed that to identify the feelings it raised in

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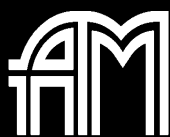
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words lessened it somehow, robbed it of its soul. Stirred by Bernstein's analysis of Ives — "Why," he asked, "do so many of us try to explain the beauty of music, thus depriving it of its mystery?" — I hoped to discover what it was about this piece that beckoned and resisted my own explanation.

Harris labeled the *Third's* five sections: tragic, lyric, pastoral, fugue-dramatic, and dramatic-tragic. The sections can be heard as such but, overriding all, is a developing, eerie instability. The music lopes, dances, marches, rushes ahead in boyish exuberance. The last two sections grow, as Harris wrote, from "savage bright to savage dark." The harmonies and the melodies clash in several church modes; the phrasing is asymmetrical; the rhythm and the meter are irregular and syncopated.

But what was the *Americanness* it projected? We hear the Germanic in

any Beethoven symphony as the composer repeats and extends short musical figures with his characteristic expeditionary and uncompromising ego. Harris develops his melodic ideas with immediate variation; he eschews repetition, paradoxically letting phrases wander but without losing their momentum. The music seems lost while it's getting somewhere. It struck me that Harris was illustrating my own indecision.

In 1976, I had decided to return to college to study composition. This was part of a pattern: either fate or my insecurity over which expressive language — music or writing — was mine, had bounced me from one to the other since I was young. As a child I sang in choirs and played several instruments. By high school, I had left music for the rapture of Victorian novels and dreams of writing. After

two years of studying literature in college, I quit: a romance gone bad was the reason. I went back to playing and composing. The unanswerable questions snapped at my heels: Should I write? Should I compose? Which art could satisfy my longing that one art transcend the other?

For me, Harris's syncopated trumpets bursting over trudging chords, his finger-pointing crescendo that ends naggingly on g-minor say this: our lives open and close on tragedy while in the long in-between where the inevitable is disguised and waylaid things are sunny and serene. His symphony captures the fatalism of American life, optimistic and aggrieved, what the Kansas sky is brooding upon. It also speaks to my fate, saying this: Let the tension between music and words be. I need not choose, I need not think the beauty of music has

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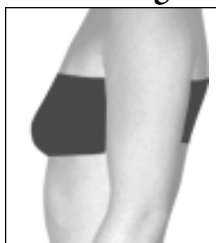


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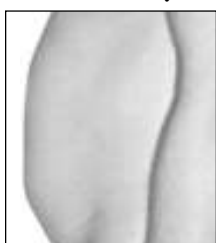


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lessened because of my
attempts to explain it in
words. Every time I hear
Harris's *Third* I hear the
mystery that couples song
and explanation; I also
hear my desire to hold fast
to that mystery as it
escapes me at every
moment.

— Thomas Larson

Leontyne and Me

I met Joseph when I was
25 and he was 52, eight
years younger than I am
now. I shared my one-
bedroom apartment on
the Lower East Side in
New York City with night-
crawling cockroaches
while Joseph, a successful
writer, lived some blocks
away in urban grandeur,
including security gates
that crisscrossed his win-
dows. I said it was like liv-
ing in a prison, and not
for me.

Then came my first
burglary.

"Immediately replace
everything stolen," he
advised. "Or everyday
you'll feel like you've been
robbed again."

In the years before I
moved and got my own
security gates, I lost bikes,
television sets, my college
ring, and several stereo
systems. Amid the ongo-
ing pillage, my record
albums (with little value
on the street or to pawn-
brokers) remained
untouched. After the sec-
ond raid, Joseph handed
me the RCA recording of
Samuel Barber's *Knoxville
Summer: 1915*.

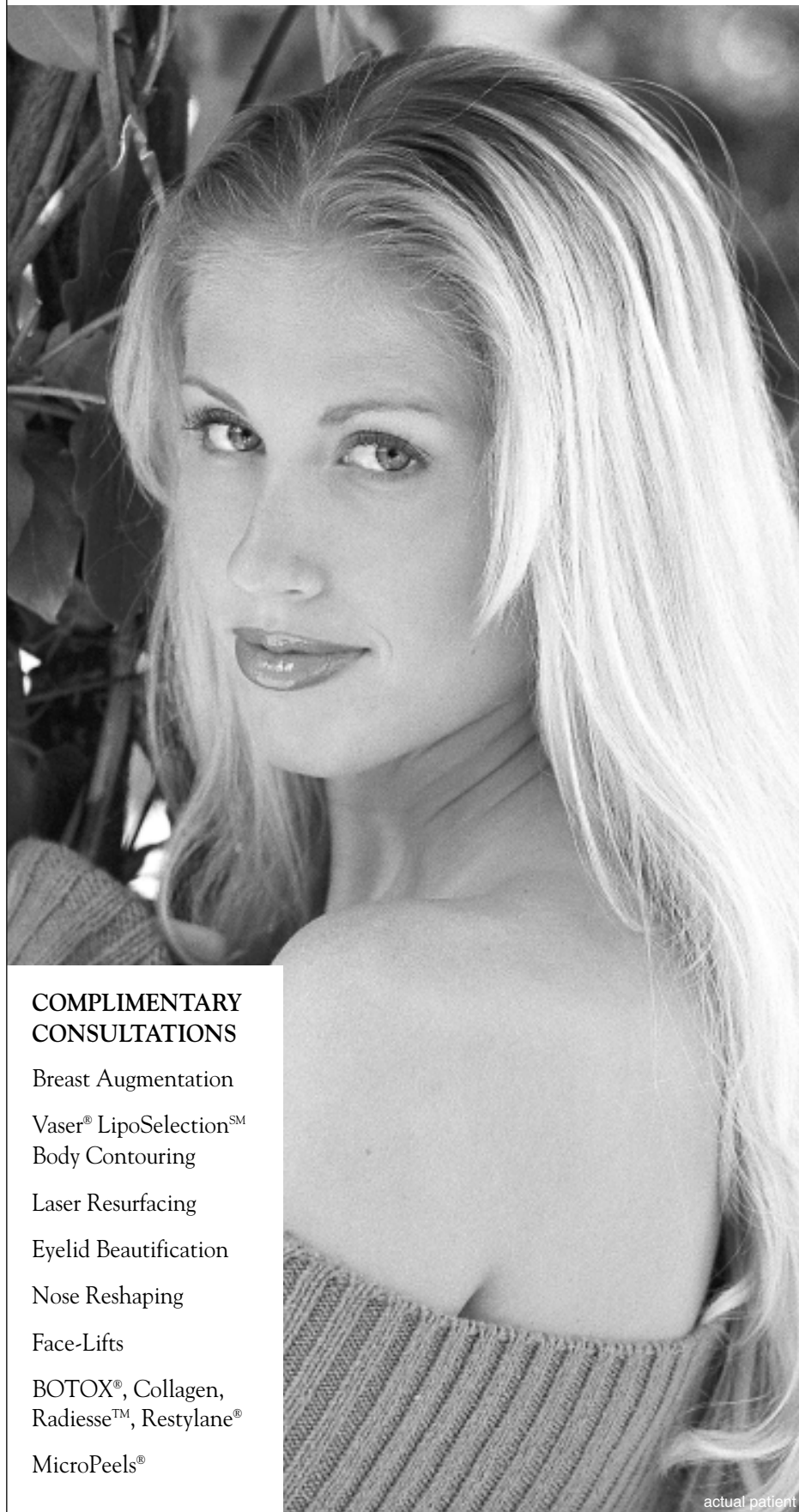
"This is for you," he
said.

Out of its jacket and
removed from the white
paper sleeve, the long-
playing disc was the size
of a dinner plate. It
smelled of solvent; its face
of perfect grooves
gleamed. I fit the record
on my new turntable. The
needle dropped onto the
record's edge and slid
inward. Static, a brief
interlude of woodwinds,
then the lush soprano of
Leontyne Price.

*It has become that time
of evening
when people sit on their
porches, rocking gen-
tly, and talking gen-
tly...*

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*On the rough wet grass
of the back yard
my father and mother
have spread quilts.
We all lie there,
my mother, my father,
my uncle, my aunt,
and I too am lying
there...*

I threw a surprise birthday party for Joseph. With just two chairs and no table, his friends stood while others ate on my bed with plates on their laps. The electricity went off and I lit candles for light. There was no heat so I poured extra cayenne in the chili, thinking to solve the problem.

*They are not talking
much, and the talk is
quiet,
of nothing in particular,
of nothing at all in particular,
of nothing at all.*

I was a small-town kid — dumb, even innocent. But to fully take in the music, an experience of artistry and intention that was studied and complex, was to transform the listener. Who knows where change may lead?

*All my people are larger
bodies than mine,
quiet, with voices gentle
and meaningless
like the voices of sleeping
birds.*

1979. It is ten years later and I am at graduation ceremonies at Yale. Leontyne Price sits on the dais, 20 feet straight ahead. She awaits her honorary doctorate in music. I am here to collect my third graduate degree, now own a condomini-

um, and have won a post-doctoral year at Oxford — all this while holding down a full-time tenured post. But there is a cost. I am so wrecked on drugs this afternoon that I am a human yo-yo, up and down. The diva notices and shoots me the same look my mother used to nail me with. Instantly I remain put.

I'm sure my record album is around someplace. Joseph, long ago, went missing.

*One is an artist, he is living at home.
One is a musician, she is living at home.
One is my mother who is good to me.
One is my father who is good to me.*

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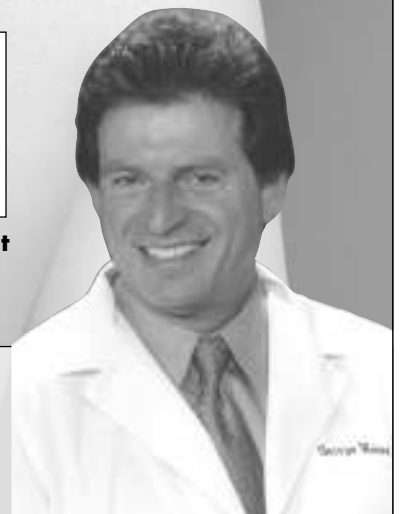
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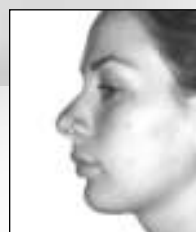
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year ago, I wrote Joseph.
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*After a little I am taken
in and put to bed.
Sleep, softly smiling,
draws me unto her;
and those receive me,
who quietly treat me
as one familiar and well-
beloved in that home:
but will not, oh will not
not now, not ever,
but will never tell me
who I am.*

The RCA recording
Knoxville Summer: 1915
with Leontyne Price is out
of print. But recently a
snatch of melody heard
drifting off the radio and I
am walking Manhattan's
streets, warmed under San
Diego skies, and 90 years
before, am again beloved
one summer evening.

— Jangchup Phelgyal

**From "American
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"Dancing in September"
wept from the doorway of
a music shop. I pulled my
scarf and jacket collar
open, exposing my neck
and ear.

I stayed on that street
for the day. I wanted to
hear more music and the
passing people seemed to
be generous. I looked
from face to face, inter-
preting nuances. If some-
one spotted me then
looked away and down
abruptly I knew I couldn't
ask them. Not too many
people gave when I did
ask. Mostly, kind strangers
would walk over to me
and drop Koruns into my
gloved hand without me
asking. "D_kuji vám," I'd
say, thank you, in Czech.

That night, in front
of a four-story club of
lights and tinted glass, a
rich Euro-trash man in a
white turtleneck, blue ski
jacket, and tight jeans
grabbed an American
girl's ass. The girl spun
around and yelled,
"Asshole!" in his face. The
jerk's friends grabbed his
shoulders and leaned
against him, laughing.

The front door of the
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opened and a measure
from "Dancing in
September" spilled out
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The tall blond who had goosed her earlier looked to be the Alpha of the group. My left hand found the collar of his bulky jacket and jerked it backwards. He spun to his left on the way down and landed on his hip and elbow. I still had hold of him and gave him two right-hand shots to the jaw. Wap. Wap. His friends jumped and gibbered. I grabbed one, but he broke free. They pulled their dropped buddy by his collar until he was standing

and then marched down the sidewalk shouting in the staccato "SH"s, "T"s, and "N"s that string together to form curse words in German.

I hadn't seen myself in a couple days, and my appearance must have slipped from "American Tourist" to "Loser" because the girl thanked me at arm's length with an overturned fist of bills. It must've been everything she was carrying on her: I noticed the white lining of her inside-out jeans pocket. "Thanks," I said, ashamed to need a hand-out, but grateful for the money. Last year she was my peer, just another American. This year she was my benefactor. If we'd been in San Diego I would have asked for her number. But with bleary eyes and a dope-sick face, I just turned and walked away.

I walked the long hill from downtown, past Winston Churchill Square, to the Clown and

Bard Hostel on Borivojova Street. The junky receptionist with blond dreadlocks and sharp elbows handed me a key attached to a six-inch block of wood. It felt good to be indoors again. I lugged my pack up three flights of stairs and unlocked a metal fire door. I chained my backpack to a bunk bed with the bike lock I'd brought with me from America, even though the 18 other bunks in the room were vacant. I couldn't risk losing the only things I had.

The shower and shave revealed how gray and drawn my skin had become in the past three weeks, since I'd lost my way. What was 240 pounds of muscle, sinew, and joints had become soiled sheets on a rickety wooden frame. I was surprised I'd fared so well against the wolves.

Sitting on my bunk in long underwear and a sweater I rummaged through my clothes and

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separated them for washing. When I pulled the wad of cash from my pants pocket something else fell out and tick-ticked against the checkered tile floor. I followed the sound back toward the light spilling in from the bathroom. There, in the cold glow, sat a pale pink pill with small flecks of orange in it.

Where the hell had that come from? I knew every stitch and bob of fuzz in my empty pockets intimately; this couldn't have been in there for long. When the American girl on the street had emptied her gratitude onto me it must've come out with the wad of money. Now here it was. I cupped it in my hand and washed it down my throat under the tap, slurping at the icy stream.

Soon my hands were clapping and wringing at each other. The bright lights of the city danced against the panorama window and brightened the room. Why shouldn't I have some fun tonight? I thought, I did my good deed for the day. I've still got a little coin left. I deserve a little music and beer. I dashed to my bunk and pulled my jeans on, grabbing the money and the big blocky key ring. The yellow light of the stairwell got more intense as I descended until it revealed the blinding pale bulb outside of the cellar bar.

Inside the bar I ordered a glass of Amber Czech pilsner and scanned the room for potential. Groups of backpackers gathered at tables beneath the orange pendulum lights and their brown shadows waved along the walls while they laughed and drank. One girl in a red fleece and matching headband climbed her chair and sang along with the blaring music, "Ahh, ah, say do you remember," she shouted, "Ahh, ah, dancing in September."

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can't imagine not bringing a music mix with me to the proverbial desert island. In fact, it goes further back than the iPod. I grew up in the golden age of the mix tape. Mixes, not albums, have always meant the most to me. And a mix tape from a boy was a little bit of heaven. But the desert island mix I've chosen does not involve a boy. It involves the absence of boys. Boyfriendless until college, boyfriendless in those formative high school years, I started to keep a list of songs for my future boyfriend. Strange as it might seem, this mix captures everything I thought I wanted at the innocent idealistic age of 15. Just the thing to while away the long desert island days.

So here I present my desert island soundtrack: *Songs For My Future Boyfriend*. A little desperate, a little tragic, and very much riddled with danceable hope and joy.

"Just Like Heaven",
The Cure (1987)

Robert Smith and his band touch me (and on many listless nights I wished he would, literally). I started listening to them to impress a boy — Jeff — who consequently turned out to be gay. It took three or four listens of *Disintegration* to get me going, but once I started I couldn't stop. A rabid Cure fan, I started reading *Other Voices*, a '90s zine that encouraged pen pals. Through *Other Voices* I met my future prom date (who turned out to be latent — sense a theme?).

"Just Like Heaven" from the *Kiss Me, Kiss Me*, *Kiss Me* album ranks as my favorite Cure song of all. I will admit that when I finally did land a boyfriend (in college, long after I'd lost touch with prom date and his boyfriends) and fell in love, I decreed this to be the first dance at our future wedding.

That never happened, but there's no taint to the song. More than anything I hope that I never forget how "Just Like Heaven" made me feel when I first heard it — alive and free and full of boundless hope and energy. If one day I do marry (after a much-heralded rescue from the desert island), I must dance to this.

"Love Shack", B-52s
(1989)

A song that bubbles with joy. I danced to this, danced hard, at every school dance, wedding, and Sweet 16 I've ever attended. I can't imagine never hearing it again, never screaming out, "Tin Roof! Rusted," never hopping up and down, never screaming along, never hearing Fred Schneider tell me that "love rules at the Love Shack." To me, this was a potential make-out song. A song that would make a boy reach for my hand and pull me onto the dance floor. We'd stop, sweaty, red-faced,

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and out of breath. And then...who knows?

"Eternal Flame," the Bangles (1997)

I'm embarrassed that this song means something to me. It's a light song, a twinkly song, a song lacking in substance and real feeling. Still, I must have cried myself to sleep 1,000 times at the age of 15 listening to it. And it's kind of catchy and sing-a-long-able.

"Pictures of You," The Cure (1989)

Yes, there has to be another Cure song. And yes, it has to be *Disintegration's* depressing anthem to broken hearts, lost love, and memory. Ouch. It hurts just thinking about it.

"Please, Please, Please Let Me Get What I Want," The Smiths (1986 via the *Pretty in Pink* soundtrack)

The ultimate longing song. I've cried to this more times than I can count. When Morrissey — in all his snarky, Oscar

Wildean glory — sang, "For once in my life, let me get what I want, Lord knows it would be the first time," I believed, in the way that only an ego-centric 16-year-old can, that he was speaking to me. This song made my longing for a boyfriend, my longing to be thin and cute, my longing to not be sad seem justified. Now I look back and I want to slap myself for being so dramatic. But still I love the song for its sad simplicity.

"Never Tear Us Apart," INXS (1987)

Such a hot and sexy song! It hit me right in my underused teenage loins. This is what sexy meant — a steady, hard bassline and a long-haired man in tight pants telling me, forcefully, that no one would tear us apart. Yummy.

"(I've Had) The Time of My Life," Bill Medley (1987)

"Nobody puts Baby in a corner." God how I

wanted someone to say that to my Dad. This soul-lifting anthem from *Dirty Dancing* made me long for Patrick Swayze. It also made me long to be small enough for a boy to lift me over his head and throw me around in front of a crowd. This was also another wedding song candidate. Sad but true — I was hoping my husband-to-be would make me do the lift.

Let me add a note, and another justification for adding this song to the mix. The first concert I ever attended was *Dirty Dancing Live* at Radio City Music Hall. Another well-worn memory ripe for desert island dreaming.

"On My Own," *Les Misérables* soundtrack (1985)

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Dolls, I went through a Broadway phase. This song I taped from the radio, and I wore it out from overlistening. This was the ultimate expression of my boyfriendless angst: "So now I'm all alone again, no where to run, no where to turn to." Yeah. While the other girls had real boyfriends — shaggy-haired, alternative-music listening, baggy-jean-wearing boys — I was languishing at home. Or maybe working drive-thru at my part-time McDonald's job. All I thought about were boys, all I wanted was one of my own.

But all I had were these songs, and the smallest ray of hope that everything would turn out in the end.

And so my mix comes to a close. The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Sarah Vaughn — brilliant in every way. But I never made out with my pillow while listening to "Like a

Rolling Stone."

— Rachel Kempster

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This is a weighty matter, or would be if there was the slightest possibility that it might actually happen. In my case it's complicated by the fact that I'm older than dirt, and have more than 50 years of music to choose from.

In 1950, as a geeky 13-year-old in a crew cut and a plaid bowtie, I would repair with my buddies to the hotdog and orange juice stand next to the Criterion Theater on Main Street in Oklahoma City on Friday nights, prior to viewing filmed violence. The jukebox was packed with R&B hits, and it was there I first heard "One Mint Julep" by the Clovers, and realized that there was enough good stuff in life to make it worth the trouble.

Musically, 1955 was

the biggest year of my life. Louis Armstrong played at my high school graduation dance. Let me explain how this remarkable thing happened. Armstrong had played a gig in Tulsa the night before, and had one in Ft. Worth a night later. Rather than spend the evening sitting around in a hotel, smoking those funny cigarettes, they decided to play for us for half-price, which was \$2000.

Then, in November, as a college freshman, I saw Elvis Presley in concert at the Oklahoma City Civic Center. He was ninth on a bill headlined by Hank Snow. But the word was out; it was Elvis we came to see.

There was no rock 'n' roll at that time. It was invented by Sam Phillips of Sun Records, right then, by the simple expedient of finding white boys who could play and sing Black music.

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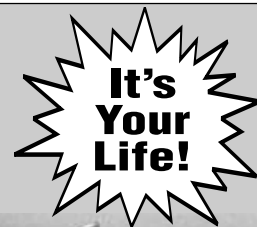
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and Col. Tom Parker was the Devil. Everything Elvis recorded for Sam Phillips was great; everything after that sucked. It was as though when Satan led Jesus to the top of the mountain and offered him the world if he would fall down and worship evil, Jesus replied, "Sure, cool."

Jerry Lee Lewis, on the other hand, was a terrible person, but he stayed true to the music. Contrary to his own expectations, I think he will go to heaven for that alone.

From the time Elvis left Sun until the acid rock of the '60s, rock 'n' roll had lyrics that were monuments to insipidity. That all changed while I was in Vietnam. When I left the music was pathetic. When I came back there was Dylan, the Stones, the Beatles, Lou Reed, the Moody Blues, the Steve Miller Band, Led Zeppelin, the Grateful Dead... The list is practi-

cally endless and my God, it was wonderful!

This was not the result of genius, but of LSD.

That era phased out less than a decade later, and there was nothing much worth hearing from 1975 to the present day. At least that's what I thought. Recently I met a young man named Justin Chancellor, who is bass player for a loud but musically and lyrically tight band called Tool.

I asked Justin to turn me on to some decent tunes, and he did: the Black Keys, Jeff Buckley, Queens of the Stone Age, and, of course, Tool. There is music out there, just not on the radio.

So, out of all this, what one recording would I take to a desert island? I'm cheating a bit, 'cause it's a double CD, but I would take Bob Dylan's *30th Anniversary Concert Collection*. Twenty-nine songs by the greatest songwriter of...well, ever.

As Jerry Garcia said, "You can sing his lyrics without embarrassment."

As with all Dylan albums, there are performances I can do without. When whichever of the Clancy Brothers says, "Bet you never thought you'd hear Dylan with an Irish accent!" I mutter, "You right, Bubba," and hit the skip button. I can do without the preachy songs too. "The Times They Are A-Changing" and "Masters of War" are sociologically interesting, but don't move me anymore. On the other hand Lou Reed's performance of "Foot of Pride" is the best thing he's ever done. Willie Nelson's version of "What Was It You Wanted?" is the nastiest, meanest, funniest tune I've ever heard.

My favorite cut is Johnny Winter's version of "Highway 61 Revisited." Let me be clear. I do not like Johnny Winter's music. It is loud, shrill, piercing, and

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unpleasant, but he outdoes himself, and everybody else here. Sometimes I put the first CD in this set on my player and just play this one tune over and over. That mood has hit me periodically for over a decade now.

There are standout performances by John Mellencamp, Tom Petty, Johnny Cash, Roseanne Cash, the Band, Chrissie Hynde, George Harrison, Neil Young, Roger McGuinn, Dylan himself, and many others.

Good-bye! I must play it now.

— Jim Morris

I Grew Weary of Three-Chord Rock

My first favorite album was the original cast recording of *Oklahoma*. Mom says when I was a baby, she'd put on the record as she lay me down to sleep and by the second line of the title song I would be fast asleep. I hate that song now; it's my least favorite show

tune. By the time I reached grammar school, Anne Murray was the thing. "Spread your tiny wings and fly away/ And take the snow back with you where it came from on that day..." my sisters and I would sing as we danced around the living room, strumming our imaginary guitars. In middle school, I was into rock 'n' roll, but not the rock 'n' roll of my era. Sneaking downstairs, I'd press play on my older brother's boom box, and listen to the Beach Boys' "Surfin' USA." The volume never passed two; I was terrified of discovery by my mother who had a strict house ban on rock music. Somehow big brother got away with it, but I was soon found ear to stereo. Mom grilled big brother on the music and he rose to my defense. "The music is really harmless." Mom believed him.

Junior and senior year of high school I was sent off to boarding

school in Massachusetts. To cheer me up the first homesick weekend I spent there, my roommate put on Howard Jones and Cat Stevens. It worked. For the next two years, I was a devout listener to them, as well as to The Cars and The Outfield. Occasionally, one roommate's love for dance tunes would intrude on my sappy '80s rock. I remember Dead or Alive singing "You spin me right round baby right round/like a record baby right round, round, round," and my wild roommate Juliet performing her smoothest dance moves for us sheltered Catholic girls. I was never sold on the dance tunes. When Juliet was out, Howard Jones went back in the CD player.

Then came college. A grueling four years of a great books program left me little time to enjoy music. I never was one for studying while music with lyrics played in the back-

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ground. Eight years of piano study had made me a keen listener to the musicality of a piece, and I couldn't detach from the song and focus on my book. So I'd put on classical music. I didn't particularly love it at first; it was just pleasant background noise. But soon it was love. For the college Halloween party, my roommate and I dressed all in black and went as parallel lines — we were studying the geometer Euclid — and danced in alignment to the deep cello strains of the second movement of Beethoven's *Seventh* symphony. The music haunted me.

I discovered jazz in college — Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Chet Baker — and I still listened to rock music at times, adding solo guitarist Joe Satriani, and the nouveau funk band Brand New Heavies to my cheesy diet of soft hits. The rock and jazz were nice for racing down

the highway to the beach or dancing at one of the school's formal balls. But I found that they didn't feed the soul. And it seemed incongruous for me to be reading the great authors of Western Civilization part of the time and listening to three-chord rock the rest. Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven, on the other hand, seemed fitting companions for Aristotle, St. Augustine, and Jane Austen. Classical increased. Rock and jazz decreased.

It was also in college that I began to sing ancient church music — four- or five-part Latin pieces which we sung *a cappella* during Mass. The harmony of the voices was addictive, especially when my own voice was an integral part in producing the sound. With the rest of the choir I sang Palestrina's "Sicut Cervus," William Byrd's "Ave Verum," and Allegre's "Miserere" and found joy

in music that I'd never experienced before.

Now, 11 years out of college, I still listen to a lot of the same music. But I see my own kids experimenting with variety in music. My sons love a CD of traditional music of the Andes, which my husband bought from a couple of Peruvians performing on the boardwalk in Seaport Village. My daughter loves an album of songs from *The King and I* and *The Sound of Music*.

My favorite CD, the one I would take to a desert island is The Hilliard Ensemble singing William Byrd's Masses for 3, 4, and 5 voices and "Ave Verum." Every Sunday morning I put it on. The music lifts and at the same time settles my soul. A calm comes over the whole house while the five-voice Agnus Dei floats out of the Bose stereo. William Byrd feeds my soul while I feed my kids pancakes.

— Mary Grimm ■

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Lawyers from the prestigious firm of Rogers & Wells helped make the J. David scam possible. Now that firm would have to pay aggrieved investors \$40 million. But as Chapter 11 reveals, lawyers representing the cuckolded investors would rake in their share of the loot.

Chapter 11

The sinking of the *Titanic* was like a corporate bankruptcy in every way except one: Lawyers and newspaper reporters couldn't speed to the scene. A corporate bankruptcy is normally a windfall for lawyers and accountants — and if it's sensational enough, for the media, too.

The J. David debacle certainly had all the elements the media could ask for: a spectacular collapse of a mystery man and his socialite mistress; the embarrassment of local nabobs; the startling incompetence, and perhaps corruption, of government bureaucrats; the acute discomfort of local political figures and the possible downfall of the mayor; a tantalizing whiff of the Mafia; Swiss banks; sports cars, racehorses, and other chattels of the jet set; bizarre behavior; sexy secretaries; stonewalling and prevarication by the main characters.

For the lawyers and accountants, the J. David collapse seemed to promise great rewards as well. Word had spread that fees for the trustee's lawyers and accountants might run more than 50 percent of total recovered assets — well above the normal rate. But percentages really

don't count in such a game: When money is involved, it's the absolute values that are important. The bankruptcy trustee, Louis Metzger — an honorable man — was doing his best to keep his lawyers' and accounts' fees reasonable. And as

the J. David bankruptcy wound down, it became clear that little money would be forthcoming from the central characters. Any money would have to be recovered from the deep-pocket service providers, three of which were, ironically, law and accounting firms. Thus, it appeared that some lawyers and accountants would reap a moderate windfall, but others stood to lose big.

From an accounting perspective, J. David was a disgrace. Accountants hadn't been permitted access to the heart of the company — the covert interbank pool — thus they never knew where the money was coming from. To the profession's credit, it was an accountant who first went to the FBI. On the other hand, one of the nation's largest accounting firms, Laventhol & Horwath, has been sued for its auditing role in J. David. To be sure, Laventhol never did work for interbank. Its main mistake was to rely on the judgment of Dominelli's lawyer when it determined that, under Montserrat law, it could not audit a commodities pool. Laventhol should have noted this scope limitation in its report but didn't, perhaps because agencies such as the SEC do not accept scope limitations.



At the outset lawyers were conspicuously angling for the official appointment as the trustee's lawyers, usually the choicest plum in a bankruptcy case. In March 1984, when Dominelli officially entered Chapter 7 bankruptcy, Federal District Judge J. Lawrence Irving, who was handling the case, told a gaggle of lawyers in the courtroom that the case would become "a full-employment act for the attorneys in this geographic area. We have seen the tip of the iceberg on litigation. Floodgates will open." The floodgates opened, but not as wide as expected.

Throughout J. David's life, Dominelli had only a handful of competent lawyers. One was ex-SEC attorney Carl Duncan of Chicago's Abramson & Fox, who dropped out before the bankruptcy because he couldn't get adequate information from Dominelli. The second, Nicholas Coscia, another ex-SEC attorney, quickly figured out the scam, warned other

lawyers involved, and got out, graciously staying around long enough to be replaced. The two others, Charles Goldberg and Herbert Katz, were hired after the bankruptcy commenced but also departed because they weren't getting cooperation from their client and didn't know where their fees would come from.

It was Coscia who blew the whistle on the two lawyers who were running J. David's legal affairs, Mike Clark of Wiles, Circuit & Tremblay and Norman Nouskajian of Rogers & Wells. Though the two firms jettisoned Dominelli after receiving Coscia's letter, both would face mammoth problems, and they knew it. It was inevitable they would be sued by disgruntled investors, and Clark and Nouskajian, and their firms, would be the major targets.

Before coming to San Diego, Clark had worked as an accountant for a Las Vegas gambling casino. Initially with Wiles, Circuit, he

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had mainly practiced divorce law. Indeed, a physician whose wife was represented by Clark in their divorce suit was directed to J. David's interbank by one of Clark's paralegals. The doctor had come to the office to cosign his wife's tax refund check, and Clark's assistant told him of the wonders of J. David. Clark personally wooed another doctor into interbank, although he denies receiving a finder's fee for such services.

Wiles, Circuit partners who worked on the J. David account had money in interbank and made large removals just prior to the collapse. They refuse to comment on any aspects of the adventure, other than to say that the press has blown it out of proportion. The firm probably grossed more than \$500,000 annually in legal fees from J. David.

Early in his career, Norman Nouskajian had primarily been a real estate lawyer. He was not considered a heavyweight in legal circles. But he rose quickly in Rogers & Wells, partly because he was bringing in so much money (probably more than \$500,000 annually in legal fees)

for the firm from J. David.

In early 1983, Nouskajian — with acquiescence from higher levels of Rogers & Wells — led the legal team that persuaded the California Department of Corporations that J. David's interbank contracts did not have to be registered as securities, even though notes of the law firm's meetings and internal correspondence showed that Rogers & Wells lawyers believed they did. The next year, when J. David went under, Rogers &

Wells initially said that its lawyers had never worked on interbank. Later, as it became clear that Nouskajian had worked on interbank right up to its demise and that the firm had enabled J. David to persuade the Department of Corporations it did not have jurisdiction over interbank,

Rogers & Wells stopped making the claim.

"Many local lawyers thought Norm [Nouskajian] was a bomb in Rogers & Wells's pants. We didn't know he was nuclear," comments a San Diego attorney.

Initially, San Diego lawyers

were afraid to charge Rogers & Wells with any violations. Not only do its partners have important Republican connections at the highest national level, such as William P. Rogers and CIA director William Casey, but suing a large national law firm can be a ticket to perdition:

"They have money. They have size. They can just nickel and dime you to death with documents, subpoenas, and more documents and subpoenas," says a San Diego lawyer.

Nonetheless, San Diego attorney Michael Aguirre sued Clark and Nouskajian, and their

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firms, for conspiring to sell securities without qualification, exemption, or registration; securities fraud; and attorney malpractice. San Mateo lawyer Joseph W. Cotchett sued the same parties on the same charges.

Aguirre and Cochet sued Laventhol & Horwath for accountant malpractice and conspiracy to sell securities without qualification, registration, and exemption. Also charged

with complicity in the unlawful conduct are Ron Massa, the insurance broker who sold the fidelity bond on Dominelli, and his firm, Rollins, Burdick & Hunter; Hoover; Yarry; and several others.

The accountant and attorney defendants unsuccessfully sought to have the actions dismissed, although their objections to a few counts were upheld. The judge hearing the cases

withdrew from further participation after it was revealed that she was in a real estate deal with a partner at the San Diego office of Rogers & Wells and a partner of the firm representing Nouskajian.

Just before the filing deadline of February 14, 1985 (a year and a day after the bankruptcy), a number of other lawyers joined Aguirre and Cotchett in bringing deep-pocket suits. Now there are investor claims for more than \$120 million. Ironies abound. For example, Arthur Axelrod and plaintiffs in some civil suits, defendants in others.

Rogers & Wells is generally considered to be the primary target. It has a good reputation to protect, and the attorneys representing the investors assume it has a huge insurance policy.

The deep-pocket suits are all-important, because investors don't expect the bankruptcy court to recover much. By spring of 1985, the trustee had gotten back \$11 million, of which \$2.5

million went for expenses (including \$1 million in lawyers' fees). Costs were extremely high, in good measure because of Dominelli's chaotic bookkeeping and the necessity to negotiate with foreign countries.

Investors were fuming. "The thing that really bugs me is not the loss of the money, or Dominelli, but how the attorneys and accountants have managed to funnel almost everything they recover into their own pockets," says Simon Casady, a San Diego investor and a former candidate for mayor.

Once it was determined that Dominelli had no money, the bankruptcy trustee's major battleground became preference payments. Under the law, investors who get money out of a failing company 90 days before a bankruptcy must pay it back. This is designed to make the eventual redistribution of assets more equitable. The trustee sued a large group of preference recipients for more than \$29

million, but money only trickled in. Most were planning to fight it in court on the grounds that the trustee's lawyers had made errors when filing the bankruptcy papers.

In early October 1984 the trustee attempted to strike a deal with those who received preference payments: If they would ante up without a fight, they would have to return only part of what they took out. Still they resisted. It promises to be a long court fight.

Meanwhile, the trustee did the best he could to come up with assets that could be sold — the homes, cars, horses, stocks and bonds, the stake in Yuba, and so on. Nancy Hoover conceded that a significant amount of her assets came directly or indirectly from J. David, and she agreed to retain only 20 percent of the net proceeds of sales of contested assets up to \$387,750. The bankruptcy estate would get the other 80 percent, and 100 percent of everything above \$387,750. The investors' committee was livid about Hoover's deal: She would wind up with assets of a good deal less than \$100,000. All told, the trustee is expected to bring in only \$30 million to \$35 million.

All through his court battles Dominelli had lawyer problems. His legal strategy, plotted by his attorneys, was that he could discuss certain aspects of his case with the bankruptcy trustee, but he would take the Fifth Amendment on the major

question — what happened to the money? — lest he incriminate himself before the criminal grand jury.

After he lost a string of lawyers, Dominelli decided he wanted the government to provide him with legal assistance as an indigent. But to get free legal help, a person has to *prove* he is indigent. If Dominelli had done that, he would have been admitting what almost everyone by that time suspected — that the money was gone. So Dominelli, with the help of his soon-to-depart lawyer Charles Goldberg, worked up a two-tier strategy: Dominelli would claim indigence but refuse to state under his Fifth Amendment rights whether he had any money. He refused to fill out the financial disclosure form essential for establishing indigence.

It was a legal first, said local judges. They could find no precedent for such a plea. Goldberg eloquently argued that Dominelli must be afforded the fundamental constitutional rights to both legal representation and protection against self-incrimination.

But Dominelli was not to have it both ways. Taxpayers read about his singularly brazen attempt and protested. After all, he had just come back from Montserrat, where he had lived in the lap of luxury.

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lawyer, and almost everyone agreed. U.S. Magistrate Roger Curtis McKee turned Dominelli down, noting, "The burden of establishing the right to appoint counsel is on the defendant. Without completion of the affidavit, the defendant fails to establish indigence." (Early in 1985 Dominelli finally did admit indigence and got a government-paid lawyer.)

In the summer of 1984 Dominelli — like Ponzi before him — became his own lawyer in the bankruptcy action. Judge Irving granted him permission but warned him that he would be facing well-schooled attorneys. Dominelli, who had taken some law courses at night, made it through his hearings satisfactorily but then seemed to lose interest in the complex case.

Soon, D. Gilbert Athay, Jerome Gatto's lawyer, was representing Dominelli on the criminal side. He was assisted by Nicholas De Pento, a San Diego lawyer. De Pento had served as attorney for the widow of Frank Bompensiero, a reputed San Diego Mafia chief who was mowed down in a gangland-style slaying. He had also represented Chris Petti, an associate of Bompensiero.

Coming to Dominelli's defense was an altruistic act, De Pento declared. "I'm doing this

because I think an injustice has taken place in terms of the lack of representation and the turmoil in his representation." He hadn't even discussed a fee with his client, he said.

In trying to spring Dominelli, De Pento waxed more poetic than his predecessors. The opposition's declaration "lacks every essential averment in order to render No Exeat jurisdictionally permissible," read his brief. "With these principles in mind, debtor urges that the subject contempt finding should be vacated because it constitutes summary adjudication of a 'constructive contempt,' one not occurring in the

direct presence of the court. Such summary adjudication, without affording the alleged contemnor an opportunity to defend, was an act in excess of, and beyond the jurisdiction of the court." The judge wasn't moved. Neither was Dominelli. He remained in jail.

Seldom do bankruptcy trials produce such theater. The court was often filled to capacity, and people had to stand outside. Even the banter among competing lawyers and the judges led to some memorable moments. At one point a lawyer for Dominelli filed a brief claiming Dominelli couldn't release the coveted investor list because

that would violate Swiss laws. Judge Irving sighed, "Counselor, haven't we been through all this before? Weren't we warned the Montserrat navy was going to be sent over here to pick up Mr. Dominelli if he gave account information?"

Trustee lawyer Ronald Orr followed up, "I guess now we

have to worry about the Swiss navy."

Early on in the case, when Dominelli's lawyer Robert Harlan argued that any attempt to get Dominelli's investor list would violate the sovereignty of Montserrat, one lawyer commented, out of court, "Are we going to have to attack Montser-

rat to get the money? So soon after Grenada?" ■

— Don Bauder

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LETTERS

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their political stripe, and hope it helps them to recognize how far down the slippery slope our political system has slithered.

Thanks for letting Scott Barnett take the time to write it and for having the guts to publish it.

Lee Crawford
San Diego Alliance
for Clean Elections

Attack Distress

Thank you for your awesome political issue (July 28) and for publishing that Susan Golding is responsible for stealing the city pensions ("Welcome to the City of Crooks").

I am distressed that you are attacking Democrat Inzunza, who is a victim of vicious Republican entrapment, and you did not defend Michael Zuchet, who is also innocent. I am also troubled that you are cheering Michael Aguirre for targeting the union board. The union has protested this. The union is not responsible for stealing

their own pension; they only go along with city council and invest the money. He should be going after Golding-Roberts.

I did not think Judge Murphy deserved to be among the business crooks. He is a decent fellow and also a victim of the previous Golding-Roberts theft.

Please go after the all-Republican County Board of Supervisors, with particular attention to Ron Roberts, Bill Horn, and Dianne Jacob. The county also has a billion-dollar shortfall in its county pensions, but that's not being covered because there are no Democrats to blame it on.

Valerie Sanfilippo
Clairemont Mesa

Liberty Crumbs

America in general and San Diego in particular are a liberty-hating cesspool of slavery, looting, and tiny crumbs of liberty. And what do Potter, Bauder, and Davis attack (July 28)? It is the crumbs of liberty, of course. Cheetahs was trying to buy back stolen liberty, and you dump on Cheetahs. God will repay. Do you scared

rabbits have the guts to print this?

Name Withheld

Bold Nag

I've been nagging you about this for several years now, and I'm going to keep on nagging you until you do things right. The right way is my way, naturally. The latest *Reader* I have is July 28, and you have very interesting stories. Front page: "Bad Blood" by Matt Potter; "City of Unearned Wealth" by Don Bauder — that's on page 2 — and "Ludicrous and Irresponsible Gossip" by Scott Barnett — that's on page 3. Every one of those stories is very interesting. But, but, but why don't you put the first appearance of each person's name in a story in bold-faced type? I cannot read one of these stories all in one sitting, because they're long and involved. I've been reading "Bad Blood," and I've gotten to page 33, and I read in the second column here, "Goldsmith's memo," and who in the hell is Goldsmith? So I have to go all the way back through the story here

to find out.

Name Withheld

Liberal Cake

Congratulations! The "Touch One, Touch All" ("City Lights," August 4) piece was the best satire you've ever published! In fact, these reviews just in: "...fresh spin on a 200-year-old dead horse." *Daily Globe* ... "imagine, an armed lawbreaker playing the race card, priceless!" *Hillary's Village* "...now that's comedy (although my Deep Purple *In Rock* vinyl is just slightly less worn) for the times! "...imagination gone wild; a must read!" *R. King Journal* And I concur! But for me, the icing on the cake was the picture of Michael "I have my head so far up my liberal ass I sneeze Birkenstocks" Moron on the same page! A couple ideas for future pieces: "I was born this way" or how about "U.S. corporations destroying the earth"? Keep it up, *Reader*!

D. Meyer
via e-mail

Free Loan

Boy, I'd love to have one of those "hyper-risky zero-in-

terest" loans Don Bauder talks about in his "City of Unearned Wealth" column in the July 28 edition ("City Lights"). That's a free loan, in other words. Could it be he meant "interest-only"?

Jon Harris
Rancho Bernardo

Bauder replies: My error. It should have been "interest-only."

White Petulance

I was offended by Dave (not so) Good's "review" of Snoop Dogg — more of a slam really ("Of Note," July 28). How does a white guy from the suburbs know what the residents of Watts listen to, or why? Looking for "inspirational" music — get out your *Up with People* record or listen to gospel; this is RAP music. The people of Watts oppose violence too, since they're more affected by it than Good's sheltered self, but they know it, and the music reflects the reality, not some imaginary utopia. And to criticize Snoop for not having "literature" or "vulnerability," I've never seen

Good criticize white rockers, punks, etc., with that same objection. I sense a bias — if not bigotry and double standard — in his petulant whining.

Gregory Sendelbach
Downtown

Mormon Shock

This letter is in reference to an article that was printed in the *Reader* on July 28 under the section "Sheep and Goats, Places of Worship Reviewed." I am outraged that such an article was even written.

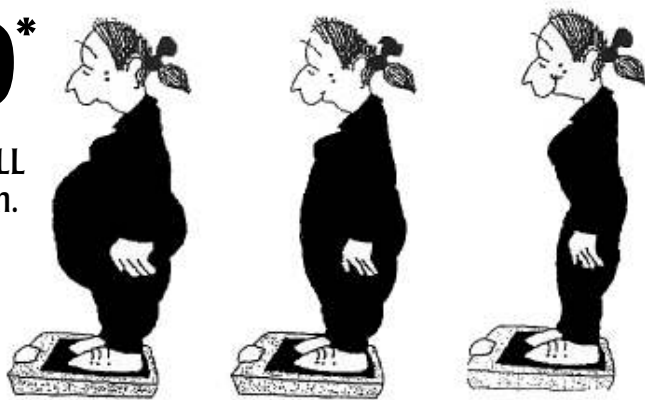
This article reviews a lecture given by a so-called pastor by the name of Gabriel Carlin. He is no doubt blasphemous against the Mormon religion. His statements are disrespectful and untrue, and I am outraged that the *Reader* would see fit to print such an article that degrades the beliefs of others. This man is uneducated about the Mormon faith. He fell away from the church, so all he knows is hatred and revenge. These are by no means Christ-like attributes in someone who claims to be a preacher. To set the record straight, Mor-

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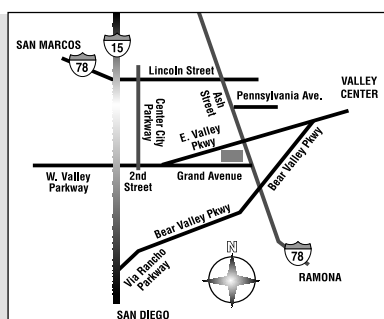
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mons are very God-fearing Christian people. Christ is the center of our religion, and our beliefs are based around Him and God the Father. Mormonism is growing because of the internal belief that people feel when they study our principles. They are never forced to join our church, but when they do their lives are enriched beyond measure. These are surely no signs of a "cult," as Mr. Carlin tries to convey.

At any rate, I am shocked that this article found its way inside the *Reader*, and in the future I hope that these kinds of articles are not given any kind of consideration.

Name Withheld

Cruelty Awareness

This is in response to Mr. Kisner's reply (Letters, July 28) to "Radical Wright" and her "silliness."

Mr. Kisner, I am very well aware of some of the *good* intentions that certain zoos have. In contrast, I am also aware of widespread atrocities and blatant cruelty going on in many zoos worldwide, which *you* need to inform yourself about before ac-

cusing somebody of being "silly."

My point is this: we should be doing all we can to keep animals in their natural environments, as opposed to supporting animals in captivity.

Pauline Wright
via e-mail

We Got It Right

I'd like to rebut one statement made in Jay Allen Sanford's profile of Tom Metzger ("Famous Former Neighbors," July 28). Mr. Sanford writes that Tom Metzger "ran for Congress and *nearly won*."

But if a candidate loses a race by a margin of 87 percent to 13 percent, as Metzger did, is it really fair to say he "nearly won"?

In 1980, Tom Metzger was the Democratic Party nominee against North County GOP incumbent Clair Burgener. In the November election, Burgener crushed Metzger by a margin of 299,037 to 46,383, or 87 percent to 13 percent (per the 1982 *Almanac of American Politics*).

Representative Burgener's popular vote total — nearly

300,000 — was the highest ever received by any U.S. House candidate in a single-member district, breaking a record that had stood for 40 years.

San Diego has had its ups and downs in elections, but we got it right in 1980 when Tom Metzger received the worst Congressional drubbing in American history.

James Sills
San Diego

Scottish Shock

As a longtime critic and entertainment editor for the *Truth* newspaper in Elkhart, Indiana, one of the first things I do on vacation is scope out the local theatrical scene.

Having covered theater on the amateur and professional level for more years than I care to admit to, it's always interesting to check on what my fellow critics think about shows I've seen.

It was, therefore, a real shock to read Jeff Smith's review of *Macbeth* (July 21), which I saw recently, along with *Comedy of Errors* and *The Winter's Tale*, at the Lowell Davies Festival Theatre.

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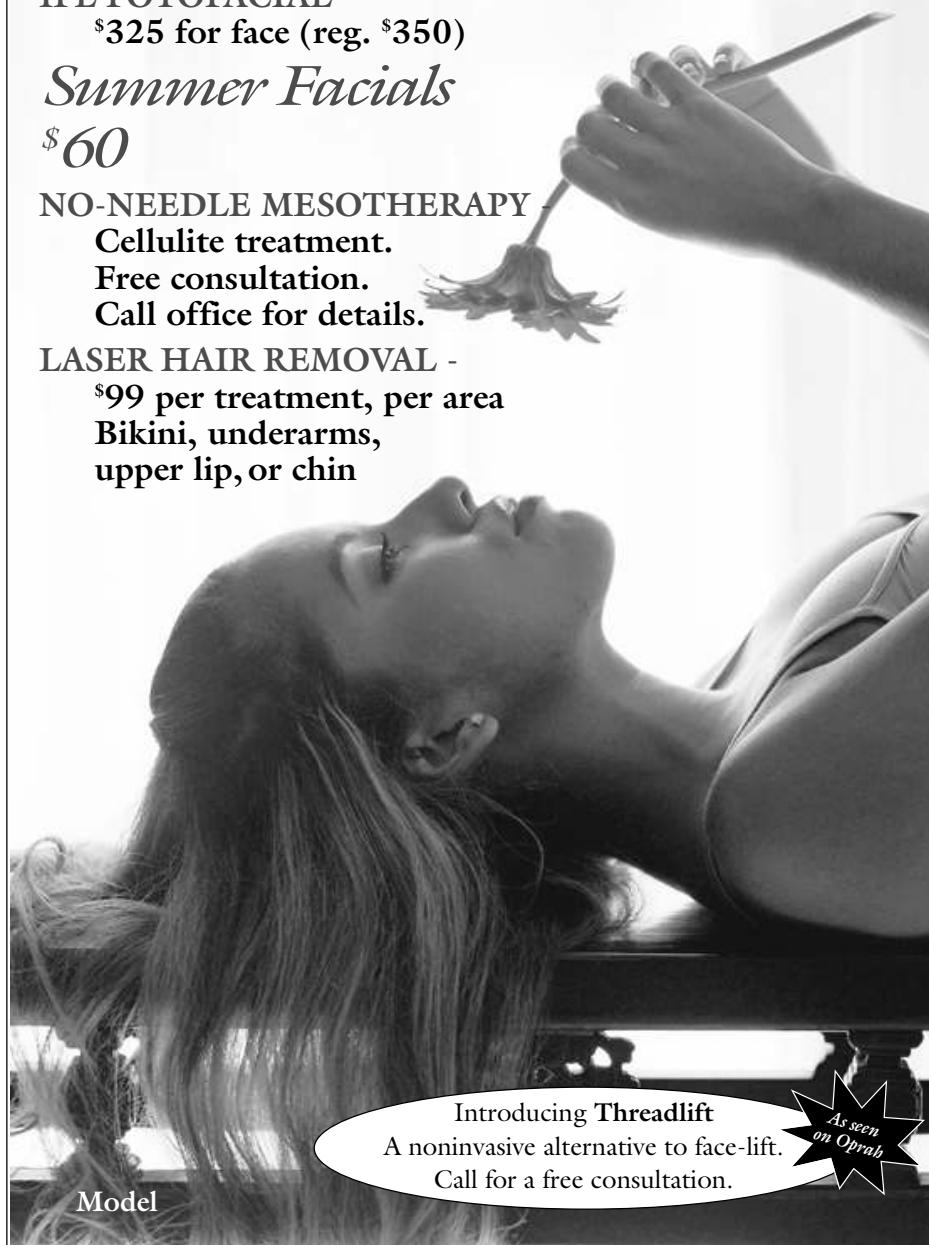
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I guess I'm not sure we saw the same show. Having seen the Scottish Play a number of times, including one production at Canada's Stratford Shakespeare Festival, I found director Paul Mullins's interpretation fascinating throughout, especially as completed by Tom Hammond and Deirdre Lovejoy. Smith's description of the play as a "safe, formalist" production, which "substitutes stage pictures for substance" was, to this critic, way off the mark. Its subtle, sinuous, and insidious approach was much more effective than the usual blood and guts for all. And the choice of an actor to play a character perhaps differently than others doesn't come close to saying those choices are wrong.

At the least, they are frequently fascinating and sometimes, as in Mullins's *Macbeth*, they can be right on the mark.

Marcia Fulmer
Elkhart, Indiana

Animal Sacrifice

I recently came upon your headline article, "Our Panther" (July 14).

I was surprised and disheartened to read it. The only honest commentary was the statement that zoo animals are sacrificed for the greater good. We need not comfort ourselves with tender ideas that zoo animals are "happy, happy, happy." They are in cages. Call them "enclosures" if you will, but a wild black jaguar will roam anywhere from a few miles to a few hundred miles in his/her territory. Having "an interesting place to pace around in" is no comparison, regardless of how natural the cage has been made to look. If zoo animals are truly so "happy, happy, happy," why do we need enclosures at all? Because they are wild animals, and no living being, including ourselves, prefers to be caged against their will. We, at least, should deal with this subject honestly.

Is it reasonable to make guesses as to their mental state? Certainly. Imagine being caged, against one's will, and fed on a schedule. Imagine having no control over your life, your surroundings, your food, your activities, or your mate. Does it sound like jail? How

different is it, really? Prisoners get occasional "enrichment activities" as well. We know it doesn't make them feel like "jewels in a jewel box."

Most importantly, we must address the sacrifice. Yes, we keep animals against their will. Yes, conditions are better than before. Yes, it is still true that if we opened the cages they would leave. Given that, we as a society have a moral responsibility to ask ourselves: is it right that we cage them at all? As the article mentioned, we used to cage human oddities as well. Why do we no longer do so? Because we realized that despite their differences, all humans deserve respect and freedom. Why do animals not deserve respect and freedom? If you were a jaguar, would you not want it, even if you were born caged? If you are born in an abusive household, does that remove your ability to want or need a loving environment? Are some things not basic needs and rights?

Some will argue that the sacrifice of a few (animals) is worth the education of the many (humans). Certainly, we could do scientific testing

on the severely disabled, for example, as they also would not have the ability to argue and, in addition, we could suppose they did not mind. We could create elaborate suppositions that they knew their purpose and "really had a sense of it." Their sacrifice could lead to incredible scientific breakthroughs... but we would not dare. What is the difference? We, culturally, allow ourselves to envision being in their place and would not want that fate. We, culturally, rebel against envisioning being in the zoo animal's place, or a factory farmed animal's place, for that matter, as the vision is unpleasant and leaves us in a moral quandary not easily resolved.

I am not arguing we should all free the animals and go vegetarian. I am arguing that we have a moral responsibility to be honest with ourselves in our actions. I, personally, cannot abide by caging another species for our own species' greater good, but if you can confront the truth — that the jaguar is a sacrifice — envision yourself in his place, and accept it, more power to you

and your visit to the zoo.

Kara Murtey
North Park

Overgrown Child

Regarding interviewee Anna Graizbord in the July 14 *Reader's* "Quarter-Life Crisis" article ("Not Even at Gunpoint"). A college graduate who has been a legal adult for five years, you'd think might have something of value to offer on the topic. She sure doesn't sound like a grown-up woman. She's going back to school. She's going to Florence. She's going to New York. She comes off as a two-faced, very self-centered, overgrown child. Wishy-washy and vague, nowhere in her future or her definition of success does she mention being *independent, self-reliant*, or producing *anything* concrete of benefit. Instead, while decrying the "patriarchal world that must be overthrown," she is spending Papa's money.

Mark Allen

Larry Knows Parties

Thanks to Josh Board for crashing Larry Zeiger's show

and party at Point Loma High School ("Zeiger's Follies," "Crasher," June 23). I was a student of Larry's almost ten years ago. For years he has given kids who have never before performed onstage the confidence to sing and dance in front of their parents, friends, and high school punks who wrongly think singing is for sissies. Many Zeiger students go on to extraordinary careers in the arts.

One Point Loma graduate, Chris Brinker, was mentioned in another of Board's columns ("Firework Follies," "Crasher," July 14), as Chris produced the groundbreaking film *Boondock Saints*. Chris is another loyal Zeiger alumnus and when in town hangs out at Baleen's in Mission Bay with Bartender Stu and Baleen's laid-back but attentive-to-detail honcho Shauna, chatting about Mexican music and local politics.

The *Reader* is one of the few publications that covers Larry's events at Point Loma High and elsewhere. Larry knows parties like no one else in San Diego...keep it up!

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The idea is to bridge the world of art and science," says Wyland, an artist, author, and educator who goes by one name. The artist's role in conservation is even bigger than his life-size murals of marine life. On Saturday, August 13, and Sunday, August 14, the Wyland Ocean Challenge tour, which is in its second year, will stop in San Diego.

"We started up in Alaska, and we're making our way down to La Paz, Mexico. Our final stop [in the States] is Birch Aquarium at Scripps, my favorite place," Wyland says. "We've been doing a Wyland

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Weekend down there for six years." According to the Wyland Ocean Challenge website, the tour is

"designed to instruct and inspire young people everywhere about marine science and the conservation of water quality." The San Diego event will begin with the assistance of the Surfrider Foundation in a cleanup of La Jolla Shores. "Our overall goal is to communicate the importance of clean water and the impact everyone has on the water systems," says Steve Creech, Wyland Foundation project director. A one-thousand-square-foot interactive maze will allow visitors to become a virtual drop of water and follow the drop's most likely path from mountain to ocean.

People will reach "impact points" throughout the maze. At these forks in the road, a decision must be made as to what direction to take. "You're playing the odds, just like water does, and your odds of staying clean are not very good," says Creech.

"For instance, there is car exhaust. You can keep your car tuned up or buy a car with lower emissions, and if you make that choice you make a left turn instead of a right turn [in the maze]." The maze features both human impact wheels and the "AZA's [American Zoo and Aquarium Association] wildlife wheel," where a spin of the wheel demonstrates how the laws of nature randomly effect each drop of water.

"The cool thing about the maze," says Creech, is that if people end up in the Unhealthy Ocean, and chances are they will, they can walk through a second and even third time, adjusting choices until they reach the Healthy Ocean.

Creech continues, "I think we're the only organization that ties in art to environmental issues. Our events tend to be real fun and real colorful. People think it's astonishing. You take a subject as basic as water and make it entertaining and informative. That's the hard thing — water in and of itself doesn't seem very interesting, but it's essential to our existence."

"Ten percent of the world's available fresh water is now privatized, and revenue is equal to forty percent of current oil revenues. If you do the math, you see huge economic incentives for water to be privatized that will make the oil industry look like just another business. You can survive, though not well, without oil, but you sure can't survive without water. People need to demand water as a fundamental human right, and that's another one of our positions."

"We don't want to scare people," Creech adds. "We're more about partnering with educators and focusing on science." He warns, however, "We could be seeing war

for water in the next 50 years. Canada will start exporting water and making a ton of money. It could be the next Middle East as far as revenues of exporting water."

As part of his campaign to educate, Wyland offers Ocean Challenge Curriculum for kindergarten through 12th grade, downloadable for free in both Spanish and English on his foundation's website.

In the fifth year of his Ocean Challenge, Wyland plans to present the tour to "191 U.N. member countries so that everyone from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, from A to Z, will get this program." Wyland has personally cleaned up trash in all 50 states. "I've been diving in the world's oceans for 25 years, and I've seen the devastation firsthand. I've been given so much from the sea, including inspiration for my art, and I want to do everything I can to give back."

— Barbarella

Wyland Ocean Challenge
Saturday, August 13, and Sunday, August 14
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Shores Cleanup with the Surfrider Foundation)
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BAJA

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

The Tecate Fair continues through Sunday, August 28, in Parque Los Encinos. The industrial and cattle exposition includes music, food, entertainment. \$3 U.S. 011-52-665-654-1095. (TECATE)

Feast with Viñas Pijoan, harvest celebration planned on Thursday, August 11, 6 p.m., at Restaurant Laja (Valle de Guadalupe). Dinner and wine: \$70 U.S. 011-52-646-178-3038. (ENSENADA)

"Ella Sigue de Viaje" signed and read from by author Luis Fe-

OUT & ABOUT

PHILIPPINE DANCE

Gathering Workshops IV hosted by Pasacat, Wednesday through Saturday, August 17–20.

(SEE DANCE)



lipe G. Lomeli on Thursday, August 11, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

"The Sound of Vinisterra Festival," with gourmet seafood and wines, Thursday, August 11, 6 p.m., at Vinisterra Winery (San Antonio de las Minas). Dinner: \$40 U.S. 011-52-646-178-3350. (ENSENADA)

Harvest Night Festival with music, food, and entertainment is Friday, August 12, 7 p.m., at Rosarito Beach Hotel. 011-52-661-612-0700. (ROSARITO BEACH)

15th Annual Wine Experience — sample wines from many wineries, along with appetizers from "Baja's finest restaurants," Friday, August 12, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$15 U.S. Details: 011-52-646-178-3038. (ENSENADA)

Mediterranean Empanadas and House Wines promised on Friday, August 12, 5:30 p.m., at Mogor Badan Winery. \$45 U.S. 011-52-646-177-1484. (ENSENADA)

"Tango and Wine, Passion and Art," the party starts at 6:30 p.m. at Vinícola Barón Balch'ée (Valle de Guadalupe) on Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13. \$45 fee includes dinner. 011-52-646-174-0170. (ENSENADA)

15th Annual Wine Experience — boasting wine tasting, appetizers from Ensenada restaurants, and live entertainment — is Friday, August 12, 7 p.m. \$15 U.S. Location: 011-52-646-178-3038. (ENSENADA)

"Russian Memories," country luncheon with Russian atmosphere and house wines, Bibayoff Winery, Saturday, August 13, 5 p.m. 011-52-646-176-1008. (ENSENADA)

Alternative Wine and Music on offer Saturday, August 13, 4 p.m., at Rancho Lafarga (San Antonio de las Minas). \$40 U.S. includes dinner. 011-52-646-178-6070. (ENSENADA)

Baja Open-Beach Volleyball Tournament with competitors from Colombia, Puerto Rico,

Costa Rica, Marruecos, United States, and Mexico, Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14, beginning at 9 a.m., at Playa Hermosa. \$50 for two. 011-52-646-177-6688. (ENSENADA)

MX Racing Rancho Motocross, Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14, starting at km 8 on Ojos Negros Highway. Admission: \$3 general. 011-52-646-176-3415. (ENSENADA)

Piano and Strings, pianist Héctor Perales is joined by string quartet in concert on Saturday, August 13, 8 p.m., in open-air theater at Riviera Cultural Center (on Miramar Street). \$10 U.S. 011-52-646-176-4402. (ENSENADA)

Romantic Guitar Concert by Gerardo Taméz and friends on Saturday, August 13, 6:30 p.m., in vineyards at Chateau Camou Winery (in Guadalupe Valley). Wine tasting. \$50 U.S. 619-476-9740 or 011-52-646-177-2221. (ENSENADA)

Beer and Taco Festival — a.k.a. Tacorona Summer 2005 benefit-

ing Firemen's Association of Ensenada — is Sunday, August 14, noon, on Avenida Primera (between Riveroll and Macheros). 011-52-646-177-0732. (ENSENADA)

Powerade 32K Bike Ride starts at Unidad CREA, in Zona Río, on Sunday, August 14, 8 a.m. 011-52-664-682-9067. (TIJUANA)

Vertical Wine Tasting of "ten years of El Gran Vino Tinto" presented by Chateau Camou, Sunday, August 14, 5 p.m., at Hotel Coral y Marina. Vintages range from 1995–2004. \$30 U.S. 619-476-9113 or 011-52-646-177-2221. (ENSENADA)

"Spanish Music and a Little Bit of Jazz" promised during open-air concert by Orchestra of Baja California on Wednesday, August 17, 7 p.m., at North Guadalupe Mission. \$30 U.S. 011-52-664-638-8148. (VALLE DE GUADALUPE)

Harvest Festival continues all over Ensenada through Saturday, August 20. Wine, food, music, bullfights. 011-52-646-178-3038. (ENSENADA)

"Celebration in the Valley," a traditional fair with games, music, food, and wines, Thursday, August 18, 4 p.m., in Parque Porvenir, Valley de Guadalupe. Free admission. 011-52-646-178-3038. (ENSENADA)

The Nowhere Band performs songs by the Beatles, Thursday, August 18, at 6 and 8 p.m., at Teatro Benito Juárez (on Avenida Guadalupe). \$7 U.S. 011-52-646-176-3005. (ENSENADA)

Tijuana Cultural Center, the center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2 (two-for-one entrance

on Tuesdays).

Screening in the CECUT Omnimax: *Delfines*, *Tiburones*, *Chimpancés*, *Estreno El Joven Corcel Negro*; *Arrecife de Coral*; *Oasis Marino*.

The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. Showtimes and information: 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Towering Thunderheads have been seen hovering over the wall of mountains east of San Diego in recent weeks. Afternoon rain-showers have already dampened Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Mount Laguna on occasion, with more of the same expected at times during the next two or three weeks. Usually this kind of activity ceases by sunset, and clearing skies usher in a cloud-free night. The marked contrast between the sunny but bland weather along the coast and the more lively and unpredictable mountain weather is one illustration of San Diego County's "geography of contrast."

Shore Birds migrating southward are beginning to arrive in San Diego County. Through fall and winter various ducks, sandpipers, and plovers will be spotted in increased numbers in the county's remaining coastal wetlands. Best bird-watching spots include the Tijuana River estuary, south San Diego Bay, the San Diego River flood channel, Peñasquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, and Buena Vista Lagoon.

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.

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The Perseid Meteor Shower, the best known of the many meteor displays that return year after year, will take place under optimum conditions this year. During the hours between midnight and dawn (4:40 a.m.) on the mornings of Friday, August 12, and Saturday, August 13, some 50 meteors or more should be visible to observers situated under clear, dark skies. Hourly rates will be much less if you observe during evening hours (when the moon's light interferes) or on any morning before or after the peak period.

The Perseid meteors, like other similar annual meteor showers, occur when the Earth plows through a broad stream of tiny dust particles left over from the past disintegration of a comet. The particles burn up as air friction slows them at heights of about 50 miles, resulting in luminous trails

OUT & ABOUT

MASTER OF DISGUISE

Dana Carvey at Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 12.

(SEE IN PERSON)



visible for a second or two from the ground. Following the passage of a particularly bright meteor, a lingering glow, called a train, sometimes remains for a few seconds or more. It is essential that you observe from a location far from city lights, otherwise you will see far fewer meteors. Lie in a comfortable position, facing northeast, under an open sky, for best results. Strong coffee is advised.

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on the second Saturday of each month, including August 13. Tours start at 11 a.m. at

Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Trail Cleanup hosted by REI Encinitas on Saturday, August 13, starts at 9 a.m. at Indianhead Canyon trailhead (at Quail Hollow Drive and Saxony Road). Supplies provided. 760-944-9020. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, August 13, beginning at visitors' center at 10 a.m. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk featuring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, August 13, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

An Expert Birder from the Audubon Society leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, August 13, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binocu-

lars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Wildlife Assist needs volunteers to help rescue wildlife in trouble. Recruiting session/orientation: Saturday, August 13, 2 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). 619-921-6044. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Look for Nocturnal Critters — owls, deer, bats, coyotes — and up to the heavens during night wildlife hike in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Saturday, August 13. Outing starts at 8 p.m. at 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. Wear hiking boots, insect repellent, and bring water. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Hike Van Nuys Canyon with Friends of Van Nuys Canyon and Mel Hinton of Audubon Society, Saturday, August 13. Meet at corner of Van Nuys Street and Cass at 9 a.m. Free. 858-964-5141. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Improve Trails, Trim Vegetation, repair fences, remove trash during trail maintenance outing on Sun-

day, August 14, 8 to 11 a.m., in San Dieguito River Park. Free. Reservations: 858-674-2275 x5. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Starlight Vistas, naturalist Larry Allen-Tonar leads four-mile moderate moonlit evening hike in Daley Ranch on Wednesday, August 17. Adventure starts at 7 p.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. Bring a flashlight. (ESCONDIDO)

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DANCE

Bellydance Dinner Show with Dilek and Rachel and live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Friday, August 12, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover with dinner purchase. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

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Hey Wire makes music, Martha Wild calls for contradance on Saturday, August 13, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Fusion-Style Bellydance performed by Velvet Gypsy Tribal on Saturday, August 13, 9 and 10 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). Free. 619-265-7287. (COLLEGE AREA)

Country Fun, country western-themed party on Saturday, August 13, 8 p.m., at Dance for 2 (5150 Murphy Canyon Road

#107). Country waltz lesson at 8:15. \$7. 858-565-9575. (KEARNY MESA)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Live music and all callers promised on August 14. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

"Living in the Light" is theme for Sufi dancing led by Toni Michael on Monday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, room 112). \$3. 619-692-3079. (HILLCREST)

Philippine Dance Gathering IV workshops hosted by Pasacat, August 17-20. Classes offered on Wednesday and Thursday at Pasacat Center (102 East 16th Street); on Friday and Saturday in rooms 1006 and 1007 at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). Registration, fees: 619-477-3383. (CHULA VISTA)

Wednesday-Night Club, mid-week dance break for West Coast swing and New York hustle, plus ballroom and social dance mix,

August 17, 7 to 11 p.m., at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (upstairs above Valley Tavern, 875 Hotel Circle South). \$7. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

Get Your Sweat and Groove On when hip-hop instructor Prince leads classes on Thursdays, 7:45 to 9 p.m., at 4569 30th Street. \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Guitarras de Fuego Tour Benefit Concert, Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Program boasts flamenco/gypsy guitar trio with Ruben Romero, Edgar Cruz, and Jocelyn "Radical Classical" Celaya, along with traditional Spanish dancers Shannon Calderon and Catalina Fernandez. \$45 tickets

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"Screen on the Green: A Look at Maxfield Parrish" series commences with *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, starring Errol Flynn

OUT & ABOUT

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kets for seating. Free. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Confronting the Evidence" is screened by Green Party of San Diego on Sunday, August 14, noon, at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). 619-482-0061. (HILLCREST)

Stranger Than Love presents "Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, August 14, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed. Requested donation: \$5. 619-230-1938 x125. (GOLDEN HILL)

The Argentinean Drama *When Somebody Loves Me* screens for Film Forum on Monday, August 15, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Finding Neverland" screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series on Wednesday, August 17, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

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

"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)

Local Authors Diana Lindsay (*Marshal South and the Ghost Mountain Chronicles*) and Jack Innis (*San Diego Legends*) discuss their work, present slide show (Lindsay) at Museum of San Diego History (1649 El Prado) on Thursday, August 11, 7 p.m. Signing follows. Free. 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Local Weaving Techniques and natural materials used for weaving demonstrated and discussed when Diania Caudell (Luiseno) and Teeter Romero (Acjachemen) present Second Saturday Archaeology program on Saturday, August 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). \$15. Reservations: 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

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"From Concept to Completion," seminar on independent feature films by Isaac and Jude Arstein, co-founders of Cinewest Productions, Saturday, August 13, 9 a.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Emphasis on interrelation between creative, logistic, and financial issues. \$60. Registration: 619-230-1938 x101. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Images of America: Oakland's Chinatown" discussed by author William Wong on Saturday, August 13, 2 p.m., at San Diego Chinese Historical Museum (328 J Street). \$2 general, free for those under 12. 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

A Re-Reading of Biblical Narrative of Genesis "granting the theory of evolution" promised when naval chaplain Israel Narvaez speaks on Saturday, August 13, 1 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard). Donation: \$5. 760-745-2724. (ESCONDIDO)

"Comma Sense" offered by author and radio host Richard Lederer when San Diego Writers/Editors Guild meets on Monday, August 15, 6:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$5. 619-296-9522. (HILLCREST)

Backpacking for Women offered Tuesday, August 16, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and on Wednesday, August 17, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). 7 p.m. Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

Take Control of chronic back and neck pain after spinal fitness classes hosted by Spine Humanitarian and Research Foundation on Tuesdays in August at 5:30 p.m. at 4130 La Jolla Village Drive, suite 100. On August 16, examine nutrition and its relation to spine health. Free. Reservations: 858-597-1082. (LA JOLLA)

"British Census Records" addressed when British Isles Genealogical Research Association hosts summer workshops,

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Aerial view, Sail Bay

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"Escaping Reality — An American Preoccupation?" Discuss on Wednesday, August 17, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Arouse Yourself With Art: Collecting Secrets Revealed" during lectures at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). "Head, Heart, Soul: The Perfect Climax" offered on Wednesday, August 17, 7 p.m. Free. Reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

What Does "Going Bankrupt" Really Mean? Attorney Mark L. Miller conducts educational sem-

inar on many facets of bankruptcy, Wednesday, August 17, 6 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5894. (DOWNTOWN)

"Wide-Eyed Wanderers" Amanda and Rich Ligato quit corporate jobs and traveled the world in a Volkswagen bus. Ligatos present slide-illustrated lecture planned Wednesday, August 17,

7 p.m., at Chula Vista Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. (CHULA VISTA)

Hiking the Inca Trail offered by Hosting International executive director Sue Schaffner on Thursday, August 18, 7 p.m., at Le Travel Store (745 Fourth Avenue). Learn of travel operators, training for trail, packing, more. Free. 619-544-0005. (DOWNTOWN)

"Ceramics of Make Believe: Wedgwood's Fairyland" presented by curator Steven Kern, Thursday, August 18, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Ponder a New Airport during town hall meeting on Thursday, August 18, 6 p.m., at Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Latest on search, exhibits on air-traffic forecast, panel discussion and question and answer. Free. Hosted by San Diego Community Newspaper Group and S.D. County Regional Airport Authority. 619-223-5880. (POINT LOMA)

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Tracker, Naturalist, and Author Mark Elbroch speaks for San Diego Tracking Team on Friday, August 19, 7 p.m., at Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Elbroch will present visual and anecdotal account of "the emerging field of wildlife tracking in North America"; he's the author of *Mammal Tracks and Sign: A Guide to North American Species* and other books. Donation. 760-715-4102. (MISSION GORGE)

"An Explorer of Light," Roger Ressmeyer — a photographer for *National Geographic*, *Time*, *Life* — plans lecture on astrophotography of stars and other celestial bodies, Saturday, August 27, 6 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Free. 800-483-6287. (SAN MARCOS)

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Master of Disguise and comic Dana Carvey brings his bevy of characters and observations to Humphrey's Concerts on the Bay (2241 Shelter Island Drive) on Friday, August 12. Concerts begin at 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$55, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SHELTER ISLAND)

Foremost San Diego Historian Iris Engstrand discusses *San Diego: California's Cornerstone*, Friday, August 12, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

"Energy Healer" and Author Eric Pearl discusses and signs *The Reconnection: Heal Others, Heal*

Yourself on Friday, August 12, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks series continues with Chicago blues by Bill Magee Blues Band on Friday, August 12, 6 p.m., in Calavera Hills Park (at Carlsbad Village Drive and Glasgow Street). Parking shuttles operate from Hope School (3010 Tamarck), 5 to 9 p.m. 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

North Star performs under the gazebo in concert on Friday, August 12, 5 to 7 p.m. at corner of Main Street and Indiana Avenue. Free. 760-414-9391. (VISTA)

Church-Appropriate Lyrics Required for participation in battle of the bands on Friday, August 12, 7 p.m., at Covenant Pres-

byterian Church (2930 Howard Avenue, at 30th Street). Listen to live music, vote for best group. Free. To participate, call 619-563-0560. (NORTH PARK)

Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) feature a salute to Jimmy Buffet by Gary Seller on August 12, 5 p.m. Series continues on Fridays through September 30. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Up for a "Surreal Jamboree"? Old-Time Relijun, Workforce, and others perform Friday, August 12, 8:30 p.m., at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). \$5. 619-692-0942. (OCEAN BEACH)

Summer in the Park concert series promises bluegrass, country, and Irish music by 7th Day Buskers acoustic roots band at Trolley Barn Park (1900 Adams Avenue) on Friday, August 12, 6 p.m. 619-297-3166. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Fingerstyle Guitarist Doyle Dykes performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Saturday, August 13, 7 p.m.; \$15, \$20. Next up: Louisiana Red on Wednesday, August 17, 7:30 p.m.; \$15, \$20. Concerts take place at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"The Cabaret Show" is presented with singing, dancing, instrumentals, magic, more, Saturday, August 13, 8 p.m., on outdoor stage at Hearth Theater, San Marcos Community Center (3 Civic Center Drive). \$5 general. 760-744-9000 x3504. (SAN MARCOS)

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Poisoned Love, and her coverage of Kristin Rossom murder case on Saturday, August 13, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Free. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

Guitar Extravaganza 2005, Peter Puppington Quartet performs along with a classical guitar quartet, guest vocalist Robin Adler, others, Saturday, August 13, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$25. 760-943-0755. (CARLSBAD)

World-Beat Rhythms promised when musicians Ed Roscetti and Maria Martinez present clinic and performance on Saturday, August 13, 3 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Donation: \$5. 760-438-5996 x212. (CARLSBAD)

Author Donald H. Harrison signs and discusses *Louis Rose: San*

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Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* by San Diego Junior Theatre through Sunday, August 14.

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Diego's First Jewish Settler and Entrepreneur on Sunday, August 14, 2 p.m., at Captain Fitch's Mercantile (2627 San Diego Avenue). Free. 619-298-3944. (OLD TOWN)

Summer Concert Series continues with musician Billy Watson's harmonica blues, Sunday, August 14, 2 p.m., in Schulman

Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Donation: \$5. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

Big-Band Music of '30s, '40s, and '50s promised when Tom Morrow Quartet performs for Second Sunday concert series, Sunday, August 14, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Concert admission by donation, followed by dinner at 5 p.m. (\$6.50). 760-439-4099. (SOUTH OCEANSIDE)

Jazz at the Beach hosted by Smooth Jazz 98.1 on Sunday, August 14, 4 p.m., at Oceanside Pier Amphitheatre. Bill stars Boney Jams and guest NovaMenco. Gates open 2:30 p.m. Open bench seating: \$20. 619-291-9797. For those 21 and older. (OCEANSIDE)

Second Sunday Poetry Reading, Sunday, August 14, 3:30 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Readers include Kathleen Gilroy, Shelley Savren, Ryan Grif-

fith; music by Steven Ortega and Gino Serrano. Open reading follows. Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

La Jolla Concerts by the Sea, a Polynesian revue is presented by Healii's on Sunday, August 14, 2 p.m., in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove (at foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Electric Ladyland: Women and Rock Culture, 1965-1975" signed and discussed by author Lisa Rhodes, Monday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Social and cultural history of formative era of rock and roll. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Twilight in the Park, summer concert series continues with Sun Harbor Chorus (Tuesday, August 16); City Ballet (Wednesday, August 17); and Coronado Community Band (Thursday, August 18). 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)

Psychic M.W. signs and discusses *There Are No Soulmates*, Thursday, August 18, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive; 619-667-2870). Free. (LA MESA)

"As You Like It" is presented by theater school students at North Coast Repertory Theatre, August 18-21, at NCRT (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$9 general, \$7 students. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

Acoustic Fingerstyle Guitarist Chris Proctor performs for Perfect Pitch concert series, Thursday, August 18, 7 p.m., at Bonita Golf Club (5540 Sweetwater Road). \$20. 619-921-7820. (BONITA)

Summergrass San Diego bluegrass festival picks up August 26-28, outdoors at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum (2040 North Santa Fe). Live music by Nashville Bluegrass Band, Fragment, Lost Highway, Fiddle Extravaganza, others; workshops, food and craft vendors, dry camping. Friday, \$10; Saturday, \$16; Sunday, \$14; weekend rates available. 858-679-4854. (VISTA)

SPORTS

Roll Bounce Skate-Off team skating competition, in conjunction with upcoming release of movie *Roll Bounce*, Thursday, August 11, 6:30 p.m., at 6907 Linda Vista Road. Free admission for spectators. 858-560-9349. (LINDA VISTA)

The Horses Are on the Track! 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.

Microbrew Festival, Western Regional Chili Cook-Off, family fun day during racing on Saturday, August 13, followed by concert by Cake (6:45 p.m.). Included in regular admission.

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 host New York Mets in Petco Park on Thursday, August 11, at 12:30 p.m. Home stand continues with games against Philadelphia Phillies, August 12-14, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

The Pads head to Florida to meet up with Marlins, Tuesday through Thursday, August 16-18, at 4:05 p.m. each day. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

San Diego Surf Dawgs host Fullerton Flyers, Friday through Sunday, August 12-14, 7:05 p.m. The Japan Samurai Bears arrive for games August 18-21, 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)

Ride East and Back Again with Knickerbikers on Saturday, August 13. The 25-mile ride starts at 9:30 a.m. in Target parking lot (Mission Valley), heading to SDSU area, Kensington, Hillcrest, Little Italy (bring money for lunch at

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The SoCal Scorpions, a member of the Women's Professional Football League, offers full-contact, NFL-style football. Scorpions host Houston Energy on Saturday, August 13, 5 p.m., at Edward's Stadium (750 Nautilus Street). \$5. 866-71-STING. (LA JOLLA)

Dog Paddle, bring your dog out for paddle hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday, August 13, 8:30 a.m., at Hike Bike

Kayak (2246 Avenida de la Playa). Equipment included in \$30 fee per person; canines free. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA SHORES)

Volleyball Fest, coed volleyball tournament hosted by Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is Saturday, August 13, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on grass at Robb Field (2525 Bacon Street). Six-person teams. \$40 per person. 858-578-2945. (OCEAN BEACH)

Expect Rolling Hills when Sierra Club bicyclists head out for ride on Sunday, August 14, starting at

9 a.m. near Warehouse (lower parking lot at Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real). Socially paced 25-mile ride. 858-456-7849. (DEL MAR)

The 28th Annual America's Finest City Half Marathon begins at 7 a.m. at Cabrillo National Monument and concludes in Balboa Park on Sunday, August 14. Run/walk fast 5k loop begins at ends in Balboa Park. 760-692-2900. (POINT LOMA, BALBOA PARK)

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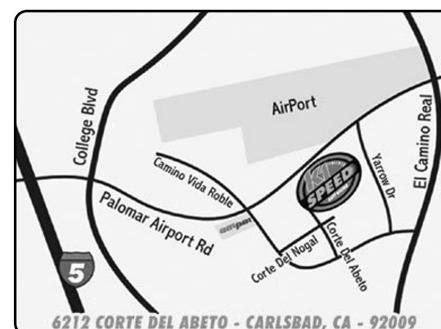
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Rossmore Cup Competition, Sunday, August 14, at San Diego Polo Club (14555 El Camino Real). Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., featured polo match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Snorkel with the Sharks on Sunday, August 14, 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)

Dust Off Your Cleats and head to Robb Field for a pickup softball game. Games are played most Sundays starting at 1 p.m. Free. To make sure games are on, call 619-804-0000. (OCEAN BEACH)

Social Paddles on Mission Bay led by Aqua Adventures every Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Beginners, "lapsed paddlers" welcome. Free with own kayak; \$15 with kayak rental. Adventures start at Hospitality Point, 1548 Quivira Way. 619-523-9577. (MISSION BAY)

SPECIAL

Clowns, Pachyderms, Human Cannonballs, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus entertains through August 14 at IPayOne Center (3500 Sports Arena Boulevard). Performances at 7:30 p.m. on 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: \$13-\$81.50 through Ticketmaster, 619-220-8497. (SPORTS ARENA)

Sheep to Shawl, San Diego Creative Weavers' Guild sets up and demonstrates use of spinning and weaving equipment, overview of process of turning wool into fabric, Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13, at Bonita Museum and Cultural Center (4035 Bonita Road). Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

"Wheels of Desire" motorcycle displays featured during Hot Summer Nights festivities in Fallbrook on Friday, August 12. Find event on Main Street, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. 760-723-1799. (FALLBROOK)

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Second Going

So completely unmoved by the dolphins on the television science show am I, numbed almost to tears on my leather sofa, unimpressed by the dolphins' intelligence and creativity, undistressed at their submission to fish-wielding biologists, not agog at their effortless showmanship, so unmoved, numbed, unimpressed, undistressed, and not agog am I, that as the show ends, I lock the door, pull the shades, take up my remote, and stop the VCR to rewind it immediately, so that I may sit through the story of the tedious dolphins again.

At this moment, awkward and gentle, not tentative, the Messiah enters, only a step, then stops and stands. After the surprise, I welcome him. I offer him a beer.

But the Messiah comes no farther. He hovers there in the closed doorway, robed in saffron and maroon, half turned as if to leave, lingering above me. His eyes sweep the room, then rise to the ceiling.

With a series of clicks, the VCR stops rewinding. I want to go back to it, back to the television. But the Messiah near the threshold, between things, uncommitted, toying with the folds of his shroud, makes me squirm and grow expectant. I sense a trace of airs at once spiced and cedary.

"In or out," I say sternly, finally. It's not intended to be mean. I'd prefer his company, if he'd only join me. I might feel justified with the dolphins. But I'm bothered by his silent waiting, as if for some inspiration, there on my periphery.

He's waving, then, as he goes, more to catch his balance than to say goodbye. I notice the door seems more solid after him.

I press play.

Homeless

Carrying out his exile to its end, in the pharmacy that summer afternoon, through a flash of insight too bright to be said to have occurred to him, and rather encompassing all that he was, on more levels even than his awareness or sub-awareness or future awareness would ever touch (through an insight so vast, in fact, that it would never come into play in any way concerning his body or consciousness, and yet, as concerns his exile, it was, is, and will be of the essence), Gregg Couviev executed (most completely and concretely, with abandon of all doubt and questioning) a secret love for his very self — because of and despite and in spite of himself, most serenely and securely, and whether or not anyone asked, or whether or not he had done something wrong, or whether he were home, incapable, or healthy, or were alone, or whether in any sense he had noticed this, carrying out to one end in the pharmacy that summer afternoon, to the end of Gregg Couviev — by deftly pocketing a tiny heart-pendant for which he had not paid.

The Addresses of the Vitalists

No one can remember how we became isolated in the world, but we're rapt by this experience, and today, if we wander through fields, toward spontaneous trees and rivers' brown touches, under steadfast lines of certain mountains, the landscapes never collapse, as though they'd been drawn on horizon-sized paper. And moving away, into unleveled hills, according to our directives, these natural splendors never flatten to a picture. They won't become blotchy greens daubed under a higher blue splinter, one-dimensional, with a single perspective.

The sovereigns, overseeing the way of our times, have specified this phenomenon, and, in the interest of dominion by observation, they've ordered the construction of advantageous places — framing windows and streets, towering parlors for aesthetes — where wide vistas, receding, satisfy our need for appraisable beyonds.

If Only They Followed the Parables

At the end of the escalator, at the end of the day, on the continuous flattening out of the metal steps, a studious debris has collected. Spun and dumbly pressed against the last landing, repeating dead figures as the steps disappear: colored stubs, wrappers, crushed butts, bags, stained styrofoam cups. Over the stairs, not stopping, turning, they move neither up nor down. The way carries on and cannot take them.

— Geoff Bouvier

Encanto Cultural Arts Festival, Saturday, August 13, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Imperial Avenue (from 62nd to 68th Streets). Five stages with live music, dancing, vendors, food, kids' zone. Tickets: \$5 for adults, free for those five and younger. 619-266-0936. (ENCANTO)

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

The Campaign Against Water Pollution being conducted by marine-life artist Wyland continues on August 13 and 14. Beach

cleanup is Saturday, August 13, 8 to 10 a.m., near main lifeguard tower at La Jolla Shores.

Wyland has created *Water's Extreme Journey*, an interactive maze following water's path; he'll help create a 600-square-foot themed mosaic, participate in clean-water science projects, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Fees, details: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

African Drum and Dance Festival, Saturday, August 13, 11 a.m., on Presidents Way (at Park Boulevard). Bring your *djembe* and learn ancient rhythms, or just watch. Tam Tam Mandingue-hosted event is free. 619-294-9550. (BALBOA PARK)

A Live Hula Performance is promised during reception for printmaker Jennifer Jones on Saturday, August 13, 12:30 p.m., at Benjamin Library (5188 Zion Avenue). Free. 619-533-3970. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Aztec Flyball Dog Show, Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Gyotaku, do some traditional Japanese fish printing with Margi Durkin during program on Saturday, August 13, 10 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Bring material to print on such as T-shirts, napkins. \$25. Reservations: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

International Teddy Bear, Doll, and Antique Toy Show is August 13 and 14 at Scottish Rite

Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Over 100 dealers offer wares, supplies, accessories, books. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. \$6 general. 815-464-3470. (MISSION VALLEY)

Open Studio with Live Model — offering artists a chance to pursue life drawing and painting — every Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to noon, at Arts College International (840 G Street). Bring drawing, painting supplies. No formal instruction. \$10. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference at Alexandra's BookStore, Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per

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CityFest 2005, promising three stages with continuous entertainment, food and beverages (for sale), vendors offering all manner of goods, more — is Sunday, August 14, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Fifth Avenue, from Spruce Street north to University Avenue. Free. 619-299-3330. (HILLCREST)

Bavarian Bratwurst, Anyone? German American Societies of San Diego host open house in beer garden on Sunday, August 14, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1017 South Mollison Avenue. Live band, information about "undergroups" (language class, choir, dances, Oktoberfest), food for sale. Free admission. 619-442-6637. (EL CAJON)

The House of Lithuania presents lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, August 14, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Grape Blessing Picnic hosted by St. John Garabed Armenian Church on Sunday, August 14, 10 a.m. to dusk, at Vacation Village (on Mission Bay). Armenian food, backgammon tournament, music, kids' games. Admission is free; \$15 for adult's lunch. 619-284-7179. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Put a Single Candle on the Birthday Cake when Rainy's Mystics (801 Grand Avenue #3) celebrates one-year anniversary on Sunday, August 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On hand: artists, vendors, musicians, authors, healer, psychics, mediums, mystics, "evolutionary astrologer" Morgana Taylor. Admission is free; fees for readings, "healings." 760-744-9818. (SAN MARCOS)

Chat in French with members of San Diego North County French Language Meetup on Monday, August 15, 7 p.m., at Le Papagayo (1002 North Highway 101). Order dinner, dessert, or just a drink. Requested reservations: 760-944-8252. (LEUCADIA)

Festival of Sail runs August 17-21 at San Diego Maritime Museum (1306 North Harbor Drive). Parade of ships (*Cauhtémoc*, *R. Tucker Thompson*, *Guayas*) in afternoon on Wednesday, opening to visitors for tours later that day. Tours continue 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sunday. Three-hour cannon battles at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Friday through Sunday. Also on hand: vendors, foods for sale, more. \$12 general. 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

"Rods and Woodies on 101," cruise-night series continues on Thursday, August 18, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with cars parked along

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"Readers may be voyeurs, but the subtler gifts are not for the fast glancers. Take a good slow second look at Geoff Bouvier's *Living Room*." So begins Heather McHugh's introduction to this award-winning first volume. Inside, boxes of typeface materialize from white space — literal boxes with proportions and corners where visitors might recline comfortably, or discover they're trapped. Each piece brims with

industry and restless attention, and the dramas they contain are manifold. Here a solitary mind and there a whole social sphere are cross-sectioned for observation at moments rife with emotional collisions — awesome tediums, mad reliefs. As McHugh states, these works are "bravura performances, both accessible and elegant, both immediate and subtle, both hilarious and serious.... With virtuoso reversals, switches of vantage, changes of scale, inside-outings, they accomplish metaphysical, not only physical, effects." In style and substance, *Living Room* enacts the urgency one feels to stretch out against cramped quarters of any

dimensions. Acoustic, evocative, Bouvier's multilayered writing unsettles perimeters: the margins of the page, and the limits of cognition.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

John Ashbery: The narrating voice in *Living Room* is insistent but quiet, though it sometimes achieves loudness without any apparent effort. At other times it seems to continue in the reader's mind even after stopping for the day. It is an important new presence, faintly disturbing and endlessly attractive.

David Shapiro: Poetry is being born. It is even perhaps the desire for a new poetry that is at the heart of poetry like Bouvier's. Not experimentation or finding, merely, but a whole resolution to think of what experience and discovery might mean in a bleak time. Bouvier is athletic, accurate, and burlesoning. Too often we think we

are in a bad way, stranded between ancient feuds between abstraction and figuration, but the iconomachia is finished. The joy of this volume lies in an unarmed escape at Cythera, where we do not even know whether we are coming or going there, but poetry, fresh and free, is being born.

Lydia Davis, author of *Samuel Johnson Is Indignant*: They are funny. No, they're not all funny — some are even disturbing. Let us say they are by turns funny, contemplative, angry, bewildering, witty, mysterious, whimsical, solemn, lively, gentle, outrageous, and stern. What's sure is that these tight and explosive paragraphs of Bouvier's have an unflinching and diversified energy all their own, riveting our attention and showing us the unfamiliar within what we thought we knew.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Geoff Bouvier's first book, *Living Room*, was selected by Heather

McHugh as the winner of the 2005 APR/Honickman Prize. His writings have appeared in dozens of journals, including *American Poetry Review*, *Barrow Street*, *jubilat*, *New American Writing*, *Western Humanities Review*, and *VOLT*. He received an MFA from Bard College's Milton Avery Graduate School of the Arts in 1997. He currently lives in San Diego, where he waits tables at Tape-nade Restaurant and publishes journalistic prose for the *San Diego Reader*.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

In a good and simple house, surrounded by San Diego bloat, lives a man who writes tiny stories some people call poems. He lives alone — no pets, no wife, no plants — just the man and the living breath of his work and a few pesky lines of ants that he says move him to consider mur-

der. He waits evening tables at a chic French restaurant and plays afternoon basketball at a local university gym. Geoff Bouvier tells me these things as we share lunch, tells me about his smart animal telepath friend, about his dreams of teaching at a small-town university. He speaks in a quiet sure voice, a man comfortable with his solid decisions about life and love, only losing a hint of sureness when he speaks about his new book, *Living Room*, winner of the 2005 APR/Honickman First Book Prize.

Living Room consists of 56 small works, each one a fully realized and stand-alone island, yet together they form this amazing story arc(hipelago) of self-discovery.

You published many of these individual pieces in a variety of venues. Did you plan *Living Room* before you wrote any one work, or did the pieces, in

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"I would half expect to hear my manuscript begin humming, literally, because I'd finally gotten the arrangement just right."

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Book Lovers Beckoned to take San Diego independent bookstores tour sponsored by Southern California Booksellers Association, Saturday, August 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Luxury coach visits Mysterious Galaxy, Bay Books, Yellow Book Road, Warwick's, Book Works. \$40 fee includes tour, goodie bag, lunch, reception. Reservations due by August 19: 858-454-0347 or 626-793-8435. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

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"Rumplestiltskin" performed by Weaver's Tales through Monday, August 14, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Big Joe Productions takes stage for *Wonderful World of Puppets Around the World*, August 17-21.

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)

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"Grease" — youth-cast production presented by Arts Off Broadway for Plays in the Park series on Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13 (August 19, 20) at 8 p.m., in Kit Carson Park amphitheater (3333 Bear Valley Parkway). \$12.50. 760-489-2496. (ESCONDIDO)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

Worms, Worms, Wiggly Worms, Rose Crawford teaches how to make a worm box and benefits of composting during "Back-Yard Habitat" class on Saturday, August 13, 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)

"Container Gardening for Kids" (seven to ten) taught on Saturday, August 13, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). The \$35 fee includes plants, pots, and soil to plant a "secret garden in a container." Garden-themed snack. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

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Aerospace Museum Family Day workshops, Saturday, August 13, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

"Musical Fairy Tales" promised during one-hour La Jolla SummerFest family concert with versions of *Goldilocks*, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Free. 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts

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

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

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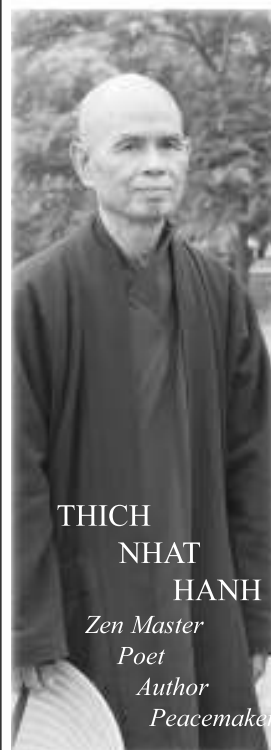
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Reading

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a sense, dictate to you the direction and need for a book?

I began *Living Room* with no view at all, only a single, giant, blaring, overriding vision, which I'm still trying to see my way around in, more or less. A line here, another there, an idea, a perfect word, a full-scale thought, a luminous image, and so on, and then I'd hang them all together in independent coherent cascades. I started *Living Room* when I started writing, I now realize.

But officially, the first discrete work that got into the book was the one that I placed at its end. The Milton Avery Graduate School at Bard College has this program where you only meet and make art in the summers and then you leave and go on about your life, and after my first summer there, I taught high school in the East Bronx and didn't write a word for myself for almost nine months.

But the experience of teaching nonwriters how to build sentences gave me this idea about how a sentence is basically an

incredible cultural architecture, like a stamp of understanding or currency, along with so much else. And I sat down in the month before my second summer at Bard (this is 1997) and suddenly conceived of this idea that I had to make my poetic strands and kernels submit to the test of the sentence.

Everything started clicking then. I wrote, and the pieces came to me as they came, depending on what I was thinking about or doing or reading at the time (a lot of Kafka and Blanchot, and Lydia Davis, who was one of my teachers at Bard, and others whom I considered and usually still consider to be great makers of sentences, like Joyce, Beckett, Hemingway, Proust, Woolf, Thomas Bernhard, and so on). I have this problem in that I read very adversarially, and almost never for enjoyment. As a result, I rarely read things end to end. I get whatever fuel I want for my own fire and then strike out for different camps.

Anyway, after my degree, I moved to Northampton, Massachusetts, to become a successful, widely published writer, and instead became a frustrated,

mostly rejected one. But I'm not the dispirited type, and there were enough little successes to keep me from getting too discouraged along the way, so I kept with it and in fact grew more and more disciplined, which is the kind way to put it. More and more obsessed, maybe. I mean, I still write every single day, and if I don't, I usually don't feel very good. I sit down to it in the mornings mostly, except I'll have a couple of night sessions a week as well, after I get home from waiting tables.

Finally, getting back to the subject of your question: I started trying to form a book out of the material in *Living Room* as far back as 1999. I've always been a maker of books, ever since I stapled together a bunch of words and pictures at four or five years old. After staying with a slew of ideas for a number of years, you start to hear how they've been talking to each other, even if you weren't in tune enough to listen previously. I noticed how certain writings seemed like perfect answering palinodes of other pieces I'd penned literally years before (and almost completely forgotten about). Lines buried, lost

in notebooks, bore resemblance to other lines from summers later. And there were so many other relationships between verses that I didn't catch until I began recycling ideas and trading images and organizing things, putting the works in order.

Originally, I wanted to call the book *Whiteness*, with a nod to the Jabes quote that still leads it off, and I wanted an all-white cover and this whole Beatles-*White Album* thing, except that too many people thought the title was too racial, which honestly wasn't even an association I'd been aware of at first. So back then I'd had the book divided into sections for the colors of the prism that make up white light, but I really couldn't take that too far, because what makes a red piece of writing different from an orange one?

When I hit on *Living Room*, with my sister's help (Courtenay and I often brainstorm; she's a Ph.D. candidate at Iowa and one of my best readers), it suddenly occurred to me that I could lead off each subsection with one of my "littlestories," as I used to call my very short, single-line pieces, which would kind of the-

matically tie together the longer works ("Concrete Prose") that followed. (Incidentally, I'm not in love with either one of those names anymore, littlestories and concrete prose, although they might be almost accurate.) Anyway, after a while I started to see this arc(hipelago), as you eloquently called it; I started to discover what exactly my concerns were (and are), in essence by singing them and stopping and listening to how those concerns were hovering together in the air.

Sometimes, when I would come to a new level of understanding while I was reading through *Living Room*, and I would shift some pieces around because they seemed to resonate better with other pieces before and after them, I say sometimes, sitting there at my computer late at night or in the early morning, I would half expect to hear my manuscript begin humming, literally, because I'd finally gotten the arrangement just right. The fact that I never actually heard any music spontaneously murmuring out of *Living Room* only means that, happily, I have more books to write! (Or it means that

such a thing can't actually physically happen, although I'm not one hundred percent willing to admit that just yet.) So here I am putting together a second manuscript now, which I'm calling *Glass Harmonica*, and the writings in it are strung together (based on the actual physical form of this curious musical instrument, the glass harmonica) in a much more predetermined way, thanks, in large part, to what I learned by my piecemeal making of *Living Room*.

Incidentally, when it comes to putting a book together, I've always been a fan of what I consider to be the ultimate literary arrangement of all time, Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*. That man could sense the precise analogical distance between each one of his thoughts, and he measured their conceptual lengths and put corresponding numbers alongside each ideological burst. In *Glass Harmonica*, I'm taking that as my example, in a way. That, and the progression of harmonic frequencies.

But for *Living Room* I was still very much in the throes of the mythological way of making sense. I'd absorbed my Graves

Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

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

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons,

Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

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

rine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the

museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

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Reading

and Joseph Campbell and Dungeons & Dragons at a young age. I wonder if *Living Room* is a kind of farewell to mythology, the record of my own shamanistic journey to a personal Paradise-alternative. A living room.

And now that I'm in that room, so to speak, and because I've always wanted to make something crystalline and perfect, I'm building a second book based on my conviction that language holds a code that unlocks some kind of secret. Something essential about the fault where figurative and literal relate.

On this note, when I was very young and had just discovered what death was (my Aunt Bernadette had passed away unexpectedly), I immediately thought that everyone must have this death thing all wrong. Many years later, I would find out that Freud had put words to my very thought: "Death is a failure of the imagination."

Anyway, even when I was that young, say, three or four, I was certain that someone had

discovered the answer to everlasting life and inscribed it into a kind of code. I didn't care what I was told. If my family (which is a pretty well-read little crew) didn't know anything about it, that was only because they hadn't read deeply or widely or well enough. But then, of course, the more I read, the more I realized that everyone was just searching, and no one had found anything. Humanity had pretty much come to accept its mortality, and writers were only winning small and equivocal victories.

It wasn't until 25 years later, when I was at Bard, and just before I began teaching, that I discovered Kafka and realized finally there was someone who'd been on to the same thing I was. So that's where I am, right now. Not that I can write as well as Kafka, or think as well as Wittgenstein, which is to say my gifts may not ultimately measure up to the challenges required. But I can see the challenges (giant and singular and overwhelmingly blaring), and I've never seen them met the way I think they can be met, which is why I'm one of the ones striving.

You talk about your childhood intuition and understand-

ing — now carried into your adult work — that language can both hold and crack open essential secrets. As a reader, I felt as if *Living Room* captured me and shoved me into some kind of sweat lodge where my own human expectations were burned, one by one, as the fuel for achieving some kind of heightened awareness. I felt quite naked and able to touch capital-T Truth without all those messy filters we typically hold in front of our eyes when I reached the end. What kinds of universal secrets do you hope the reader unravels? And why are these things so important for us to grasp?

You've touched upon an accurate definition for wisdom, I think, in that trade-off of elevated expectation for unadorned awareness. How the burning feelings usually just end up melting things (but then you hope to be in tune enough to notice what's refinable in the after-ore). I think it's important, no matter what, to take more life upon ourselves — to bear up and bear witness, as it were, and never to give up. My writing always tries to rediscover paths into that vivacity. Whatever sacrifices we're required to make, throughout life, giving over isn't giving in, so to

speak. In *Glass Harmonica*, I'll deal a little more with the dangers of cynicism. But *Living Room* is a luminous place, or it wants to be, and we all need to remember and revise our luminous places. Keep in touch with the sun, as Wallace Stevens might be rejuvenated to say, or something about the distinctive world of the happy person.

As someone who comes across as having a desire and need to be tender with language, like a gardener, really, in the way that your littlestories and concrete prose feel nurtured, watered, loved, it seems that it's not only your personal life and luminous places that you continue to revise. Tell me about your writing process, the way you conceive and polish each piece into such intricately faceted yet smooth gems.

Here's a paradox for you: Writing endures, whereas life is momentary and fleeting. Yet, once something is written, it can be changed, tweaked, fiddled with, reworked, and endlessly reinterpreted and readjusted, whereas once something happens in life it's "in the books" indelibly and forever. Isn't that strange?

So writing outdoes life on

two, nearly opposite, counts: flexibility and permanence. I'm a huge fan of the flexibility part. You might call me a chronic editor. I reread and reread and reread.

Many of the poems in *Living Room* are "about" this, sort of: "A Happy Hour" warns us "never to look back too soon over what it is that [we've] finished," and "Trying Fire" melts "everything that I might forget" into "a singular white point of pure hot." And then there's "Revisionary Traffic," of course, and the map-maker in "All Roads Lead" who maps over "the experience of the traveler-in-the-place, instead of merely the place itself," in other words, mapping instabilities, instead of rendering rigid properties.

One method of editing I've employed for many years subjects my paragraphs to poetic tests (introducing line breaks and stanza breaks) and then transposes them back into often very different paragraphs. Likewise, on the other side of it, sometimes I'll compose a piece that's very much a poem, with short lines, capital letters all along the left margin, and no punctuation, and then many days or weeks later I'll rear-

range the piece into paragraphs and subject the syntax to what I've called (and I think I'm echoing Ron Silliman, echoing Louis Zukofsky) "the test of the sentence." I've learned a lot over the years by doing this. (A lot about good writing, as opposed to good poetry or good prose.)

I've got pieces that were 50 words long when they were first published, or accepted for publication, that have since swelled to over 300 words. "No, No, Never Nothing" and "The Last Viewpoint" come immediately to mind. Over the years, with *Living Room*, I've also done very specific rewrites, for instance, where I'm only looking for etymological puns (and there are dozens in the book) and making sure they're both intentional and subtle. Or one time when I read solely to make sure I intended every instance of "the" or "a." You know: is it a specific object or abstraction warranting "the," or just one of many, and so merely an "a" is required?

I've always been kind of a crazy perfectionist, ever since I'd erase and erase and slash holes in the paper during first-grade spelling tests, and not because I

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Heritage of the Americas

Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone

equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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

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

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at

5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

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

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

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the

1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51 Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

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

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

escort and ground-attack missions during World War II.

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

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and

flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Computer Museum, featured exhibit is "Enigma — A History of Cryptology." Also on view: a 100-year-old Millionaire calculator; a Brunsviga Midget calculator (circa 1906) and General Precision LGP-21 (circa 1966). Ongoing exhibits include vintage computers, video games, punch cards, calculators, more. Find the museum on the campus of Coleman College (7380 Parkway Drive). Viewing is by appointment only: 619-464-8220. (LA MESA)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from

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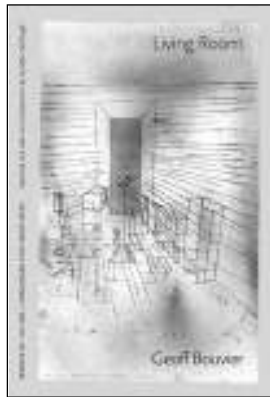
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Reading

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wanted to make sure the words were spelled right, but because I wanted the words to *look* right (the tails on the *p*'s all the same length, same degrees of roundness on all the *o*'s, etc.). Over the years, I've tempered my drive for perfection somewhat. Now what I'm looking for is harmony and rhythm. I want beauty in the timing of things and beauty in the confluence of details and daily events.

In the meantime, I've learned that perfection doesn't have to

mean some absolute untouchable ideal. I like the kind of perfection that accepts the imperfect and then provides the counter-gesture that "fixes" it, like someone with a limp: one foot doesn't work right, but the other swings along to save it into locomotion. Looking at it in terms of capital-T Truth, on the one hand (or foot), I'm hardly very sure what Truth is, and unfortunately I live like someone who is unsure, flailing and fearing and lying and losing myself in appearances. But then this other motion sweeps through me and I'm carried forward by a sense of depth and rhythm and harmony running under things, and spots of solid beauty well up where my foot can find purchase, and I move forward with the sense that my path is somehow true. Although, and of course this often happens, the analogical links between my metaphors might have become hopelessly mixed, in which case I'll look at them and re-look at them and look at them again from a different perspective, and I'll edit them and perfect them.

I always remember to italicize those founding words that have accompanied, and might

even exemplify, our potentially great country: "in order to form a *more* perfect union." As though perfection were a noble aim for our whole ongoing process, and not some unconditional, and therefore frustrating, end.

After deliberately crafting, navigating, testing the islands of *Living Room*, and then charting them, sending them off — letting them go — as connected points on one poetic map, what effect do you think it will all have, not only on readers, but on you?

Well, it's like anything you've put your heart and soul and faith and time and everything else into, you hope it'll be well-received and fully understood and loved and vastly appreciated and genuinely needed. But you're ready for flat disregard, misconstruction, cruel disparagement, and general dismissal, of course. Plus, there's always a host of potential futures in between.

But when I start to think about all this, instead I drift to an old favorite image of mine, the image of the air inside a balloon.

You can ask all these questions like, "Who blew it up?" or, "Does the balloon waft on carbon dioxide?" or, "Is it floating

with helium?" But to me, those details are just details, more or less beside the point. (As an aside, I generally don't care much for facts or data, which is why I'm not a very good journalist and I'm not at all rich.) There are also practical issues, such as the way the air inside the balloon helps it achieve its joyful connotations, not to mention that graceful, decorative, colorful, spherical form, but this is not what interests me most.

What interests me most is the act of abstracting the air, so to speak, and considering the stuff in itself. If you got rid of the balloon's body, that plastic casing, but you could still keep together all of the air that had been inside it (literally, the balloon's spirit), and if you gave that air consideration, and let the small volume of it retain an identity once it's free, a molecule of former balloon, instead of merely scattering into lungs and clouds and winds, what then? (And I have to mention that I find simplistic, surrealist answers dissatisfying; please, no ghosts; let's keep it real.)

So now that that's out there, I can think of what effects there

might be for a reader of *Living Room*, insofar as it ever gains many readers. The effects for them, as they shed themselves and drift into the book, will echo whatever they brought into it in the first place, before faucets started dripping and clothes came off and guards were dropped and stories of silence and nothingness started to enliven the trappings and spaces of the everyday. We are still what we were, having lost or let go of what we thought defined us, but some balloons and books might help us remember what we can become, when we aren't as we are anymore. How syntactically twisted, yet mythic, withal! Ha!

On my own personal trip through this book, making it, I learned that it's important to understand the size and shape and tensile quality of my enclosures, to better understand the fleeting spirits that hang together within. It's why we plot and map the areas *around* incommensurate quantities, getting precise reads on whatever might be readable. Only in that way can the irrational (as I call it) come somewhat to light. You've inscribed

its shape in negative, as it were, a tangible circumference versus the impalpable center. And then, voila! Thou knows thyself. The silence after the period, before the next capital letter, sits still for you in its elliptical arc and becomes an almost identifiable quality. At least until the next sentence begins, and then it all floats up in the air again, hopelessly beautifully, half-limply along.

The prospect of having a book in the world brings me an unspeakable joy. But regardless of whatever happens, finally, as Kafka might have said, "It's all good; just not for us." And so we're taught to laugh, albeit grimly. I want to learn to laugh grimly with good nature. To practice mobile perspectives, appreciations, and turning existential weaknesses into poetic strengths. To keep seeking and noticing and laughing...and learning to read! And, more importantly, to *write*! I think everyone should write something challenging and read something challenging every single day. Imagine that world. The world of writing people would be different from this one, wouldn't it — more perfect!

— Birdie Jaworski

the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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

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

toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

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

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

The "Wildlife Art Exhibition" opening on Friday, August 12, and continuing through December, includes wildlife-themed artwork in a range of media and styles. "Hundreds of nationally and internationally recognized local artists are expected to participate."

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through January 2006, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern Cali-

fornia. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

"Fossil Hunters San Diego" shows how museum's paleontologists hunt for local fossils — what they look for, tools they use, how fossils are excavated and transported, how they're prepared and studied; through Monday, September 5. Current "giant-screen films" include *Ocean Oasis* and *Bugs!* 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929.

The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

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

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

The aquarium is located at

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

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold

display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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"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)

It's SummerFest Time! La Jolla Music Society's SummerFest La Jolla 2005 continues through August 21, boasting concerts, work-

shops, master classes, guided open rehearsals, encounters, performance chats.

The Australian Chamber Orchestra and pianist Angela Hewitt take stage at Civic Theatre (202 C Street) on Thursday, August 11, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$85.

On Friday, August 12, take in a "KPBS Encounter" with composer/violinist/fiddler Mark O'Connor at 1 p.m. at La Jolla Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Library also hosts encounter with pianist André Watts on Wednesday, August 17, 1 p.m. Free.

"Views of Italy" offered at 7:30 p.m. on 12th in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street).

"Musical Fairy Tales" promised during one-hour family concert with versions of *Goldilocks*, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, in Sherwood Auditorium. Free.

Take an "Appalachian Journey" with West Coast premiere of new work by Mark O'Connor on Saturday, August 13, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium.

"Wind Virtuosi" showcased in Sherwood Auditorium on Sunday, August 14, 3 p.m. "Dancing to Beethoven, A Collaborative Process" presented Monday, August 15, 7:30 p.m.; \$10. Also in Sherwood Auditorium: "Postcards from Prague" on Tuesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m. "Friends Come Home to SummerFest" in Sherwood Auditorium on Wednesday, August 17, 7:30 p.m.

Except where noted, tickets are \$40, \$60. Reservations, details: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN, LA JOLLA)

National Flute Association Convention includes public concerts 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 Sheridan Stokes on Sunday, August 14, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25. 619-291-7131. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Classical Mystery Tour" by original members of *Beatlemania!* for San Diego Symphony Summer Pops series on Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13. 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)

Coastal Communities Concert Band joins civic organist Carol Williams for selections and medleys from Broadway shows, marches, summer surprises in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, August 14, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

18th Annual International Summer Organ Festival showcases Gordon Turk on Monday, August 15, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

A Switched-On Bach Tribute with Moog synthesizers, theremins is planned when Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series continues on Wednesday, August 17, 12:30 p.m., on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Hear your favorite Bach arias and preludes, with a twist. Admission is free, parking is not. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Opera Arias performed every Wednesday, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at Alfieri Restaurant in Sheraton San Diego West (1590 Harbor Island Drive). No cover. 619-291-2900 or 619-692-2778. (HARBOR ISLAND)

Schantz Summer Series Organ Concert features organist Charlotte Atkinson and narrator Douglas Lynn performing compositions by Bach, Kuhnau, Mendelssohn, Leavitt, and Hovland. Concert starts at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, at San Diego United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Offering. 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS)

Concert Pianist André Watts plays "classical favorites" by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Ravel, and Debussy for La Jolla Chamber Music Society on Friday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets: \$20-\$85. 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

"Moonlight by Candlelight," classical pianist Peter Gach plays nocturnes by Chopin and Beethoven on Saturday, August 20, at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Wine and cheese reception at 7 p.m., concert at 8 p.m. \$10. Reservations: 760-438-5996 x212. (CARLSBAD)

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GALLERIES

"The Wall, the Hole, the Nail" by Anna Zappoli Jenkins and "Openings" by Alo Munizza are featured through Sunday, September 4, at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Concurrently: "Outstanding Visual Artists" of region

juried by Don Patterson; work by participants in Balboa Park 5th Grade Program. Meet artists during reception on Friday, August 12, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"4+ Landscape Painters" is on display through Friday, September 23, at ArtistSpace (2010 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Show boasts diverse landscape paintings by Betty Hom, Terry Shaw, Genie Mueller, Ken Roberts. Reception for artists: Saturday, August 13, 7 p.m. 858-755-1662. (DEL MAR)

"Shapes and Figures," an exhibition of sheet metal and iron sculpture by Nicole Delline and paintings by Kelly Vivanco, is on view through Saturday, September 3, at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). One-year anniversary celebration and reception for artists is Saturday, August 13, 5 p.m. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

An Art and Gastronomy Exhibition opens with reception on Saturday, August 13, 4 p.m., at Expressions of Mexico Gallery (1122 César Chávez Parkway). 619-232-1699. Closes Friday, September 16. (BARRIO LOGAN)

"Relationships" provide theme for Pacific Beach Art Guild Invitational art exhibition, on display through Sunday, August 14, in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Meet artists during reception on Saturday, August 13, 5 p.m. 858-456-6611. (BALBOA PARK)

Three-Dimensional Masks and "high key color paintings" by Dot-

tie Korn-Davis are featured through August at Gallery 504 (3041 University Avenue). Artist's reception is Saturday, August 13, 6 p.m. 619-491-0598. (NORTH PARK)

"The Golden Age" — this "Direct Canadian Collective" exhibition of original artworks by Todd Lawson and Elesavet Triantafillou boasts reception on Saturday, August 13, 7 p.m., at Planet Rooth Studio Gallery (3811 Ray Street); 619-297-9663. Closes Tuesday, September 6. (NORTH PARK)

"Multi-Cultures," an exhibition showcasing raku ceramics and paintings by three artists, includes reception on Saturday, August 13, 5 p.m., at Shiva Artistic Collections (115-A West Grand Avenue). Through September. 760-745-7835. (ESCONDIDO)

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, mythology, more.

All four exhibitions close on Sunday, September 4. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, art and significance of Japanese dolls from the Edo period showcased in "Ningyō: The Art of the Japanese Doll." As cultural artifacts, *ningyō* 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 objects, 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 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 Photographic Arts, "Graham Flint: American Panoramas at 1000 Megapixels" showcases the physicist and photographer's project bringing "together the cutting edges of photographic optics, film technology, and digital processing, creating landscape photographs which contain an unprecedented detail and resolution." Through Sunday, September 18.

"Snapshot: From Box Brownies to Camera Phones," also closing on September 18, examines the way family photographs taken by amateur photographers over the past 100 years contribute to the history of photography. Exhibit includes historic snapshots from 1920s-1960s, along with "live feed" of camera phone images.

"Steve McCurry: Photographs of Asia" highlights history and faces of places the artist has visited as *National Geographic* photographer. McCurry is most famous for *Afghan Girl*, the portrait of a refugee that appeared on magazine's cover in 1985. View the images through Sunday, September 25.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art, 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.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, "Old Master Drawings from the Bowdoin College Museum of Art" are on view through Saturday, August 13. Forty drawings dating from the 16th Century to the 19th Century are featured, with majority of works by artists of the Italian and Netherlandish schools, encompassing a wide variety of subjects in a range of styles and media.

Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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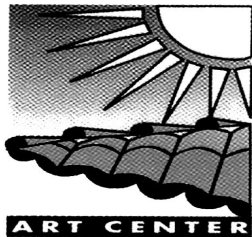
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The Attempted Murder of Peggy Sweetwater

Broadway Players present John Rustin and Frank Semarano's Monty Python-esque 1930s pot-boiler. Three "bumbling upper-class twits" try to solve several attempted murders. Nathanael Siegel directed.

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Bloody Poetry

6th@Penn stages Howard Brenton's drama about radical poet Percy Bysshe Shelley and his "band of atheistic poeticals" in Italy. Doug Hoehn directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, MONDAY, AUGUST 15, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7; MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 4:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Chrysalis: Rapechild

She was born on the battlefield of an endless war. Her father, a nine-foot 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; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

The Comedy of Errors

Nature or nurture? Most *Comedies of Errors* stress how alike Shakespeare'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 Ephesian demons, his conjuration makes everyone *weirder*. They flop into a snaky, ritualized Bollywood dance that, while Pinch's spell lasts, is a total hoot.

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 THEATRE AT 619-239-2255.)

Confessions of a Mormon Boy

Diversiary presents Steven Fales's piece about his inability to overcome same-sex attraction through "reparative therapy," which resulted in a divorce and ex-communication from the Mormon church.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH AUGUST 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

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First Love

Intermission Productions stages Charles Mee's story of "finding the love of your life, losing the love of your life, and finding the love of your life on a park bench." Carla Nell directed.

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42nd Street

"Julian Marsh is doing a SHOW!" *42nd Street* is musical comedy's lottery fable. It proves that "raw beginners can be winners," especially if, like young Peggy Sawyer, they've got talent and are driven by grim-faced 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.

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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, UCSD, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

I Do, or Die: The Mother-in-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



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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 numerous topical references to today?). It’s a consistently fun, good noggin-scratching evening of interactive theater.

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The Lady With All The Answers

The Old Globe stages the world premiere of David Rambo’s portrait of Ann Landers, who has a “new kind of heartbreak: her own.” Tom Moore directed.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

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 (white-

faced 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 sleepwalks, 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, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 2; *MACBETH* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *COMEDY OF ERRORS* AND *THE WINTER’S TALE*; FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES: 619-239-2255.

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 interviewed 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 modern-dress, 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 precise 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.

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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 Castellana’s Selznick, though preachy, does some impressive GWTW imitations. This giddy bagatelle has funny moments (and a gorgeous Art Deco set by Alexan-



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The Musical of Musicals: The Musical

Laguna Playhouse presents Eric Rockwell and Joanne Bogart's satire of Broadway's greatest musicals. Pamela Hunt directed. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-ARTS.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AcroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Symmetry," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

The 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, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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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, 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.

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, THROUGH AUGUST 21; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE 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.

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house 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

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Megadeth Man and Fallbrook resident Dave Mustaine recently told KNAC's Philthy Phil that he won't perform certain songs

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now that he's embraced Christianity. "The ones that I did that I'm not doing anymore that to me are just wrong [include] the Sex Pistols' 'Anarchy,' 'cause it says, 'I'm an anti-Christ.' I'm not really anti anybody, so I had to kind of take a look at that." Regarding his status as the only permanent player in the band he calls Megadeth, Mustaine said, "I think the people are aware; when I left Metallica and came home on a bus, I did not stop off and pick up a bass player. I went

home and started it on my own." — Jay Allen Sanford

Did Devil Music Make Him Do It? A former Marine lance corporal pleaded no contest July 28 to one felony count of lewd and lascivious acts against a child. Dario Ambriz, 23, was

stationed at Camp Pendleton in 2004 when he met a 12-year-old Santa Maria girl in a Metallica forum at www.teenchat.com. Prosecutors contend that, over a three-month period, Ambriz's e-mails and instant messages became sexual and that he drove to Santa Maria on December 10 to have sex with the girl. The minor then told her friend, who told the victim's mother. Santa Maria police were called, and they drove to Camp Pendleton to serve a search warrant on

December 15. Ambriz, who served in Iraq, was arrested and booked at the Santa Barbara County jail. He'll be sentenced September 1. — Jay Allen Sanford

Black Eyed Peas Mysteries "I still want to talk to their agent," says Street Scene promoter Rob Hagey about why the Black Eyed Peas were an hour late for their appearance. "I want to know exactly what happened."

What allegedly happened with Peas' singer Fergie onstage was of more concern to local-radio morning shows.

"At the end of their second song she let it loose," said 91X morning-show personality Ruggy. "She definitely peed herself.... I heard it had to do with the fact they were late and she rushed to get on the stage."

Photos taken at Street Scene do indicate that Fergie had wet pants. Three calls to the Black Eyed Peas' New York publicist were not returned.

Though this year's Street

Scene drew 75,000 (compared to 100,000 in 2004), Hagey says he was happy with the Qualcomm parking lot as a venue, and he will use it again next year. The *L.A. Times* said Street Scene "...is a good idea



FERGIE, A REAL PRO PEA

looking for a home," because the event was situated "...on the hard concrete of a football stadium parking lot.... If Coachella [held in May near Indio] is the rock 'n' roll equivalent of a wine tasting, the Street Scene is like a giant tailgate party."

Hagey says his new ticket

agency, Music Today, worked out well. Previous Street Scenes used Ticketmaster. "I think it's important that any venue should look into using companies other than Ticketmaster."

— Ken Leighton

Define Irie "I am told 'irie' means getting high and Stone Senses mean your senses are getting stoned," says Ofelia Escovedo, board of directors president of Carlsbad's annual Fiesta del Barrio. At a meeting last week, the board backed away from hiring Carlsbad reggae/soul/Latin band Stone Senses because of their name. Escovedo admits she isn't aware of the content of Stone Senses' lyrics.

"[Escovedo] said, 'We'll have to take a further look into this. This name is promoting drugs,'" says singer/songwriter Eric Casteneda.

"We have no drug references on our CD," says singer/guitarist Mike O'Gera,

who attended the meeting. "I was trying to tell her it was 'stone,' as in concrete. You build houses on rock, not on sand. We are all about a positive message." O'Gera says the band was further misconstrued when they presented flyers indicating they'd played fundraisers for an injured member of Irieside.

Denise Sanchez, a "prevention specialist" with the San Dieguito Alliance for Drug Free Youth, says she helped Escovedo (who is in her 70s) understand street lingo.



STONE SENSES: ROCK-SOLID CITIZENS?

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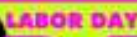
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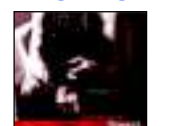
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joy. Reggae music usually uses it to mean the joy of being high."

"'Irie' is Jamaican slang for good, positive vibrations," counters O'Gera. "It doesn't mean 'high.'"

"You know what happens at the reggae fest at the Del Mar Fairgrounds," says Sanchez. "[It was] full of smoke from weed."

O'Gera says his dreadlocks drew a reaction at the Fiesta del Barrio meeting. "They had a disgusted look on their faces, like, 'This is not good.'"

Escovedo says the committee was undecided about hiring Stone Senses. "We want to keep the fiesta family-oriented. We Hispanics already have a bad reputation with drive-bys. We want to try and overturn that."

Stone Senses play at Squid Joe's in Carlsbad on Saturday at 9 p.m.; \$10 on night of show. Must be 21. Fiesta del Barrio is September 11, with Los Pistoleros, Viva Santana, and Mariachi Chula Vista in downtown Carlsbad, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission, all ages.

— Ken Leighton

Dancers Killed It "We would play four to five nights a week," says Warren Lovell, Big Time Operator band leader. During the years '97-'99, BTO played Croce's, the Cannibal Bar, and Tio Leo's. "A lot of the swing dancers who would show up would only drink water. [Live swing] wasn't profitable for

the bars. The dancers killed it."

Though Lovell became a police officer about five years ago, he and BTO have been doing private corporate gigs since the dropoff in swing's popularity.

"You pretty much have to have a side job [as a member of the SDPD] to make ends meet. The city doesn't pay its cops well.... Most cops I know don't live in San Diego because they can't afford it. They have to commute from Temecula or Alpine."

Lovell and his wife have three children. His 18-month-old son was killed in a May 2004 auto accident.

"I took a month off from [SDPD] work. I needed to get grounded. Two days after he died, I had a gig. The event company said, 'You don't



WATER-DRINKERS HURT BIG TIME'S OPERATION

have to do this show.' But I put on a different face and did the show. That's part of being a professional. The police department taught me a lot about that."

Will there be another swing revival?

"I think the only thing that would do that would be a movie that would incorporate a big band. Royal Crown Revue started the whole thing. The movie *Mask* broke them.... We want to give people an alternative to the crap that is being put out

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today." By "crap," Lovell means "...anything that doesn't take a lot of talent to play. It's a matter of education. You don't see a lot of educated people listening

a still-unnamed band. In October 2001, Patrick joined STP onstage in Chicago to sing the Filter song "Hey Man, Nice Shot."

On July 6, Patrick posted this message at *officialfilter.com*: "My new bandmates and I have been trying our songs out in a couple of rehearsal halls around town. It's amazing how playing live in a room together can add new dimensions to the music. I've been onstage with them once before, but it's been nothing like this. So far we've got a ton of material recorded...." No word on who will drum for the band.

Ex-STP drummer Eric Kretz owns Bombshelter Studios in L.A., where he's recording with Spiralarms, his new band. On July 12, STP singer Scott Weiland appeared in a Pasadena court, where a 2003 drug charge for heroin and cocaine possession was dismissed because the singer completed his court-ordered rehab program (during which he recorded with Velvet Revolver). Former Filter members have said they're working with other bands, though Filter has yet to announce a split.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Immortalized Zappologies Thirty-one years ago today (8/11/74), Frank Zappa brought his Mothers of Invention to Golden Hall for a show immortalized on the bootleg LP *Golden Debris*. The audience was let in while the band performed a soundcheck with faulty equipment. Zappa apologized for the poor sound twice during "Uncle Meat," "Pygmy Twlyte," "Cosmik



ZAPPA IN '74: "SORRY...SORRY...SORRY..."

Debris," and "Help, I'm a Rock" before concluding, "That seems to be as good as it gets." Opening act Tom Waits then took the stage with his piano.

Waits (a local resident from 1959 until 1971) performed "San Diego Serenade" along with a few other songs and an extended monologue — boos were

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



heard, and one audience member yelled, "Somebody shoot that fucker." Waits showed up onstage again during Zappa's set, telling his "12-inch man" joke.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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When Styx plays Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park on Saturday, August 13, expected munchies include a bag of assorted candy ("Snickers, Kit-Kat, Milky Way, etc."), a box of sourdough pretzels, a jar of soy peanut butter, a box of Balance bars ("not Granola or Power Bars"), and two large pizzas (one all cheese, another with half sausage/half pepperoni). Drinks: four gallons of spring water ("no Evian"), a 12-pack each of Classic Coke and Diet Coke, six cans of V-8 juice, and two cartons of Carnation hazelnut and French vanilla creamer ("not fat free"). (From *celebritybooking.net* and *thesmokinggun.com*.)

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Bloody Fingers

"The light fixture fell and hit me."

I dreamed I was playing onstage and I was really confused because the song I was playing didn't seem to be the same song the rest of the band was playing," says Krysten Hopkins, bass player for the San Diego rock band Magnuson. "When I looked over at the other band members, I didn't recognize them. Turns out I was so excited about playing the show that I jumped up onstage with the band [playing] before us."

"I had one dream where the stage broke from under me," says Chula Vista native Matt Guthrie, the band's drummer, "and then the very next gig at Brick by Brick, the light fixture fell and hit me."

The band gets its name from guitarist Greg Magnuson, who also surfs and makes his own instruments.

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

Greg "Playing fretless in the dark."

Krysten "Seeing the frets when there's a strobe light on."

Matt "Being able to have the crowd involved."

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Greg "Magnuson Custom six-string fretless bass, Eden World Tour 800 head, Eden D410XLT, Sans Amp distortion."

Krysten "Fender Strat, Mesa Boogie tremoverb, and Boss DD6 delay."

Matt "Four-piece Pacific Maple CX kit, three Roto-Toms, 20-inch ping ride, 17-inch crash,

16-inch crash, 10-inch splash, 14-inch high hats. All cymbals are Zildjian Customs."

WEIRDEST GIG?

Krysten "One time we played at the Honey Bee Hive. I broke a string and had to switch guitars, then broke another string. That was the only show I've ever broken strings at. My fingers were bleeding at the end of that one."

Matt "My first time playing the Palms Casino in Las Vegas. We drove so far for such a short show — ten hours for 45 minutes. One for the memory books."

Greg "Palms Casino, with Paris Hilton in the crowd."

TOP FIVE END-OF-THE-WORLD CDs?

Matt

1. Killswitch Engage, *The End of Heartache*.
2. Tool, *Aenima*.
3. Pink Floyd, *Dark Side of the Moon*.
4. Led Zeppelin I.
5. The Doors.

Greg

1. *The World Won't Listen* by the Smiths. "Best selection and versions of their songs on one disc."
2. *Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me* by the Cure. "Lyrical and musical imagery."
3. *Absolution* by Muse. "They're freakin' great!"
4. *Immortal Beloved* [soundtrack], Beethoven. "Moonlight Sonata."

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5. *Chaosphere* by Meshuggah. "Mmm."

Krysten

1. Kent, *Isola*. "Great guitar work and amazing lyrics."
2. Noise Ratchet, *Till We Have Faces*. "Love the messages in the songs, and it's great to rock out to."
3. The Monkees, *More of the Monkees*. "Inspired me to play most of the instruments I do now."
4. Muse, *Origin of Symmetry*. "Amazing album, great everything!"
5. Smashing Pumpkins, *Adore*. "Love the instrumentation and lyrics."

ALL-TIME GREAT FLICKS?

Krysten

1. *That Thing You Do*. "Satisfies my infatuation with the '60s...and it's a movie about a band."
2. *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*. "My favorite movie since childhood — so many good memories."
3. *The Empire Strikes Back*. "The best episode...plus, it gives me an excuse to run around the house with my light saber."
4. *Dumb and Dumber*. "I've never laughed as hard."
5. *The Endless Summer*. "Best surfing movie."

Matt

1. *Star Wars*. "It's a classic."
2. *The Sixth Sense*. "It's a thriller."
3. *Office Space*. "It's freakin' funny."
4. *Pirates of the Caribbean*. "It's a classic, a thriller, and funny."
5. *National Treasure*. "I love history, and I thought it was awesome how they incorporated it into



Greg, Matt, Krysten

the movie."

Greg

1. *True Romance*. "Great story."
2. *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. "Whips, hats, religious artifacts."
3. *Star Wars*. "The extensive toy collection."
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5. *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. "British people are funny." ■

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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.

FRIDAY

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.

SATURDAY

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.

SUNDAY

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.

MONDAY

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 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

Bobby McFerrin & Chick Corea: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

The Eagles: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING

CONCERTS

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Morris Day & the Time: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, August 18, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

"Dave Koz & Friends" featuring **Jeffrey Osbourne** and **Marc Antoine**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers [611] and the **Black Crowes** [564]: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 20, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Samples [517]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, August 20, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Ryan Adams: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, August 20, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Peter Case [864]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, August 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Jonny Lang [956]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Rufus Wainwright [830] and **Ben Folds:** Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, August 21, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 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:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Trio!" featuring **Stanley Clarke, Béla Fleck,** and **Jean-Luc Ponty:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 23, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.

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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

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

They didn't call it smooth jazz in the late '70s and early '80s when the shift in radio formats to mellow music was in its infancy. The industry didn't know what to call it, but they knew they were on the verge of a money-maker. They knew that there was an emerging culture (we called them yuppies) and that this culture was hungry for a format they could call their own. The radio programmers I worked for leaned heavily on neo-jazzmen like Chuck Mangione, Pat Metheny, and on Windham Hill recording artists such as the meditative pianist George Winston. In short order there emerged a new breed of musicians — David Sanborn, Earl Klugh, Bob James — who created a jazz that was lush but anemic.

I vetted **Patrick Yandall's** new CD *The Eyes of Mars* with a skeptical ear. Yandall is a smooth-jazz guitarist-composer. His fretboard work is a glaze of possibilities worked out during years of rock and blues performance. That is his tradition, not straight-ahead jazz. But today Yandall is a first-rate second-generation student of the smooth-jazz discipline. As a guitarist, he is technically superior and brilliant in short bursts, with a sound that is more a monochromatic series of moods than statements (more Wes Montgomery than George Benson).

Yandall's smooth jazz lies within the gratuitous complexity of the mix, where all instruments lay back and make pretty. There is not a shred of anything resembling intellectual exploration, just hook-laden tunes that live and die within their own dynamics. You could argue that



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passion is therefore missing as well. Compared to old-school jazz, the smooth version is the difference between a complex wine and a Valium. But there is a time and a place for both.

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The New York Dolls: House of Blues, Monday, August 29, 1055 Fifth

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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.

John Mellencamp [569] and **John Fogerty [598]:** Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 31, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 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.

Jefferson Starship: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 31, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.



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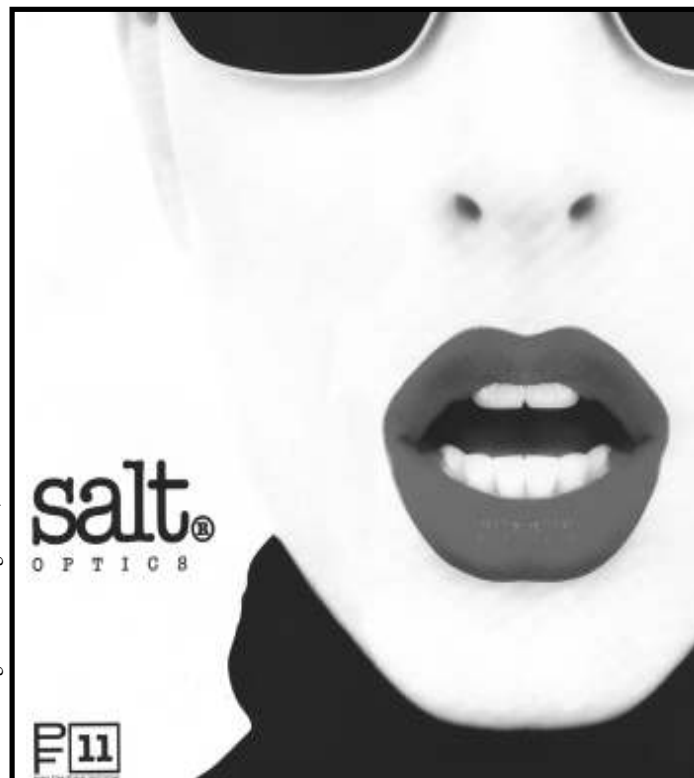
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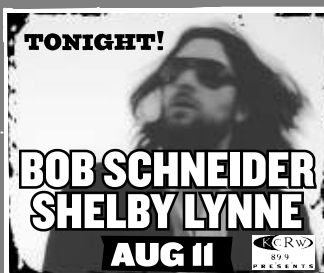


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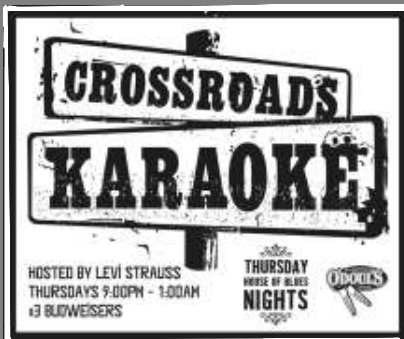
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Los Amigos Invisibles: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Bland: 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.

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Johnny Mathis: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 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.

Bebel Gilberto: House of Blues, Thursday, September 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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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Alice Cooper /571/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 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. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Aretha Franklin: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

George Thorogood /588/: House of Blues, Thursday, September 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Los Lobos /523/ and **Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes** /610/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Pepper: House of Blues, Friday, September 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Nine Inch Nails /116/ and **Queens of the Stone Age:** Cox Arena, Friday, September 16, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Rodney Crowell: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Sunday, September 18, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra /819/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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John Scofield [686]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, September 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Jim Brickman [862]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Don Omar: 4th & B, Thursday, September 22, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Pat Metheny Trio [656]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Fabulous Thunderbirds [477]: 4th & B, Friday, September 23, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Dead Can Dance [817]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Keane: House of Blues, Thursday, September 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Tha Alcoholic: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 29, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

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Macy Gray [964]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 30, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Little Joe y la Familia [981]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, September 30, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380 or 619-220-8497.

The New Pornographers: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

ZZ Top [587]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Etta James [951]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 30, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

OCTOBER

Soulive [646]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Green Day [268]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny G [678]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, October 2, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Seal: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, October 5, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Average White Band [459]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Caldwell [629]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club: Brick by Brick, Friday, October 7, 1130 Buenos Avenue, San Diego. 619-275-5483 or 619-220-8497.

.38 Special [105]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, October 7, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Buddy Jewel: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, October 7, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380 or 619-220-8497.

Ricky Skaggs: California Center for the Arts, Friday, October 7, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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The Young Dubliners: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 8, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Women: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island

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Santana [566]: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, October 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Jesse Cook: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 13, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Daniela Mercury: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island

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Aimee Mann [446]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, October 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Drive Love Drive: The Casbah
Dropjoy: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge
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Thicker Than Thieves [200]: 'Canes
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Between the Buried & Me: Epicentre
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Buckley's Ghost [435]: Hot Monkey Love Cafe
Carol Ann: The Jumping Turtle
The Rip Carson Trio: Tio Leo's Lounge
Christopher Cash: Hot Monkey Love Cafe
Chang Ba: Belly Up Tavern
The Citizen Band: Humphrey's, Blind Melons
The Classic Struggle: The Jumping Turtle
Cold Shower: The Kraken
Daily Dose: Squid Joe's
Divided by Zero: Blind Melons
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D.P.I.: Blind Melons, Brick By Brick
The Dukes of Haggard: Brick By Brick
EJP: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
El Nada: Blind Melons
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
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Kelly: The Jumping Turtle
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Sweet Tea: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

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Archie Thompson: Po Pazzo Bar & Grille

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The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar & American Grill

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Patrick Yankall: Humphrey's

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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

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Skanic [743]: Belly Up Tavern

Split Finger: 'Canes

The Stone Senses: Squid Joe's

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Tippa Lee: Winstons

Tribal Seeds: World Beat Center

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

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Shoestring Strap: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, Squid Joe's, Winstons

Two-Lane Highway: Don's Cocktail Lounge

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ACOUSTIC / FOLK

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Amanda Chapman: Belly Up Tavern

Chris & Harold: Blarney Stone Pub

Trevor Davis: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Kim DiVincenzo: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Mary Dolan [859]: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Jim Earp: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

A friend convinced me to go see the **Brian Jonestown Massacre** play at a dark, smelly bar in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, sometime around 1996. We were expecting a neo-psychedelic electric-guitar onslaught, but instead we got an acoustic set with a weird vibe. The musicians seemed unaware that anyone else was in the room with them. A funny-looking guy wandered around the bar, shaking a tambourine and smoking a cigarette. The story going around was that the band had been busted for drugs and had sold all its amps in order to pay for their way back home to California. After seeing the award-winning film *Dig!* last year, I figured that the show I

saw must have been part of the disastrous tour documented in the movie. But with this band, it really could have been another tour and another disaster.

BJM leader **Anton Newcombe** disavows *Dig!*, saying that the filmmakers concentrated on the "Jerry Springer-esque" aspects of his story and points out how editing decisions distorted the real picture. Fair enough. But the filmmakers certainly didn't invent the many scenes of Newcombe physically attacking his bandmates or members of the audience. A two-CD retrospective released last year says it all in the liner notes: "Anything can happen at a Brian Jonestown Massacre show. And usually does."

Newcombe long ago joined that class of rockers whose appeal is similar to that of a car accident, and his audience will grow tremendously as more people see the *Dig!*



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Jackson & Sven [852]: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

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The Blue Aces: Redfields Lounge & Bistro

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The Blues Gypsies: Patrick's II

The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken

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 Monday, August 15

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 Monday, August 22

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Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop
Crash Carter [991]: The Calypso Cafe

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant
Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado
Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss Restaurant
Julio y Ramon: Tropicoso
John Kaizan Neptune: Dizzy's
Mat Kearney: Belly Up Tavern
Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss Restaurant
La Preferida: Sevilla
Langer & the Leprechaun: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)
Robert Lanuza: Po Pazzo Bar & Grille
Los Ingratoz: Over the Border
Blue Merle: Belly Up Tavern
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Kristi Murray: La Scala
New Direction: Red Fox Steakhouse
Masayo Norikura: Dizzy's
Reiko Obata: Dizzy's
Faith Page [989]: The Westgate Hotel
Kyle Riabko: Belly Up Tavern
Kristi Rickert [998]: Top of the Cove
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The David Shard Duo: Red Fox Steakhouse
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Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Notorious: Sundays, 6 a.m. to 1 a.m., breaks and house. Bacchus House, 3054 University Avenue, North Park. 619-299-2032.

Club NV: Wednesdays, reggae/dancehall, reggaeton, and hip-hop/R&B with DJs Winston-T and Regg-J. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue, College Area. 619-582-6730.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, NF Velo, and Sailorgloom. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-517-2030.

Flying Bridge: Third Saturday of the month, house, breaks, and hip-hop with DJs SR-71, D-niall, and Dan Gorp. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1105 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Thursdays, college DJs spin breaks, house, and club remixes. Fridays, hip-hop and R&B with DJ Billy Blast. Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggaeton. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Fridays, funk, down-tempo, and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stuffy spins hip-hop, reggae, and Latin. Fridays, Club Fandango, DJs Tito G, Lucho, and Chilaquil spin hip-hop, reggaeton, and salsa. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, R&B, and retro. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, hip-hop, Fridays and Saturdays, house. Sundays, Sunday Night Shakedown with DJs Jersan and Beatnik. Tuesdays, Step, house music with DJ Red Sonya. Wednesdays, Relax, '70s and '80s funk. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Solo Para Mujeres: Wednesdays, reggaeton, rock en Español, and hip-hop. 8 p.m. Baja Club, 1060 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-425-2512.

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SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section. Upcoming concerts, DJ events, or performances that are not at a club should be directed to 619-235-3000, ext. 261; e-mailed to sellis@nethere.com; or faxed to 619-881-2401.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Blue Merle*, Kyle Riabko, and Mat Kearney. Friday, 9 p.m., *Arrested Development* and *the LaTanya Lockett Band*, rock. Saturday, '80s music. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Half Pint*, *Dubcat*, and *Skanic*, reggae/ska. Tuesday, *Chang Ba*, the Buick Wilson Band, and Amanda Chapman, rock. Wednesday, *Joe Firstman*, *Tony Luca*, and *Gregory Page*, acoustic/rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Jim Earp*, acoustic.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Crash Carter*, rock. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae. Sunday, *Middle Earth*. Monday, *Three Deuces*. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Tres Sapos*.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Jackson 3*, rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Three Legged Dog*, rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Restless Natives*, rock/blues/reggae. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *the Fabulous Asthmatics*, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Billy Thompson*, rock/blues. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Blue Largo*, blues/jazz, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Peter Sprague*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock.

Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Performances are on the patio. Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Blue Largo*, jazz/blues. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to

9:30 p.m., *the Billy Watson Trio*, blues/jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Misty & the Mobys*, classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *the Fryday Band*, rock.

The Hidden Door Tavern, 13258 Poway Road, Poway. 858-486-1917. Friday, 9 p.m., *Rockstreet*, rock/blues.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/heavy rock unless otherwise noted. Friday, *E-race*, *Malachi Crunch*, and guests. Saturday, *Far From Home*, *Kelly*, *Shining Through*, *Beneath the Lies*, *Dismissed*, *Loud Residence*, and *Redstone Arsenal*. Sunday, 6 p.m., *the Midas Touch*, *Carol Ann*, *Damcyan*, and *Alienation*. Monday, *Through the Eyes of the Dead*, *the Classic Struggle*, and *This Moment*. Wednesday, *Next Morning*.

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Album name: *Ready, Able, and Unstable* (2005)

Artist: The Hillstreet Stranglers

Label: Brain Constipation Records

Songs: 1) Dead by Christmas 2) Aimless 3) Arrogant American 4) Debbie 5) Jesus Doesn't Care 6) Buttface 7) Mars 8) No Neck 9) Darby Crash 10) Killing Time 11) I Don't Know Why 12) Sociopath 13) Honda Hatchback 14) W.E.B.

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Names of band members: Dick Strangler (bass, vocals), Weaver (guitar, vocals), Rob Garr (drums)

Extra info: The Hillstreet Stranglers play Brick by Brick (1130 Buenos Ave.) on Sunday, August 14, at 7 p.m. 21 and up; at Scolari's Office (3936 30th St.) on Friday, September 2, at 9 p.m. 21 and up. Free.

Website: www.myspace.com/hillstreetstranglers

According to one of the band's posted blogs on myspace.com, this punk-rock trio formed in 2000 after a night spent drinking together in a gutter.

The Oceanside rockers shine on their third album of forceful, hardcore punk.

"Dead by Christmas" launches the album with enough driving electric guitars

and bass to border on over-the-top. The Hillstreet Stranglers pay homage to the Clash, the Dead Kennedys, the Damned, and the Circle Jerks, with kickin' riffs that have been adopted, if not mimicked, from their predecessors. A lot of the shredding guitars and ostentatious riffs make for some forgettable material, but the energy that propels the riotous instrumentals has a genuine quality throughout.

Backed by a heavy grunge sound in "Aimless," front man Dick Strangler squeals, "So I'll sit and reflect / while I smoke my cigarette / won't you remember to forget / when to take a second shot...should I give up all of this?" These, the song's only lines, are about as random as the melody line propelling them, but I guess that's what high-energy punk rock with no regrets is about.

"No Neck," "Darby Crash," and "Sociopath" are all marked



The Hillstreet Stranglers

by a mixture of aggression and tumultuous guitar chords. The melodies are all disjunct, spastic, and intense. This randomness inspires a need to find continuity in the 14 cuts, but, alas, there is none to be found. Still, the band's confrontational hardcore punk/glam rock/sleaze metal is worth a listen.

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MUSIC ► country, rock, alternative, hip-hop, dance

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CLIENTELE ► all ages until 9 p.m., 21 and up after; 40 percent Caucasian, 40 percent Latino, 20 percent African-American; an equal mix of men and women; 25 percent of the crowd were bikers from two different groups

COVER ► none

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ACCESS ► (from San Diego) I-8 east, exit Dunbar and U-turn onto Old Highway 80 and drive westbound a few miles; parking lot holds 25 cars; at the end of the night, a shuttle bus took people home
DRESS ► casual; everyone had jeans, a few polo shirts, and lots of T-shirts ("Big Betty Crew," "Skin," "Nike," "FSI," "Smokin' Joe's," "Harley-Davidson")

DANCE FLOOR ► 100' by 75'

BATHROOMS ► men's had one urinal and one stall; women's had two stalls; both had one sink, liquid soap, and paper towels; both clean

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CAPACITY ► 102 in dining area, 135 dancing, 80 on outdoor patio

SPECIAL AREAS ► outdoor patio (which can be used for private parties) is covered and has lots of space with a TV, heating lamps, BBQ, and horseshoe pits; music audible from outside

FURNISHINGS ► ATM, two TVs, pay phone, a smaller bar set up near the dance floor; two video games, huge disco ball and lots of colored lights over the dance floor, three ceiling fans, neon beer signs and mirrors, a few signs that offer assistance to wheelchair people, huge West Coast Choppers sign, 20 seats at bar, eight spacious tables
DECIBEL LEVEL ► 120 when DJ played a song by Ludacris
QUOTABLE ► "Every club plays that song now since it was used in *Hitch*, but do we have to hear it twice?"

This place has been here for over 30 years. Most people drive by it on their way to the casinos. During the day, families that live in the town of Flinn Springs come here for the

food. At night, it's a hip nightclub. The DJ played contemporary hip-hop tunes, the crowd was young and could dance, and the music was louder than any place I've been to in years.

Most of the bikers were cool and stayed away from the dance floor. A tall biker asked my friend to dance, and when she declined, he got rude. He later bumped into my friend; he seemed to be looking for a fight. You find those types in most clubs. I saw a few police officers inside the place, and when we all left at 2:00 a.m., there were four sheriff's cars in the parking lot. A shuttle bus picked up some people as motorcycles roared out of the lot. A few people pretended to fight, and the one drunk person I saw got a ride from his buddy, who seemed sober.

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— Josh Board

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In the early 1950s, the day-long road trip between Tijuana and Ensenada offered little in the way of stopping points aside from the Rosarito Beach Hotel and La Fonda. That was before a handful of fishermen from Jalisco's Lake Chapala decided to seek their fortune on the Baja coast, where they discovered a small cove south of Rosarito with fish and spiny lobsters aplenty. A roadside billboard advertising Newport cigarettes marked the spot, so the village that grew up there came to be called Newport. Over time, the name evolved into its Spanish translation, Puerto Nuevo, though there's no port at that spot under any name. (I did find a smelly beach.)

Fisherman Juan Ortega and his wife Petra saw an opportunity that was potentially more profitable than selling raw seafood. They and several neighbors decided to open their homes to hungry travelers motoring to Ensenada. The weekend crowds, looking for cheap feasts of local lobsters, soon grew so large that the sellers built restaurants to accommodate them. The town was nicknamed "Lobster Village" and grew to include today's 50-odd eateries. Not all the lobsters are local now, as demand far outstrips supply.

The Ortegas begat ten sons, who (at last count) begat five restaurants in Puerto Nuevo and two more in Rosarito. Their youngest son, Juan Carlos Ortega, owns 13-year-old Ortega's Patio in Lobster Village. Today, he lives in downtown San Diego. When he got the idea to open the first Ortega's north of the border, he asked his friend and neighbor, John Castro Haugland, to come in as co-owner. John — a ten-year veteran San Diego cop — was happy to oblige. "It's a huge switch," he says, "and I love it! Sure, the hours are long, but compared to the stress of being out in the streets — everything life and death?"

The restaurant occupies a corner building (a former clothing store called the Closet) across the street from Hamburger Mary's. The colorful



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interior shows off a peaked pine-beam ceiling, a kitchen visible behind a partial-glass partition, Spanish-style lamps and chairs (most made of wrought iron with straw seats, but some of leather-over-lath), and tables covered with brown Kraft paper. To my surprise, when my partner and I walked through the door, we espied restaurant-posse members Sam, Cheryl, and Sheila just being seated. We joined them. Another publication had recently named Ortega's to its annual "Best" list, so I guess we'd all turned into foodie-lemmings dashing en masse to the latest hot destination.

Cheryl, Sheila, and I ordered pomegranate margaritas (\$10), the house specialty drink. It tastes zesty and — uh — healthy, dominated by the pom. Sam offered us a sip of his almond margarita (\$9), a subtle, sexy cocktail. I never imagined that almond liqueur would go so well with tequila. The pours are generous, but our waiter seemed absentminded when it came to bringing menus, silverware, plates, and water for my partner and me, as though he couldn't adapt

to his trio growing into a quintet. In time, all the requisites arrived but the cutlery, so when the first round of food landed, we stole two sets of silverware from a vacant table.

For guacamole made tableside, the waiter brought a mixing bowl, roasted garlic, and table salsa at the bottom. He added a halved avocado and mashed with the back of a spoon, squirting in the juice from half a grilled lime. "Why do you cook the lime?" asked Sheila. "Grilling draws out the flavor," he answered. Then he pulled out his magic pouch of dry spices and folded them in. The result tasted homey but flat. Fresh cilantro was notably absent. And onion. And tomato.

Did I mention that a major ingredient for the guacamole was the house salsa? It didn't contribute any of the missing flavors. It's not spicy, or tomatoey, or remotely interesting, tasting mainly of sourness and not-so-hot dried chilies. If you need a lively sauce to spice up a dish, you're out of luck. At the Original Ortega's in Puerto Nuevo (the only other Ortega's where I've eaten),

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Baja-style Mexican cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, including spiny lobster. Margaritas and tequila shots, domestic and Mexican beers, brief all-California wine list at standard markups (250 percent retail), mainly from popular bottlers, most available by the glass.

PICK HITS: Fish ceviche; whole lobster; Kobe beef *bistek*; almond margarita.

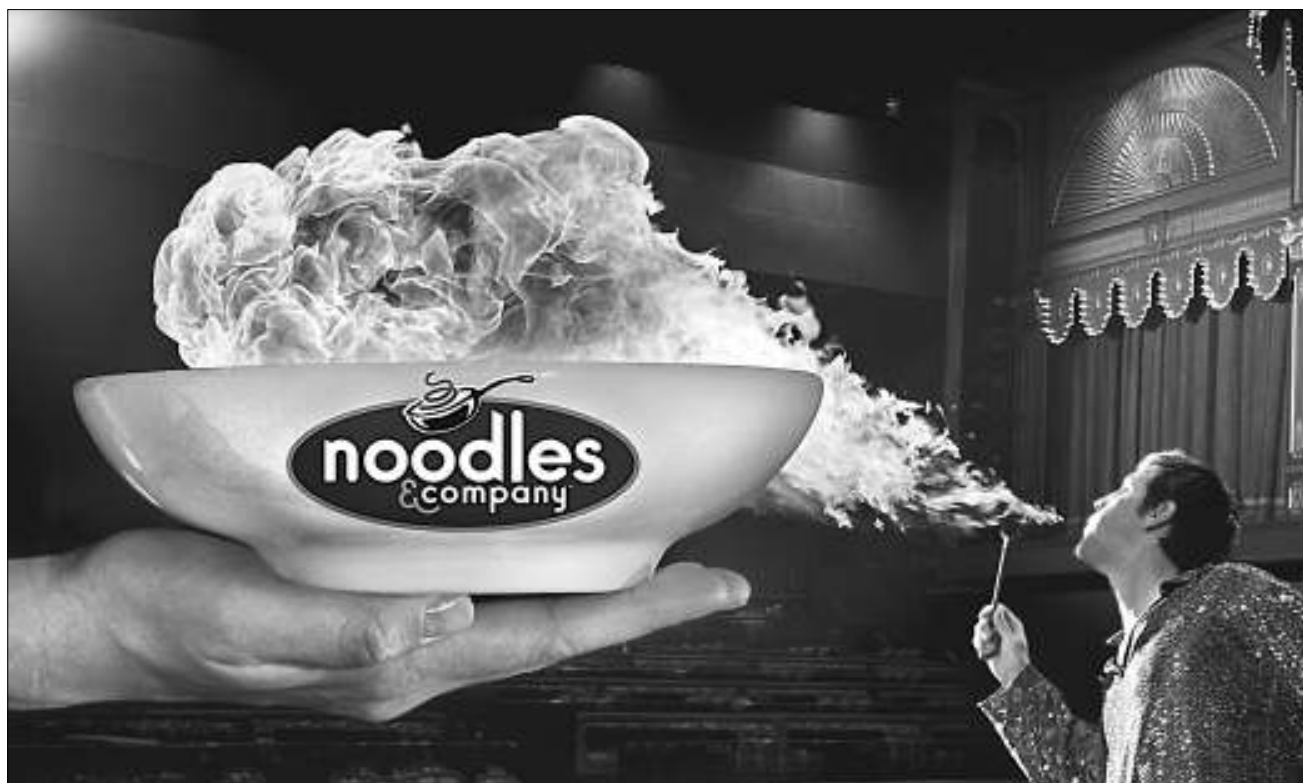
NEED TO KNOW: Reservations recommended for weekends. Free parking in small lot in front of the restaurant. Informal atmosphere. No lard used. A few vegetarian dishes.

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they serve two house salsas — one similar to the San Diego version, the other a fresh-chopped *pico de gallo*. For that matter, the table here lacked even the bottled hot sauces found in the funkier local taquerias. Given the chance, I'd have used one.

The menu includes several ceviches, which are served atop deep-fried squares of house-made flour tortillas. (At Original Ortega's in P.N., the ceviche is piled atop a hollowed pineapple half.) The fish ceviche is the most authentic, boasting green-olive slices and a tangy marinade. The crab ceviche (and the shrimp, which Sam had tasted on a previous visit) is less authentic, because the crab is precooked and can't absorb a marinade. Yet the dish is breezy, if not briny, with sweet crabmeat piled high and crowned with a tangle of julienned jicama, cucumber, carrot, and mul-



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ticoloredbell peppers.

The Caesar salad isn't a Caesar, but it's refreshing, with chopped Romaine, avocado slices, Parmesan shreds, and a light lime vinaigrette. In contrast, a black bean and pumpkin soup is thick, rich, and heavy, a fine dish for a cold winter night. We tried it on a sweltering summer evening, so it's lucky we ordered a cup, not a bowl — five of us barely got through half.

As in Puerto Nuevo, almost everything is cooked on the grill. For his entrée, Sam opted for a "small plate" consisting of two grilled pork tacos with a side of beans. The house-made corn tortillas are the size of the miniature soft-shelled *taquitos* served in quartets at all the "berto's" taquerias around town. Ortega's choice of fillings includes steak, cheese, shrimp, free-range chicken breast, mushrooms (portobello plus *huitlacoche*, a.k.a. "corn smut") or Sam's pick: pork in red chile adobo. That brought a skimpy array of diced grilled pork napped in tangy red sauce and topped with raw red-cabbage julienne. It had a nice nip to it but nothing

to get excited about. "I think the shrimp taco Mary Jo had last time was better," said Sam. "The adobo isn't bad, but it would be better with more pork."

Sheila and my partner both ordered lobsters — hefty 1½-pounders, decently priced at \$23 each. These are steamed, halved, and then grilled, just as they do them at Ortega's Patio. (This is a healthy improvement to the typical Baja version, wherein huge numbers of lobsters are split, deep-fried in lard, then refrigerated until somebody orders one — at which point the lobster is grilled. When business is slow, this may occur some days after the initial larding.)

The lobster meat proved sweet and tender. *Not* having that lardy taste was a giant step up. Local spinies, however, are out of season until September, so the current crustaceans are purchased frozen, probably air-shipped from the Caribbean. They taste a few shades less vivid than fresh-caught, but handily beat the specimens at Rockin' Baja (see below).

My Kobe beef *bistek* turned out to be a skirt steak, a hard-working muscle that holds up the belly of the beast. Kobe or not, this cut isn't likely to be super-tender. The steak is grilled whole and sliced for serving,

topped sparsely with diced mushrooms and beads of precious *huitlacoche*. It came rare, as ordered — a real rarity when eating in Mexico, where "well done and then some" is more usual. The meat was chewy, with a beefy flavor, but if the menu hadn't said "Kobe," we'd never have guessed. Sam sampled a strip. "When I was here before," he said, "the steak was better." "Maybe they're cooking it on higher heat," my partner suggested. "Or it could be the effect of the second pomegranate margarita I had last time," Sam said.

Cheryl's grilled beef filet *palitos* (skewers) claimed no pedigree, and I had to agree: This was one lean beast. Cooked medium to Cheryl's order, the cubes were a hard chew, although livened with a slick of red chile *ajo* (garlic) sauce. "This could use more sauce," Cheryl said. The other two entrées, which we didn't try, are grilled mahi mahi in a roasted tomato "Veracruzian" sauce and grilled free-range chicken breast in green *pipian* sauce.

"Charro"-style pinto beans — *frijoles*, not refries — and red rice come with all entrées. The partly mashed beans, topped with a swirl of Mexican farmer cheese, were much as I remembered their cousins at the Original Ortega's, faintly sour,

with a bitter aftertaste. (I didn't like them there, either.) The rice is routine *taqueria* grade.

The dessert list was unexpected: Unlike the menu at every single restaurant on the Baja Peninsula, Ortega's doesn't serve flan — for which I rejoice. A *tres leches* cake resembles a Twinkie on steroids, with a strong condensed milk flavor to the custard. The alternative is a tall, airy chocolate layer cake with light chocolate frosting, plated on a pool of heavily sugared raspberry syrup. Both are decent but intensely sweet.

Despite small differences, a meal here is generally the same as eating at an Ortega's in Puerto Nuevo, but the lobster is actually better than most served in Lobster Village — and you don't have to drive 60 miles to taste it

ORTEGA'S VS. ROCKIN' BAJA LOBSTER

Before Ortega's opened, San Diego already had its own homegrown Baja-style lobster houses, the Rockin' Baja Lobster group. My friends couldn't tell me much about the lobsters served there. "I went once and all I remember is drinking a lot," Cheryl said. As perhaps the last remaining Rockin' virgin in San Diego, I decided I had to see how it compared

with newcomer Ortega's.

Rockin' Baja restaurants are franchises, so they're not identical. Shunning the rude and raucous Gaslamp location, and skipping the long drive to the original in Bonita, I headed for Old Town, where the restaurant is larger, quieter (at least in early evening), and offers free weeknight parking.

There were a lot of things I liked, starting with the spacious indoor-outdoor dining room, its handsome stone waterfall overrun by little brown birds. (The decor may be a deliberate imitation of Rosarito's charming El Nido restaurant.) I loved the salsa bar, which offers six varieties — every one vivid with flavor — plus hot-pickled carrots and a central ziggurat of a mysterious coral mousse. This tempting mound, made of sweetened whipped butter flecked with pimientos, was tragically delicious. I wanted to gobble a cupful, not merely an identifying teaspoon's worth.

My partner and I enjoyed the savory refried beans — and even respected the red rice. And we were glad to find an appetizer sampler plate offering calamari, wings, lobster taquitos, guacamole and chips, plus two tasty dips — thin, white, and dilly, and a thick, coral-colored Louis variation. But second thoughts arrived after first bites. The sampler

items were savory but unconscionably salty. Their job is to rouse a desperate thirst: One bite is worth two beers. I gulped down two pricey specialty margaritas (about \$9 each) in no time. (Significantly, one of the signature "Baja Buckets" is a bucket of beer — a six-pack for the price of five singles. It's also telling that when our waitress returned on her rounds, she asked, "Re-fills?" before "Is everything all right?") The margaritas are a sweet-and-sour mix over a heap of ice, with a minimal quantity of tequila. Shaken or stirred, they're meant to be guzzled, not sipped.

Rockin' Baja cooks spiny lobster two ways. Their Puerto Nuevo style is split, fried in lard, and lightly grilled. Then there's steamed, non-grilled lobster, its cut surfaces sprinkled with a chili powder like Gebhart's. We tried both, and they were equally tough, dry, and unsavory. As we gnawed, we detected an off-taste — probably freezer burn from too long a wait in the walk-in. Worse, a wormlike gray tube of crustacean intestine was disgustingly visible in one of the steamed halves.

The atmosphere is cool, and on weekends it's probably rocking. The food is palatable if you don't mind the salt OD. But Rockin' Baja's lobsters? Never — *nunca mas* — again! ■

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"You'll get the back of mine if you don't vamoose," she says. I'm sitting on her hospital bed here in Coronado. It's a week since she fell and broke her right leg and her right arm. A nurse appears at the door with two hefty assistants.

"Ready for your bed-bath?"

"Go, go, eat, eat," Carla tells me. "See you in a couple of hours."

She knows I need it — her appetite's returned. Goodbye to free hospital meals for me. So here I am heading for the ferry landing at First Street. Figure I'll take the boat back to the mainland and find some cheap chow. It's around 6:20, a sunny, breezy evening. I pass all these flash eateries. Packed. Perfect guys and their perfect babes, plates underloaded with spots of food in the middle, cobwebs of gunk squirted over the empty bits. Great business plan! Art disguises the fact that you've just paid thirty clams for, like, a two-gulp meal.

I see the ferry tooting towards the jetty. Crowd of folks waits at the barrier. I quicken my pace.

Then I see this guy. Bill. I remember him. He used to cook at the "Night and Day," Coronado's one true 24-hour greasy spoon. He's also an ex-

Navy chief. He's sitting at a white plastic table in front of the Coronado Ferry Company shop, where you buy the ferry tickets.

"I come every evening," he says. "There's a group of us. Have coffee from the coffee cart over there. A couple of retired chiefs, an admiral, a colonel, and a whole lot of others. We talk. We've got all the answers to the world's problems, right here."

He laughs. I see the coffee cart over his shoulder. It's under a tree. "Kaffeen's," says the sign.

"Any place to get a meal for under 200 bucks?" I ask.

"Heck yes," says Bill. "Right behind you. Go for the fish. Dave Ghio's the owner, and he's related to the Anthony's Fish Grotto folks. So you know he knows fish."

The place is a wooden box with a pointed roof on a kind of island, a wide walkway, really, between two duck ponds. "Deli by the Bay." I mean, okay. We're in touristland here. Art shops selling paintings of oh-so-cute dolphins and crashing waves. Rock shops, Scottish tartans, bike rentals. The usual waterfront suspects.

But, ooh. Can't argue with the \$3.99 omelets they have advertised on the wall inside, including bacon and cheese. I pop up to the counter, which is practically open-air. "Breakfast still on?" I ask. The guys there, Geoff and Rod, shake their heads. They stopped serving breakfast at one. Bummer.

"So what do most people eat this time of day?" "Sandwiches," Dave says. "Hot dogs, corn dogs too — but mostly fish and chips."

The menu lists the fish and chips, jumbo shrimp and chips, and clams and chips. Problem: they're all \$8.99. Just a bit over my head. But there's also a fish sandwich for \$4.49, a crispy chicken sandwich for \$3.75. Shrimp or tuna salad for \$5.49, and a bunch of standard sandwiches with, like, turkey, roast beef, or egg salad, for \$4.49. Or a jumbo dog for \$3.25.

I ask about the fish and chips. "It's Pacific cod," says Geoff. "We bread it ourselves, with flour, garlic, and bread crumbs." Oh, what the heck. I place my order.

Ten minutes later, Rod calls out, "Ed!?" and I go collect my polystyrene box. I open it up. Wow. Big pile of wide-cut steak fries, four pieces of fish, coleslaw, little cup of tartar sauce, and a wedge of lemon. I grab some salt, shake bottled vinegar over everything, and go looking for a table with a view of the bay. 'Cause by now, my ferry's good and gawn. I'll be eating on the island.

"Over here," calls Bill. I sit down with his group, Hank, Anne, and Ruth. Marco and Marilynn come up from Mexico every day just to hang out with their buddies here.

"It's all because of Kaffeen's," says Hank, an-

other retired chief. "Been coming for ten years, rain or shine. Winters, I bring a portable heater."

Hans Gunder, who started Kaffeen's, is a bandleader who gets bands and groups over to the island on weekends to "practice." This gang was drawn by those free concerts under what they call "Kaffeen's tree."

Plus — and I like this — they all pitch in to feed the feral cats who live in the bushes.

But as I chomp down, it's the setting that knocks me out. The harbor mellows, grows bluer. Sky grows bigger. Lights twinkle across the bay. A growling tug hauls an awesome ocean-going barge out toward the harbor entrance. Yachts, rockin' party boats, glide by. Weirdly, across the water, on the mainland, a concert's starting up, loud and clear: "Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to a very special night on the bay with our special guest..."

My fish? Nice. Light and unfishy. Flavorwise, the tartar sauce and vinegar definitely help. I go grab a coffee (\$1.50) from Sarah at Kaffeen's, and I think of Carla, imprisoned in bed, so close to this little paradise.

She's all washed and buffed when I get back. "How was it?" she asks.

"This Coronado," I say. "I could warm to it. If only it didn't cost an arm and a...uh...leg." ■

The Place: Deli by the Bay, 1201 First Street, at the ferry landing, Coronado, 619-437-1006

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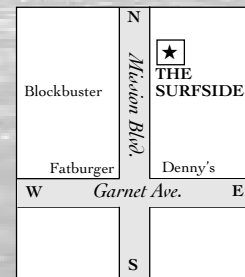
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“put a great dream aside.” It began with his abandonment of *terroir*, and it is violence against *terroir* — against the things that make a particular wine particular — that sends his friend Clark Smith to hell.

“I think reverse osmosis tries to change the character of a wine — certainly, the character of a vintage. I think it deforms the wine in a significant way. The question is, what do you want your wines to be? If you believe in *terroir*, if you believe in appellation, if you believe in vintage, you want to produce wines that are true to those things. If those things are not important to you, then why not do reverse osmosis? But then, you’re not really producing an artisanal wine anymore; you’re producing

more of an industrial product.”

Of course, industrial doesn’t always mean bad; in some cases, it can mean delicious. “Maybe you can sell your industrial product for \$70 a bottle as they do at Leoville Las Cases. I don’t know if I have the palate to say, ‘This wine should be this way, but it’s been made to be this other way by reverse osmosis.’” But even if Graham can’t tell, he knows it is not the way he will find salvation.

What is the way? “I’m looking for something very different. The things that inspire me? There are some truly crazy, crazy people out there. You’ve got Jasko Gravner in Friuli making strange, strange wines. You’ve got a guy in the Loire named Claude Courtois who is producing very strange, weird wines without SO₂” — a standard-use preservative. “Some of them are fantastic, and they’re from obscure grape varieties. You’ve got my friend Phillippe Viret in Cote

du Rhone who is practicing something called cosmoculture, using stone beacons in his vineyard to redirect the various cosmic forces that flow through it. And he’s using virtually no SO₂ and producing extraordinary wines.”

We have returned, it seems, to Graham’s concern at the poem’s beginning — with what he will leave behind. Only now, it has been coupled with the dream of *terroir*, with the dream of vinous greatness untainted by commercial concerns. “I think great wines inspire people in a profound way — at least, they inspire me in a profound way. If I could do something that is truly unusual and extraordinary and unprecedented that could possibly lead other people to think along the same lines...” Why, that would be *Paradiso*. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Bistro Soleil 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. The fare here is French but not too “Frenchy,” in the sunny Provençal style that seems closer to Italy than Paris, with more olive oil than butter, more tomatoes than truffles. Owned by Claude Barre, a surfing fanatic transplanted from the Atlantic beach town of Biarritz, the bistro recreates the laid-back atmosphere of its cousins overseas. Naturally, the Gallic comfort food here is more free-form and California-fied than you’d find in southern France. Highlights of the seasonally changing menu include classic poached *foie gras*, an unconventional but tasty bouillabaisse, and, when available, a luscious mushroom cream soup. Save room for the ethereal fruit desserts. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays; reserve on summer weekends. Upper moderate. — *N.W.* (8/03)

Bubby’s Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The “gourmet sandwiches” really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that’s your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

Fidel’s Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It’s not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel’s menu — but who gives a flyin’ fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it’s gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchilada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely *à la carte* chicken burrito, you’re going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you’re set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *S.M.* (12/03)

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables

are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — *N.W.* (11/01)

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: “Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar” in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O’side’s past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* (“Greek eggs”), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that’s French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there’s no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled “Nouvelle Italian Cuisine,” resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically “northern Italian” bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest’s Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud in-

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side. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *my popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. For breakfast, they carry *sfogliatelle*, light, moist, faintly lemony multilayered breakfast pastries. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W. (8/03)

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NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas

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and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for rest rooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — *N.W. (10/04)*

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station.

You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

GOLD COAST

Arterra Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bittersweet tangerine soufflé pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Barone's Trattoria Del Mare 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Nino Barone, owner and chef, has got the Italian restaurant business finessed to near perfection. The taste of his gnocchi or his *tortellini al gorgonzola* is worth ditching your diet for. Outdoor dining offers daytime ocean viewing, while indoor guests enjoy soft-hued decor with linens and fresh flowers. The welcoming staff allow the customer space and linger-time while remaining available. Nino prepares everything in-house: the crusty Italian bread, the pastas and their companion sauces, the veal, seafood, and chicken

dishes, and the irresistible cannoli. The wine list is generous yet modestly priced and, surprise, it's purely Italian. This off-the-beaten-track Italian restaurant may be one of the most delectable secrets in North County and it won't put a crunch on your entertainment budget. Lunch is a real deal, with soup or salad and dessert included in the price. Open nightly for dinner; call for lunch schedule. Moderate. — *S.M. (4/04)*

Red Tractor's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tractor's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tractor's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — *S.M. (3/04)*

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème friche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — *S.M. (4/04)*

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato and Gorgonzola pizza with bacon. (Potato with pizza? It works.) Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Cafe Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, Aventura complex, La Jolla,

858-450-3355. This hopping "meet market" literally overflows with the area's beautiful go-getters on Thursday and Friday nights, and is almost as busy the rest of the week, too. What draws the crowd, besides the crowd itself, is the smashing decor, breezy patio, and beautiful-looking plates of Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best (if you can get to it through the mob). Keep an eye on the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Valet parking (or free validated parking in lower-level garage). Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

La Jolla Cantina 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. *Huevos rancheros* (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and *machaca* (*carne asada*, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high ad-

venture, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

P.F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futomaki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for

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instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 858-456-1138. — *N.W. (11/04)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties

(e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDon-

ald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscotting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (4/99)*

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kim-

chee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

THE BEACHES

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious omelets, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however,

may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

Go Greek Cafe and Grill 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The *taramasalata* (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, *saganaki* for additional starters; fine homey moussaka and grilled fish are among the entrées (but

gyros are ordinary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Belly dancing Friday nights. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; sporadically on Sunday. Low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday

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RESTAURANTS

through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky water-side pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Thee Bungalow 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *manh're's*, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups

is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — N.W. (11/00)

CENTRAL
SAN DIEGO

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *muez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

El Morelense 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelo-style cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish), *caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Island Spice 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At

lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/01)

Mailo's Cafe 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo's is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo's cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and

two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

EAST COUNTY &
COLLEGE AREA

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, mous-saka, *dolmades*. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grapeleaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork

also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and but-tery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M. (7/01)

Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cuisine 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include *prik pow* beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), *panang curry*, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to glug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of

King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mus-saman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/04)

Shmoozers Kosher Dairy Restaurant 6366 El Cajon Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felafel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting filets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers — local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale,

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and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and Bud — aren't exactly chug-suds.) Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour with cut-price beer, etc., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — A.M. (4/02)

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squash bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

The Mount Signal Cafe 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

The Abbey Cafe 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosci-

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Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-tables create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunches Tuesday through Friday; dinners nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

California Cuisine 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a prepon-

derance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffnagel's outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *panterella*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne's incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations are open seven days, three meals, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/05)*

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red

beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. No red meat is served, and numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is every-

one's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

Region 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. Two of our best young chefs — Michael Stebner and Allyson Colwell — are creating inventive, daily-changing menus inspired by superb seasonal ingredients from local farms and artisans. The decor is rustic and the style is "pure and simple" to showcase the intense flavors of wild-caught fish and naturally raised meats and produce. Don't miss the house-made cheeses and brilliantly unconventional desserts. You can order à la carte, or a whole table can share a well-priced "trust the chef" tasting dinner drawn mainly from the evening's menu, with an optional matching wine-flight. An adventurous wine list at reasonable markups adds to the fun and the bartender offers inventive cocktails. Reservations urged, especially for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift available (ask bartender). Can be noisy, banquettes are quietest. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. High moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are half price at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

DOWNTOWN

A La Carte on Sixth Avenue 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Assaggio 835 Fourth Avenue (near F Street, between the two Bandars), Gaslamp, 619-234-6538. Sit on the sidewalk patio and you'll feel like you're in Italy at this authentic Italian trattoria, which started out as a bakery and evolved into a full-scale eatery. Soups and pastas are usually wonderful (try the *penne ubriache*); however, entrées are more pedestrian and seafood isn't a strong suit. Every meal here has a happy ending: the delightful desserts are made in-house and baked fresh daily. Match them with some of the best espresso in the city (even the decaf tastes the way coffee smells) and you've got the perfect spot for capping your evening after the movies or show. Narrow wheelchair access to rest room. Beer and wine. Brunch/lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday until 11 p.m. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), downtown, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. The menu claims "New York Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style take-out? Way better than at the 99-cent joints, soups are based on sturdy peasant stock (Chinese mother style) and the sound sauces are made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. But don't look for fresh-picked veggies, too — it's Brooklyn, Jake. Chef Chen's menu includes Mandarin, Szechuan and Cantonese favorites, with a page of multi-regional "Chef's Specialties (#90-#107). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805. Open for lunch and dinner daily (except Saturdays) until 10 p.m. Entrées mostly \$7 to \$10. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Chowtown Chinese Buffet 1041 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-3389. Looking for Gaslamp swank? You're on the wrong side of the tracks here — meaning you're north, not south, of Broadway. On the other hand, you won't leave hungry. Tai Thanh Le Le has been into All-U-Can-Eats since 1982 and runs a tight ship. He and his wife Lien Hong are Chinese-Vietnamese and escaped Saigon in 1975. Mr. Le usually has around 30 items on display including BBQ pork in black bean sauce, vegetable chop suey, curried chicken, garlic fried shrimp, egg fried rice, salad, fruit, and ice cream. Lunch and dinner prices include soda or tea. Take the endless pots of Chinese tea. Open lunch through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

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Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W. (12/01)*

McCormick & Schmick's Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. This ever-expanding chain from the Pacific Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. At this branch, the chef is Brian Johnston (formerly of Star of the Sea), but most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties — which are pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily, in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is

printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team's in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails. Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring greasy Cantonese-American fried classics, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly until 11 p.m.; weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Old World Restaurant 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueren" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut,

potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy décor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m., to midnight on weekends. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist on weekends), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the "Sicilian steak." But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner daily until 11 p.m. weeknights and 1 a.m. weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

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El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity.

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The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Flamingo Cafe 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there's always a "Sundowner" special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's

world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got

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kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (9/00)

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining

across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (7/01)

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *a la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/02)

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machuca de*

venado (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — *N.W.* (4/03)

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu re-frames the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (1/02)

La Espadana Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-

smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadañas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.* (11/04)

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1737. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a much shorter menu (no venison) and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — *N.W.* (4/03)

Mercado Sobre Ruedas From the toll road, take first Rosarito exit. At third traffic light, turn left and then take immediate right into Colonia Lucio Blanco. Don't miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (*borrego*) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (*birria de chivo*) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-

Kones (don't worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — *N.W.* (4/03)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is mesquite-broiled with no sauces and no special preparations but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of two side dishes. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M.* (3/04)

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — *N.W.* (9/01)

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555

Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "*Il fornaio*" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bistecchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. *Pizza puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B.* (1/02)

oggi's At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambience (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (7/04)

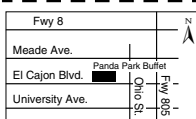
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Thanksgiving in August. The titular quartet of *Four Brothers*, all adopted, all acknowledged “fuck-ups,” are of two races, evenly divided, black and white, and reunited for the Turkey Day funeral of their sainted mother, murdered in the course of a liquor-store holdup. “I didn’t come back here for the funeral,” explains the Mark Wahlberg one, making clear right off the bat that this is to be a tale of revenge, a pursuit undertaken with a singular lack of strategy and diplomacy. (Key investigative tools: a gallon of gasoline and a cigarette lighter.) The Detroit setting opens the skies to a storm of Motown — Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, The Four Tops — and the time of year opens them additionally to as much snow as in the relocated remake of *Assault on Precinct 13*, even to the point of engulfing the white-crowned Paramount mountain in the opening logo. Only the number of these brothers, along with their reverence for their departed mother, would give grounds for calling this (as some people are) a remake of *The Sons of Katie Elder*, a John Wayne shoot-’em-up from the Paramount vault. Insufficient grounds, in my judgment,

REVIEW

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though to brand it an urban Western is fair enough. Major assets, let’s count them, are multiple: unselfconscious and unselfcongratulatory racial togetherness (to get the redeeming social merit out of the way first); a hurtling pace, albeit a bit lurching, leaping, and bumping; crisp photography; tangy dialogue (“You don’t pay a whore to fuck you. You pay her to leave”); hellacious action, slickly staged by director John Singleton, most particularly the siege of the family home by ski-masked machine gunners, a sort of pocket edition of the aforementioned *Assault on Precinct 13*; and a vigorous villain, played against type by Chiwetel Ejiofor (the sweetly sympathetic figure of *Dirty Pretty Things* and *Melinda Melinda*, every bit as sharp a turnaround as Jeffrey Wright’s villain in Singleton’s *Shaft*), who acquits himself well in the climactic mano-a-mano on the ice, bouncing on his toes in the float-like-a-butterfly style of Muhammad Ali. Bully he may be; chicken he isn’t. On the other side of the scales, causing momentary teeters here and there, would be the air of utter unreality, such that the cops will be content to cart away the bodies in the street without even checking



Four Brothers

to see the survivors’ gun permits. “Self-defense” is the on-the-spot assessment, a ruling in compliance with the hurtling pace.

The Aristocrats, a talking-heads film directed by Paul Provenza, rounds up a herd of well-known and less-known comedians to tell and to analyze an old gray blue joke, the punch line of

which is the film’s title. (Alternate and not-as-good punch lines: the Sophisticates, the Debonairs.) The joke, which I’m sure I’d never heard before, seems to be something of a private joke among comedians, seldom told in public out of common decency. It has an unassailable structure, a solid beginning and end, and a lot of room in the

middle for extended jazzlike improvisation, often on motifs of incest, bestiality, bodily waste. The set form allows the audience reasonably to gauge who goes “too far,” which turns out to be less a question of taste than a question of comprehension, a question of intelligence. Howie Mandel and Bob Saget step up as the top competitors

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for the worst — most uncomprehending, least intelligent — rendition, with Saget getting the edge by laughing repeatedly at his own idiocy. George Carlin makes the most sensible contributions as an analyst. And Kevin Pollak earns perhaps the biggest laughs, or anyway the most guiltless laughs, with a totally irrelevant impression of Christopher Walken. Other jokes, not all of them blue, some of them variations on or inversions of the central joke, get told as well. The central one, as much as it's a dirty joke, is also a dated joke, a quaint joke, smelling of the musty trunk of vaudeville, dulled a bit by the liberated heirs of Lenny Bruce. Taboos today are in short supply. Yet — in what appears to have been the inspiration for the film — the joke got revived and revitalized in the post-9/11 gloom, when a defiant Gilbert Gottfried chose to tell it for a televised Friars Club roast of Hugh Hefner, finding a new or a forgotten meaning in it. "Inspiration," in that context, is not too lofty a word.

Gottfried's rendition, plucked from the archives, emerges as hands-down the best and bravest. Overlong for the task at hand, stretched out at a few ticks under ninety minutes, ghastly to look at, the film nonetheless meets the mandate of a documentary in the most fundamental sense. It documents.

King of the Corner, a low-key, life-sized little indie adapted from Gerald Shapiro's *Bad Jews and Other Stories*, marks the feature directing debut of Peter Riegert, the likable leading man (if more often a supporting man) of such cherishables as *Local Hero* and *Crossing Delancey*. He is the leading man here as well, and still likable, as a too-nice travelling pitchman ("Why do I have to be the prick? I don't want to be the prick"), showing the ropes to a young corporate backstabber while test-marketing a telephone voice-transformer for making timorous old ladies sound like Gregory Peck. In his home life, he has to contend with a prodding Italian wife (well, Isabella Rossellini, anyway), a typical handful of a teenage daughter (Ashley Johnson), and a shrinking father in a wheelchair out in Arizona (Eli Wallach: "Another six months, I'll be the size of a peanut"). The protagonist goes a bit off the rails

after running into the object of his old high-school crush (Beverly D'Angelo), and takes the film with him. An off-the-cuff funeral oration gets him, and it, back on track.

Last Days details Gus Van Sant's imagining of the demise of a pseudonymous Seattle grunge rocker much like Kurt Cobain (a barely-there impersonation by Michael Pitt), already far advanced into madness at the start of the film, mumbling incoherently, dressing up in a slip, dragging a shotgun around with him, leaving the milk on the counter while putting the Cocoa Rice Krispies in the fridge. Not a lot happens. A Yellow Pages salesman comes calling; later a couple of evangelists from the Latter-Day Saints; later a private eye. Unidentified housemates come and go. He sings a song to himself. He expires off screen. His double-exposure ghost, naked as the day he was born, gets up and leaves his body. The moments linger, drag on, go nowhere. As in *Elephant*, the filmmaker's imagining of Columbine, moments also recur, from other angles, although here with less visual elegance and intricacy. As there, too, any sense of suspense or foreboding in the fictional vacuum must seep in from external fact. And again as

there, little light is shed. Perhaps Van Sant wanted to help us understand the option of suicide by boring us into contemplating it for ourselves.

The Devil's Rejects...mine, too. Tantalized by some favorable critical comment, I got around to the sophomore effort of rocker-turned-filmmaker Rob Zombie a bit late, but sooner than I got around to its fore-runner, *House of 1000 Corpses*, which shall remain ungotten-around-to. (To have said "sophomoric effort" would have veered from fact into flattery.) The further adventures of a yokel family of mass murderers, whose aliases are lifted from Groucho Marx characters, carom between a kind of geeky jokery and a mile-wide mean streak. The writer-director sets his sights low — early Tobe Hooper and Wes Craven would be two of his pet bloodhounds, his pointers — and shoots even lower, with telephoto closeups, spastic camera movement, colorless color, and all-around shoddiness. Looked at in the right light, his success was assured. Next time I'll know better than to look.

The Dukes of Hazzard, broadly speaking a Zombie film without the corpses, is a big-screen transplant of the hayseed TV comedy circa 1980, a

younger cousin of the likes of *Smokey and the Bandit*. There is thus a sort of rough justice in casting the mummified Burt Reynolds, the one-time Bandit, as an odious backwoods bigwig, a greedy pig named Hogg. As a bonus, "multi-platinum singing sensation Jessica Simpson," so identified in the press book, "is making her feature film debut," which now enables me, should the need arise in the next day or two, to pick her out of a police lineup. One early chuckle — an audio autobiography of car racer Al Unser, Jr., as read by Laurence Fishburne — is followed by endless miles of teeth-grinding. The senior directing effort of Jay Chandrasekhar, co-founder of the Broken Lizard comedy troupe, is the first I've seen since his freshman one, *Super Troopers*. I'm getting careless in my defenses. ■

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The African Queen — An abnormally hairy, scratching, apish Bogart and a normally haughty Hepburn appear to thrive and purr and scarcely conceal their delight amid the purported annoyances of the Congo wilderness, of the First World War, and of each other's company. James Agee's script seems somewhat trampled-on, as though it were regarded as no more than a functional performing-platform for the two dazzling stars. Directed by John Huston. 1951.

★★ (GARDEN CABARET, 8/11 THROUGH 14, 8:30 P.M.)

The Aristocrats — Reviewed this issue. With Drew Carey, George Carlin, Whoopi Goldberg, Richard Lewis, Paul Reiser, Jon Stewart, and Robin Williams; directed by Paul Provenza.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/12)

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 re-use 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 selec-

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tion 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. ★★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Bombón el Perro — An unemployed mechanic grooms his new dog as a show dog, directed by Argentinian filmmaker Carlos Sorin, with a cast of nonprofessionals. (HAZARD CENTER 7, 8/12 THROUGH 18)

Broken Flowers — Jim Jarmusch's mainstreamiest film to date has a lot of laughs in it, despite the pretentiousness of the *cinéma d'ennui* pacing and deliberately dissatisfying ending. Laughs are laughs, nonetheless, and once they've 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) who receives an unsigned typewritten letter from a former lover, informing him that he has a nineteen-year-old son bent on tracking him down. At the urging of his mystery-buff 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-emptively, and to smoke out the source of the

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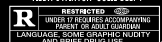


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★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 8/12; HILLCREST

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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 cute-

ness). 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 unsubiding 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 prying impoliteness of the bulbous closeups. David Kelly, Helena Bonham Carter, Noah Taylor, Christopher Lee, Deep Roy. 2005.

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Chicken Run — It would be nice — it would be bliss — if this, at eighty-odd minutes, were three times as good as any of the half-hour Wallace and Gromit shorts issued from the same British claymation studio, Aardman. Things don't work like that. An hour and a half is not a specification of internal necessity; it is a dictate of the market. And a muralist is not by nature an artist more serious and ambitious than a miniaturist. The premise of the film — the repeated escape attempts of a gaggle of hens from their barbed-wire enclosure in the dwindling days before the conversion of Tweedy's Egg Farm into a chicken-pie factory — is ripe enough, reminiscent of *Tight Little Island* in its parody of Finest Hour

heroism. (The stringy old cock called Fowler, garrulous veteran of the RAF, makes the connection clear.) And the sensibility of British understatement has not been stood on its head, and there are a fair share of gags for grownups, as well as one harrowing sequence in which two birds survive a test run through the hellish innards of the automated pie-maker. But stretching the premise to feature length entails a certain overextension, a playing of it for more than it's worth, a degree of corner-cutting, a thinning or scattering of detail, and an indecent exposure of the stock characters in all their unadorned stockness. The stop-motion animation, as compared with the Wallace and Gromit paragon, appears smoother, more seamless, more machine-tooled in its forms and its movements, so that the hens look to have terra-cotta hardbodies and rubber-ducky rictus. For all you can tell, it could indeed almost be computer animation, programmed to simulate claymation. Some of the charm, in any event, has been lost. Some retained. Nick Park, the Wallace and Gromit creator, shares the directing credit with Peter Lord, but it would be unfair to lay the difference at the feet of Lord. The difference is quite precisely an hour. With the voices of Mel Gibson, Julia Sawalha, Miranda Richardson, Jane Horrocks. 2000.

★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; 8/16 AND 17, 10 A.M.)

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 — pale, thin, fragile, a bit wraithlike herself, 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 profounder. With Ariel Gade, John C. Reilly, Pete Postlethwaite, Tim Roth, Dougray Scott; directed by Walter Salles. 2005.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo — Rob Schneider reprises the title role, under the direction of Mike Bigelow.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/12)

The Devil's Rejects — Reviewed this issue. With Sid Haig, Bill Moseley, Sheri Moon, and William Forsythe; written and directed by Rob Zombie.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Dukes of Hazzard — Reviewed this issue. With Johnny Knoxville, Seann William Scott, Jessica Simpson, Burt Reynolds, and Willie Nelson; directed by Jay Chandrasekhar.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Edukators — Three prankster activists advance to serious crime, with Daniel Brühl, directed by Hans Weingartner. (KEN, 8/12 THROUGH 18)

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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Four Brothers — Reviewed this issue. With Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson, André Benjamin, Garrett Hedlund, Terrence Howard, and Chiwetel Ejiofor; directed by John Singleton.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/12)

The Great Raid — Fact-based WWII story, with Benjamin Bratt, James Franco, Connie Nielsen, and Joseph Fiennes, directed by John Dahl.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/12)

Herbie: Fully Loaded — The '63 Volkswagen Bug with a mind of its — er, his — own (also a libido of his own: antenna coming to full alert at the sight of a late-model cab-yellow Beetle) is reclaimed from Crazy Dave's Scrap and Salvage and spruced up for the NASCAR circuit. Inspired 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.
★ (CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA PALOMA, FROM 8/12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18)

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 slapstick, 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.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

King of the Corner — Reviewed this issue. With Peter Riegert, Jake Hoffman, Isabella Rossellini, Eli Wallach, and Rita Moreno; directed by Riegert.
★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/12)

Last Days — Reviewed this issue. With Michael Pitt, Lukas Haas, Asia Argento, and Ricky Jay; written and directed by Gus Van Sant.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/11)

Lila Says — Good local color, notwithstanding the warping wide-angle 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. With Vahina Giocante and Mohammad Khouas. 2004.
★ (KEN, THROUGH 8/11)

Mad Hot Ballroom — Marilyn Agrelo's documentary on New York City fifth-graders who've been channeled into the stay-off-the-streets-and-stay-out-of-trouble activity of competitive ballroom dancing: "I see them turning into these ladies and gentlemen," one teacher manages to say while fighting back tears. We follow three disparate classes (only one of which will make it through to the citywide finals: "I still really don't understand what happened," a dejected curly top buttonholes the emcee at the quarterfinals, after his team falls three points short), and we follow them with an almost parental tunnel vision: we cannot really judge the competition; we have eyes only for "ours." Kids being kids, however, with no pumped-up heroes or villains (beyond a troublesome student named

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Donnie Brasco is a finely layered crime drama starring Johnny Depp as an undercover FBI agent who infiltrates a Mafia gang by way of a low-level wiseguy named Lefty (Al Pacino). Pacino's performance is especially fine and nuanced, a nervous mix of tics and flinches suggesting swagger and paranoia. Depp's characterization is likewise haggard, drawn between crazy crooks, uptight superiors, and a family he cannot tend to.

Iggy and the Stooges: Live in Detroit is a must for anyone interested in seeing the punk rock pioneers flail and grind 40 years past their historical moment. The sound is what you would expect: tuneless, repetitive, blaring, exquisitely obnoxious.

DONNIE BRASCO (USA) 1997, Columbia Tristar
List price: \$29.95

IGGY AND THE STOOGES: LIVE IN DETROIT (USA) 2004, Music Video Distribution
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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 mortal-

DAN KETELHUT

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Dark City is a well-directed story that's ultimately uplifting despite its darkness. The DVD has wonderful commentaries by Roger Ebert, who offers penetrating insights, and director Alex Proyas, who offers more technical information. Amélie is excellent. The shots are fabulous, the direction is wonderful, and it's a great story with quirky touches. The special effects are great, like in the café when Amélie's too paralyzed to talk to the guy she's been waiting for, and she turns into water. The effect is done just right to convey her mood.

The Shawshank Redemption is uplifting. You feel good after watching it. It's pretty flawless and well acted.

DARK CITY (USA) 1998, New Line Home Video
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ity 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

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Kill Bill offers the best marriage of movies and music. There are more wild textures and things going on here than in any other movie.

Ikiru is simply the best film ever — a beautiful story about the salvation of the human soul. Takashi Shimura is stunning. You can have Olivier; I'll take Shimura.

Wings of Desire, with the stunning Solveig Dommartin, offers layered stories about childhood or seeing from a child-like perspective.

Orgazmo is almost porno but light-hearted at the same time, and one funny film. It almost makes its creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker look restrained for South Park.

KILL BILL VOLUMES ONE AND TWO (USA) 2003/2004, Miramax Home Entertainment
List price: \$19.99 each

IKIRU (Japan) 1952, The Criterion Collection
List price: \$39.95

WINGS OF DESIRE (West Germany) 1987, MGM Home Entertainment
List price: \$29.99

ORGAZMO (USA) 1997, Universal
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Jacquet. 2004.
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Mr. and Mrs. Smith — A stargazer’s delight, if, anyway — and it’s a big if — you can take delight in gazing at Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (lips and more lips), worshipfully photographed by Bojan Bazelli, and pamperingly enshrined in an ambience

of pristine showroom opulence. There is space in this firmament for no one else, apart from a small corner for Vince Vaughn and his dimming persona of sociopathic glibness. The two stars play a husband and wife whose passion has gone out of their marriage after “five or six years,” depending on which one you ask. Unbeknownst to either of them, they both happen to be top-level, high-tech assassins for rival espionage agencies, and once this fact becomes known to them they are obliged to turn their sights on each other. If — another big if — the situation may shape up for a while as a darkly comic metaphor on the slow death inherent in the conjugal life, this impression, this hope, cannot survive

their mutual revelation, after several sincere attempts at pre-emptive annihilation, that their love remains strong, that their passion can be rekindled by means of a common enemy, that their romance after all is not darkly comic, but brightly. And if — a final big if — filmmaker Doug Liman (*Swingers, Go*, to start with) can be seen to have come through *The Bourne Identity* with his “promise” unbroken — the promise of a filmmaker with, or on, an edge — he here undergoes a harder whack on the chisel. 2005.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Murderball — 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. Co-directed by Henry Alex Rubin and Dana Adam Shapiro. 2005.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Must Love Dogs — Hen-party atmosphere for a romantic comedy wherein the sisters of an Irish-Catholic divorcee push her into Internet dating to find a replacement. Diane Lane seems too good for the shlicky John Cusack (“You seem very prac-

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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:35) 7:05, 9:45; Sat. (11:15, 1:50) 4:35, 7:05, 9:45; Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:35, 7:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:35) 7:10, 9:45; **Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:30) 5:35, 8:05, 10:20; Sat. (11:20, 1:30, 3:30) 5:35, 8:05, 10:20; Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:30) 5:35, 8:05, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 5:35) 8:05, 10:20; **The Dukes of Hazzard** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 1:15, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:35; Sat. (11:45, 12:00, 2:10, 2:30) 4:40, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 9:50, 10:35; Sun. (11:45, 12:00, 2:10, 2:30) 4:40, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 1:15, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30) 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:55) 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:55, 5:15) 7:50, 10:10; **The Great Raid** (R) Fri. (12:25, 3:30) 7:20, 10:30; Sat. (11:00, 1:55) 4:55, 7:50, 10:40; Sun. (11:00, 1:55) 4:55, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:30) 7:20, 10:15; **The Island** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30) 4:35, 7:35, 10:25; Sat. (11:25, 2:15) 5:05, 7:55, 10:45; Sun. (11:25, 2:15) 5:15, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 4:10) 7:05, 10:05; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (1:20, 3:20) 5:15, 7:25, 9:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 1:35, 3:35) 5:30, 7:25, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:20, 5:20) 7:25, 9:20; **Mr. and Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:45) 5:40, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. (11:10, 1:45) 4:20, 7:20, 10:25; Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:55) 7:00, 9:35; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:35) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:10) 7:30, 9:55; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:25) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; **Sky High** (PG) Fri. (12:45, 3:10) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:10, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10) 4:25, 7:10, 10:10; Sat. (11:05, 1:40) 4:25, 7:10, 10:10; Sun. (11:05, 1:40) 4:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:25) 7:05, 9:50; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:50) 7:35, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:50, 7:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:50) 7:40, 10:15

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Bad News Bears (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:40, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:15, 9:55; **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00; **Cinderella Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 6:40, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:55) 6:50, 9:45; **Dark Water** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:00) 7:40, 10:15; **Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 1:30, 2:35, 3:40) 4:45, 5:50, 7:00, 8:00, 9:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:35, 3:40, 4:45, 5:50) 7:00, 8:00, 9:05, 10:05; **The Devil’s Rejects** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:30) 5:55, 8:15, 10:40; Sun. (12:55, 3:30) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:55) 8:15, 10:30; **The Dukes of Hazzard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 1:15, 2:05, 3:00) 4:05, 4:55, 5:25, 6:35, 7:20, 8:05, 9:00, 9:50, 10:30; Sun. (12:15, 1:15, 2:05, 3:00) 4:05, 4:55, 5:25, 6:35, 7:20, 8:05, 9:00, 9:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 2:05, 3:00, 4:05, 4:55, 5:25) 6:35, 7:20, 8:05, 9:00, 9:50, 10:20; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 5:05, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:05) 7:30, 10:10;

The Island (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 6:45, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 6:45, 9:40; **Rize** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:45, 3:50) 6:15, 8:20, 10:25; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 1:50, 3:10) 4:30, 5:35, 7:10, 8:10, 9:35, 10:35; Sun. (12:35, 1:50, 3:10) 4:30, 5:35, 7:10, 8:10, 9:35, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:10, 4:30, 5:35) 7:10, 8:10, 9:35, 10:25

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Aly & AJ (NCM Event) Tue. (4:00); **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:10) 7:20, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:10, 7:20, 10:25; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 4:10) 7:20, 10:25; **Crash** (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:10) 6:45; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri. (12:35, 1:05, 3:20, 4:05) 6:35, 7:00, 9:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 1:05, 3:20) 4:05, 6:35, 7:00, 9:15, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (12:35, 1:05, 3:20, 4:05) 6:35, 7:00, 9:15, 9:45; **The Great Raid** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 3:05) 6:50, 10:00; **Hustle and Flow** (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:20) 7:15, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (1:20, 4:20) 7:15, 10:15; **Madagascar** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:15, 4:45); Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:15) 4:45; Mon.-Tue. (12:05, 2:15, 4:45); **Mr. and Mrs. Smith** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 7:05, 9:55; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 3:00, 3:50, 5:30) 7:55, 9:20, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 3:00, 3:50) 7:55, 9:20, 10:20; Mon.-Tue. (12:20, 3:00, 3:50, 5:30) 7:55, 9:20, 10:20; **Sky High** (PG) Fri. (1:15, 4:15) 6:50, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 6:50, 9:25; Mon.-Tue. (1:15, 4:15) 6:50, 9:25; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:10, 3:40) 7:00, 10:10; Tue. (12:10) 7:00, 10:10; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 3:30) 6:30, 9:30; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:45, 3:45) 6:40, 9:40; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri. (12:00, 1:00, 3:10, 4:05) 7:10, 7:45, 10:05, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 3:10) 4:05, 7:10, 7:45, 10:05, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. (12:00, 1:00, 3:10, 4:05) 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 the Worlds

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; **King of the Corner** (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; **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.-Tue. (2:10, 4:35) 9:45; Wed.-Thu. (2:10, 4:35) 7:20, 9:45; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:10, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:10, 9:25

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
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; Mr. and Mrs. Smith

Mann Hazard 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)
Bombon - El Perro (Not Rated) Fri. (12:20, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30; Sat.-Tue. (12:20, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30; Wed.-Thu. 12:20, 2:30, 4:50,

7:10, 9:30; **Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 5:00) 7:30, 9:50; **The Dukes of Hazzard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:30) 6:40, 9:20; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:20, 10:10; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:40) 6:30, 9:10; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:00) 6:50, 9:40; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00, 10:00

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. Smith

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25, 10:00; Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:55) 7:25; **Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45, 9:50; Sun. (1:15, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:35, 5:40) 7:45; **The Dukes of Hazzard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 4:50, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 4:50) 7:15; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:05) 7:35; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:30) 8:00; **Hustle and Flow** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:10; Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:25) 7:50

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Edukators (R) Fri. (4:10) 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (4:10) 7:00, 9:50

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Some Like It Hot, Thursday through Sunday

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Aristocrats (Not Rated) Fri. (2:20, 4:10, 4:50) 7:40, 9:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:20, 4:10, 4:50, 7:40, 9:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:10, 4:50) 7:40, 9:20, 10:00; **Broken Flowers** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; **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.-Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20, 9:30; **Murderball** (R) Fri. (1:40) 7:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 1:40, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 7:10; **Secuestro Express** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:30) 7:30, 9:50

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Africa: The Serengeti (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Everest** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **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; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; 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

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 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.-Tue. (10:45, 1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **Charlie and the Chocolate 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.-Tue. (10:30, 1:25, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10; **Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20; Mon.-Tue. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; **The Devil’s Rejects** (R) Fri.-Tue. 7:05, 9:45; **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; **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.-Tue. (10:40, 1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:05, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25) 7:05, 9:45; **The Great Raid** (R) Fri. (10:35, 1:35, 4:35) 7:35, 10:35; Mon.-Tue. (10:35, 1:35, 4:35) 7:35, 10:35; **Herbie: Fully Loaded** (G) Fri. (11:05, 1:45, 4:25); Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:25; Mon.-Tue. (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.-Tue. (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.-Tue. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:20, 9:30; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 2:00, 4:30) 7:05, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 4:30, 7:05, 9:30; Mon.-Tue. (11:25, 2:00, 4:30) 7:05, 9:30; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05; **Sky High** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 8:00, 10:40; Mon.-Tue. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40; **Stealth** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:55) 4:50, 7:45, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 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) 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.-Tue. (10:30, 1:25, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) Fri. (1:45) 4:45, 7:40, 10:35; Sat. (11:00, 1:45) 4:45, 7:40, 10:35; Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:45, 7:40, 10:20; Mon. (11:05, 1:45, 4:45) 7:40, 10:20; Tue.-Thu. (1:45, 4:45) 7:40, 10:20; **Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:35; Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:35; Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **The Dukes of Hazzard** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:25; Mon. (11:40, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:25; Tue.-Thu. (2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:25; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri. (2:40) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. (11:50, 2:40) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. (11:50, 2:40) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon. (11:50, 2:40, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30; Tue.-Thu. (2:40, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30; **The Great Raid** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:50) 7:05, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 7:05, 10:05; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri. (2:50) 5:15, 7:55, 10:20; Sat. (12:00, 2:50) 5:15, 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, 2:50) 5:15, 7:55, 10:15; Mon. (12:00, 2:50, 5:15) 7:55, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (2:50, 5:15) 7:55, 10:15; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:05; Sat. (11:15, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:05; Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Mon. (11:15, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:00; Tue. (1:50, 4:40

Calendar

MOVIES

ticed 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 date-from-hell auditioners. Too good, really, for the movie in toto. With Elizabeth Perkins, Christopher Plummer, and Stockard Channing; directed by Gary David Goldberg. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 to *Scenes 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 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, THROUGH 8/11)

Secuestro Express — Venezuelan kidnap drama with Mía Maestro, Jean Paul Leroux, and Rubén Blades, written and directed by Jonathan Jakubowicz. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/12)

The Skeleton Key — Dilapidated mansion in the bayou. Walls without mirrors. A secret room in the attic. Strange hoodoo rites. Long-ago deaths by violence. It's all there but the magic. Southern Gothic hysterics with no involvement. Kate Hudson, Gena Rowlands, John Hurt, Peter Sarsgaard; directed by Iain Softley. 2005.

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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 Sidekick course of study, otherwise known as Hero Support, while awaiting a manifestation 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.

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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-eyed 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 conception 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.

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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 "sleepers" 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. 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 comedy, hitting all the expected spots at all 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 self-written 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 political families will pepper her dinner-party 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.

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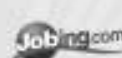
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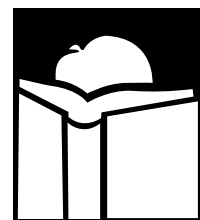
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Abby Lange

Ocean Beach

Student

I get seasick; I could never live on a boat. They're not my thing. I'd give it a day, then I'd be overboard. If I were with a hot guy, maybe I could be away from land for a month. If there were no hot guy, then I'd give it about a day. Matt Damon could come with me. We could stay on the boat for longer; he might be giving me a ring by the time we're off the boat. I don't want a shark to jump onboard; you never know...there could be an athletic one who could jump high.




Antonio Connes

Grocery store clerk

Normal Heights

My grandparents had a boat; the longest I've been on a boat is a day. Last time we tried to go around Point Loma, my aunt got sick, and we had to turn around and head back. As for me, if I were on a yacht or something, I could go out for a month. I would need plenty of good food, good music, and good company. I wouldn't need a phone or cable. The ideal time would probably be two weeks. Four people would be the optimal number of people, including me. If I were by myself, I could relax and spend a couple weeks by myself.




Tom Schoe

Candymaker

College Area

Probably not too long...I'd say maybe a week. I don't like the water. I was on a houseboat for about a week one time. After that week, I was ready to go back on land. I was either on the houseboat or out on skis for that week. It can become a little claustrophobic...and the waves. I was with friends out in the middle of nowhere, and it was pretty much drunken debauchery. I mean, what else is there to do when you're on a houseboat: you drink. There was no TV, but there was loud music and a Jacuzzi on top of the boat. Any longer than a week and I would have probably gone crazy. I definitely couldn't retire on a houseboat; I like hard land. I don't even think I could go on a cruise.




Andrew Pinner

Student

Hillcrest

I was on a cruise for about a week, and I kept getting sick. The problem was, there was a hurricane off the coast. Ever since then, I get nauseous on boats. Before then, I got sick every time I went on a boat. I thought that, since I was older, it wouldn't affect me as much. I thought a couple drinks would help, and it did for about an hour. I was just over the side of the boat the entire time, leaving stains on it. I'm from Canada; I don't belong on boats. Most of the water up in Canada is frozen...and we only use those dogsled things to get around.




Spencer Boyle

Student

College Area

I imagine that I could go out on a boat for about a year. For that year, I'd still want something that would keep me in touch with what's going on with the world. I'd want my girlfriend to go on the boat with me, but I don't know if she'd want to be out on a boat for a year. She likes to shop, and you can't fit a shopping mall on a boat too well. Maybe we could work out some mail order where she could order stuff online and it could be airlifted to the boat. But, really, both me and my girlfriend are workaholics, so if we were on a boat for a year, we'd end up getting involved with some sort of trade, speaking pidgin English and building some kind of empire like [in the movie] *Waterworld*.



Elizabeth Orrell

Student

Serra Mesa

I could go out for about a day because I get seasick; it wouldn't be fun. The last time I went out on a boat, it was whale-watching. Dramamine helps a little, but I think drinking would make it more difficult. I didn't actually yack when I was on the boat, but felt like [vomiting] the entire time. If I were on the boat for a long time, I'd bring some board games. The game Taboo would be good; I wouldn't bring Twister because you might fall off the boat.

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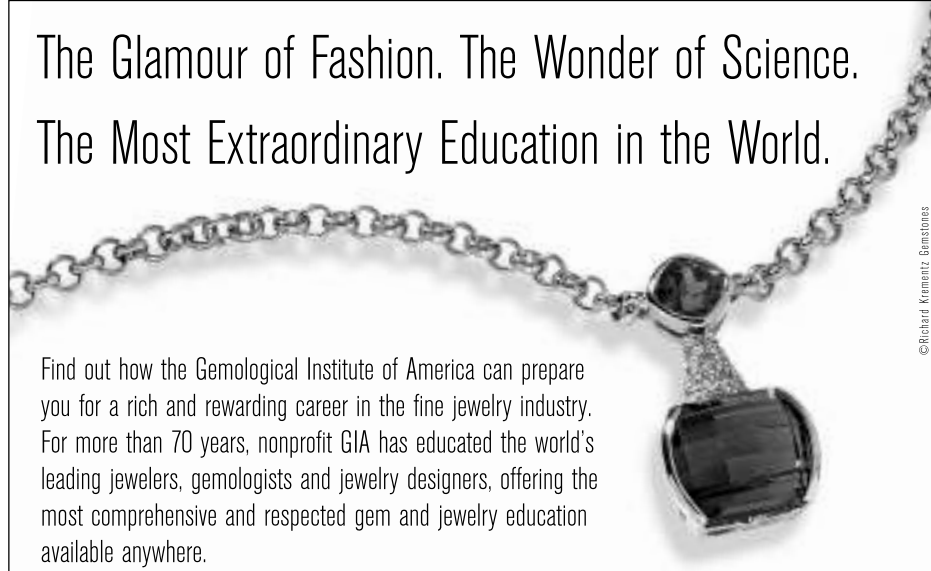
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FREE PSYCHIC HEALING/Lecture Clinic. Free readings for new visitors. Mondays, 7:30pm, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 1/2/06 by Vessa's Clairvoyant Program students. 4305 Gesner #200. 858-509-7582.

HERPES/HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS. (HSV/HPV) Support group. Accurate medical information and support. Recorded message. 619-491-1194. www.SanDiegoCityHELP.org.

HGS. Eleven months and one day ago, I never believed that the past eleven months could happen. TYS. Michale. IRDLY 24/7/365.

IF YOU ARE A WOMAN, age 18-55, who has suffered a traumatic event, which has led to repeated painful memories, ongoing irritability, anxiety or depression, then please contact a UCSD research team seeking to find out how these symptoms, along with a study drug, and their treatment may affect how your brain works. This is an 8-week study, all visits, treatment and care will be free and you will receive up to \$200 for participation. For more information, please call Hai Thuy (Hi-Twee) at 858-534-9442.

JIM, formerly worked at the Hotel del Coronado, please contact Stacia. roeslers@aol.com.

JOE, formerly on Rancho Hills Drive in Paradise Hills, attended Bell Junior High, please contact Staci or Carol, roeslers@aol.com.

KRISTI FROM CHICAGO, where are you? Kristi, lived in South Chicagoland around 1983, 41, married doctor living in San Diego? Blonde, attractive. Old friend, www.dw2000forpres.com.

MEDITATION. Free classes Tuesdays, 7pm, Wednesday mornings, 7am; Thursdays, 7:30pm, Saturday mornings, 11:30am. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. www.dharmacenter.com or 858-616-6308.

MENOPAUSE HOT FLASHES? UCSD is conducting research study for women ages 50-75, healthy (not smoking or using HRT) experiencing hot flashes. Evaluation plus 6 overnight stays are required. 619-543-5575.

MOVIE BUFFS. Interested in watching movies then discussing it afterwards, like book clubs? Ages 25 to mature welcome. 858-272-8727 or 619-850-6075.

OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE Anonymous 12-step group for people with OCD. Mondays, 6-7pm, Department of Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans Street, Mission Room, San Diego. Free. Information, 619-757-6603.

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PARENTS, FAMILIES and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Help, support, and understanding. Meetings

monthly in Hillcrest. www.pflag.com or call for details, 619-579-7640.

PREGNANT? AVAILABLE TO TAKE PART in a paid clinical study? PrecisionMed is seeking healthy Caucasian volunteers between the ages of 20 and 45, who are at least 7 weeks pregnant and who would like to participate in a research study. The objective of this research is to identify simpler ways of evaluating the well-being of the unborn child. This study involves no medication or treatment and requires only one short (30-45 minute) visit to our offices. There will also be a very brief post-natal follow-up telephone call to participants. As compensation for participating, volunteers will receive \$100 at the time of the office visit. For further information and to check if you qualify, please call Stacy Brady at 858-847-0111 or you can e-mail her at stacybrady@precisionmed.com.

PROBLEMS TORMENTING you? Relationship setbacks, addiction, anxiety, stress, pain, falling apart. Impact your life with spiritual solutions. 858-272-3246.

RECOVERY GROUPS for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/co-dependency. Fridays, 7pm. Celebrate Recovery, First Lutheran, 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444.

SAN DIEGO WOMEN'S Sailing Academy is accepting applications for Fall sailing season. Trips planned include numerous evening bay sailing trips, Coronado Islands, Catalina. E-mail sandiegowomenssailingacademy@hotmail.com.

SURVIVORS OF INCEST Anonymous. Free 12-step support groups for men and women molested as children. Call Tim, 619-282-4798; www.slawso.org.

TOUCHED BY ADOPTION? Concerned United Birthparents is a support group for birthparents, adoptees, and adoptive parents. Information at www.CUBirthparents.org or 619-685-7673.

VOLUNTEERS. San Diego's abused/neglected children need you to serve as a Court Appointed Special Advocate. All training provided. Information sessions: Wednesday, 8/31 and 9/21. Voices for Children, 858-569-2019 or visit www.voices4children.com.

VOLUNTEERS. SAY (Social Advocates For Youth) San Diego. Variety of volunteer opportunities: Group Mentoring, Special Events, Office Support, After School Assistant, Childcare. Yvette 858-565-4148 x261.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. English and typing teachers needed Tijuna school, 2005-2006, teach at least 1 day/week for 4 months. Colegio La Esperanza school. christine@americafoundation.net, 619-585-9009.

VOLUNTEERS. UCSD study for pregnant women/new moms. Women 20-45 (not using medication/smoking) needed for sleep and light study. Required: 4 evaluation visits plus 4 overnight hospital stays. 619-543-7393.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. UCSD's Doula Program needs women to help other women during labor. Be a part of this special time and make a difference in women's lives. 619-543-6269.

VOLUNTEERS sought for Obesity Study. Individuals 50 pounds or more overweight are encouraged to inquire. Free counseling and results coaching are offered for a 60-day period for participating in this study. \$2400 value. 858-547-4861.

VOTE FOR MYKE SHELBY for San Diego mayor. Get educated! Vote smart! Study the candidate's views at www.gottavote.org.

WANTED: CRASH TEST VOLUNTEERS for low speed crash tests. Males and females between

NAME This Place



Last week's place: Restaurant hostesses outside House of Blues, 1055 5th Avenue. They stand under the sidewalk overhang preserved from the days when the location was downtown's Woolworths headquarters. (Last week's winners: Gregg G. Simmons, John Orrell, Reed Weigle, Melia Miner, Tina Escobar)

Q: Aztec watering hole?

Describe this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a *Reader* T-shirt. E-mail to NameThisPlace@SanDiegoReader.com; fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to *Reader*, Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)



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BORDERS BOOKS 7/31. First time we joked I was psychic. Then you returned and asked for Destiny. I realized later I missed an opportunity. Doh!

DAVIEBABE SAYS. December 1992, I met you. August 1993, I married you. June 1997, I left you. I was stupid. Still crazy after all these years.

EARTH'S NATURAL resources are thought infinite, like air, and sans repercussions, baboons come, baboons go, replaced with more baboons. God! Mercy! Universal cosmic christos guidelines needful like water onto drought.

GIVE ME LOVE, give me love, give me peace on earth, give me life, make me free as a bird. Pray and work for peace.

NICK K. Hope to hear from you soon. Thinking about you all the time.

SWEETHEART, having our dos done together, apart, was very romantic and is a

harbinger of more romantic things to come. TMC of Carlsbad.

SWEETHEART. Your beautiful brown eyed face and the complete specialness about you live deep inside me. I miss you and I've always loved you. "G."

THANK YOU holy spirit for prayers answered.SP.

MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

FRIENDSHIP. Female seeks platonic friends for visiting nice country music place in Santee. Dancing, conversation, etc. Prefer persons with an adequate amount of free time. (8/17) **T**48620

MATCHES WOMEN SEEKING MEN

ARE YOU OUT THERE? Come hither... Let's not let life pass us by. You're warm and caring, stable and sincere; a one-woman's man, 47+-. (8/17) **T**48108

COOL OFF WITH ME. Blonde hair, blue eyed, good shape. Looking for good-looking guy for fun times, movies, dinner, shopping, etc. Ages 40-50. (8/17) **T**48106

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN, petite, brunette, 50, 5'2", 120lbs., college transcriber, union, sierra, peace, vote, holistic, spiritual, psychology, hike, swim, boat, ski, music, comedy, travel. Clairemont. (8/24) **T**48130

GENUINELY LOVABLE, ATYPICAL, forthright, savvy, positive, childless, eclectic, 5'4", 105lbs. You're intelligent,

communicative, successful, urbane, multi-faceted, protective, unencumbered, monogamous and marriage minded. (8/24) **T**48119

Voted for Kerry

Attractive, socially conscious female in 50s. Looking for physically fit, 50-60, male with similar values for hiking, dancing, romance. Must be unencumbered, monogamous. (8/17) **T**48641

DARK HAIRD, BROWN EYED, lovely, attractive lady, bright mind, spiritual, active in life, beach South Bay, slender, 5'3". You are fit, attractive, spiritual, 47-57, nonsmoker. (8/24) **T**48125

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). (8/24) **T**48126

CHURCH OR CASINO companion male between 29-50 sought by 44-year-old white lady. I'm upbeat, honest, intelligent and fun. I enjoy music, theatre, movies. (8/24) **T**48129

I AM SVELTE, SHAPELY, sassy, smart, sweet, sexy, sporty, venturous, and sometimes silly, even pithy. You are too? I will follow a discerning man over 50! North Coast cutie/for activities, friendship, relationship to commitment. (8/17) **T**48098

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. (8/24) **T**48650

GREAT MIND, BODY, personality. Blonde/green, 5'4", 130lbs., classy, sexy, 55. Seeking great man, 48-60, 5'10"+, nonsmoker, personality, looks, values, humor, mature. Please be serious. (8/24) **T**48124

TALL, SEXY, LIGHT/BROWN hair, green eyes, sultry, sensuous, active woman. Seeking handsome, considerate, educated, adventurous gentleman for romance, quiet dinners in and good times. (8/17) **T**48095

LOVING, CARING, CHARMING Filipina, 47. Looking for neat, honest, professional guy, between 40-48 years for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Let's talk and have fun. (8/24) **T**48121

LATINA, 47, 5'6", attractive, curvaceous, full figure, passionate, outgoing, positive, versatile. Seeking 40-55, tall, honest, hardworking, nonsmoker. Make me laugh the rest of my life. (8/24) **T**48118

ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, classy, sexy, nice legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 42-52, healthy, honest, financially secure nonsmoker, nondrugs for friendship or possible relationship. (8/17) **T**48110

NO GAMES HERE. White female, 32 years, loving, attractive. Seeking white male, 25-45, ready for serious relationship. Love kids, romantic and serious minded a must. (8/17) **T**48093

FUN, FIT, YOUNG, shapely, intelligent, 64, Caucasian, Democrat, walks, arts, nature, dining. You: 57-64, healthy, nonsmoker, compassionate, life-loving, friendship, romance, relationship, San Diego preferred. (8/24) **T**48128

CUBAN FEMALE, 47, SEXY, vibrant, romantic. Seeking gentleman, 43-55, for a serious relationship. Must have a passion for life and love. Let's enjoy life. (8/17) **T**48096

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) **T**48105

BACHELORETTE, CAUCASIAN, 41, never married, no children, genuine, attractive, humble, intelligent, youthful, secure, simple, need similar aged 37-44. Like music, art, beer, barbecue, South Bay. (8/24) **T**48131

BEAUTIFUL, SEXY BLONDE, 43. Highly affectionate, sensual, passionately sweet, easy to spoil and pamper, wants attractive, generous gentleman for romance, travel and adventure. Fun times! (8/24) **T**48123

NORMAL, SANE, SEXY, shapely, funny, blonde, a little wild. In search of down-to-earth male, 55-65, with sense of humor and no sailboat, nonsmoker. (8/24) **T**48133

BEAUTIFUL, CLASSY, Asian lady, shy, honest, 38, 5'7", slim, healthcare professional, homeowner. Seeking handsome, educated, romantic, caring, sensitive

man for monogamous loving relationship. (8/24) **T**48138

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) **T**48112

NORTH COASTAL, HEALTHY, fit, attractive, 52, financially secure, nonsmoker, 5'10", slender. Seeking fun, attractive, tall nonsmoker for dating or more. Motorcycle rider a plus. (8/17) **T**48109

FEMALE, 51, ENJOY camping, fishing, water skiing, walking, reading. Looking for gentleman that likes the same. (8/24) **T**48137

PETITE, LITTLE CUTIE, provocative, witty, fun, warm, heart, very young looking, almost senior. Seeking humorous, intelligent, classy, nice looking, secure, nonsmoking man, golfer a plus. (8/24) **T**48141

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) **T**48102

BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus-size 54-year-old. Love music, coffee, conversations, movies, lots of fun and laughing. Let's meet and see what happens. (8/24) **T**48114

ATTRACTIVE, SMART, SLIM, petite, blonde, real estate agent, 59. Seeking a reasonably fit, interesting guy for good conversation and a glass of wine. (8/17) **T**48101

ATTRACTIVE, SINCERE, sensuous, fun, adventurous, 58. One man Asian woman seeks 60-70, stable, successful, emotionally available good humored gentleman for friendship, companionship, good times, relationship. (8/24) **T**48117

ATTRACTIVE, SLENDER, nonsmoker. Seeking gentleman, 55+, dining, dancing, movies, theatre, walking, hiking. Enjoy the good life together. Prefer slender, fit, active. (8/17) **T**48094

SINGLE MOM, 39, HISPANIC, 5', looking for professional white male, early 40s. No smoking or drugs. Enjoy theatre, walking, movies, conversation. Are you ready? (8/24) **T**48134

ITALIAN, RETIRED, WIDOWED. Seeking male between 68-75, for friendship, companion, travel, dinner, dancing, movies, opera. Must speak Italian or Spanish. (8/17) **T**48100

OUTSIDE THE NINE DOTS? You bet. Passionate about life, living by the water, swimming, Christian, cuddly, elegant, barefoot. Theatre, activist, music. How about you? 50-70. (8/24) **T**48122

ASIAN, VERY PRETTY, classy, sexy, and sweet. Seeking sincere gentleman, financially/emotionally secure, to have a meaningful relationship. 40+, 5'8", nonsmoker please. (8/24) **T**48139

37-YEAR-OLD QUALITY lady, 5'4", 125lbs., brunette/blue eyes and attractive. Seeking physically fit, kind gentleman, 35-47 years, for relationship. Must be presentable. (8/24) **T**48116

SASSY, INTELLIGENT, attractive, proportioned, healthy, black female, 33. Seeking healthy white or Latino male, 21-40, for fun times, great memories. No head games. Serious only! (8/24) **T**48136

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) **T**48103

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) **T**48080

PAMPERED? Wouldn't you love to be? 41, white female seeking long-term relationship. Compassionate, considerate, nurse. You: 35-55, must like kids. (8/17) **T**48107

GODDESS SEEKS WARRIOR! This tall, black, beautiful, intelligent, childless lady: summons strong yet gentle, unencumbered man of substance, diverse interests included. 30-50. No posers! (8/24) **T**48120

FILIPINA, 5'7", 130lbs., loving, faithful, kind, goal-oriented, attractive. Seeking Caucasian, financially/emotionally stable, faithful, kind, generous, thoughtful, loving and committed for long-term relationship. (8/17) **T**48099

PRETTY REDHEAD, great smile, curvaceous, full figure. Seeking romance, affectionate, sense of humor, established, positive attitude, love family, friends, baseball, and fun. Wants relationship, 50+-. (8/17) **T**48097

SPECIAL, SENIOR CAUCASIAN woman. Proud mom and grandmother. Wants to meet tall, Caucasian, 70+, nonsmoker male. Possible friendship, companionship. Let's enjoy San Diego, beyond, etc. (8/24) **T**48127

SEEKING UPSCALE MALE Caucasian, Christian, smart, successful with a good outlook on life. For friendship, dating who is honest and is wanting a lasting relationship. (8/17) **T**48111

INTELLIGENT, ACTIVE, Italian bombshell, 56. Seeking handsome, sense of humor gentleman, for dating and possible long-term companionship. Must be honest, playful and sincere. Hello? (8/17) **T**48113

CLASSY, EUROPEAN, attractive, warm, sensual, fun, energetic, outgoing, spontaneous, adventurous, emotionally/financially secure, romantic, passionate lady. Seeking successful, honest, stable, professional gentleman, 40-50, for romance. (8/24) **T**48135

ACTIVE, OUTGOING LADY seeking sincere, financially secure, 55-65, creative gentleman with great sense of humor. Share interests and enjoy each other's company. (8/24) **T**48132

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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) ☎48104

CAPTURE MY HEART. I have an adventurous spirit that adds a wonderful dimension to the world and a passion for life. 46-1/2 child of God. (8/17) ☎48631

SEXY, LOVING, MATURE older woman sought by tall, white male, 54. I'm warm, loving, caring and very affectionate. Enjoy fun times, quiet times, closeness, intimacy. (8/24) ☎48672

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

ARE THERE ANY BE, DO, HAVE-woman, happy in love and lust with life. Looking for spiritual, peaceful, ex-hippie for adventure, romance, and outdoor activities! (8/17) ☎48626

ADVENTUROUS WORLDLY athletic senior, 60s. Are you bored with the same old routine? Change your life now. Start enjoying it again. Seeking classy lady, 58-70. (8/24) ☎48684

HEALTHY, ROMANTIC, affectionate, monogamous white male, 5'9" tall, 167lbs. Seeking nonsmoking, white female, 56-66, under 136lbs. (8/24) ☎48662

START MY HEART AGAIN. Active widower, 60s, Caucasian, 5'7", 165lbs., well groomed, fit. Like music, cooking, wine.

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Seeking affectionate lady companion, under 65, for dating. (8/17) ☎48653

Herpes! You have it?

Me, too. Let's deal with it together. White, 52, look 45, 195lbs., 5'8". Seeking slender woman for beach, dining, movies, dancing. Possible long-term relationship. Call, let's talk about it. (8/24) ☎48700

CARY GRANT LOOKS! Tall, healthy, widower, affluent, educated, virile, retired, successful business owner! Seeking attractive, slim, affectionate, curvaceous, sexy, special lady, 50-65. Dates, romance, genuine! (8/17) ☎48643

WHITE, 38, 6'. Seeking big beautiful raven-haired retro girl. Must be outspoken, intelligent, fun, obnoxious, sarcastic, sexy. I'm handsome, affectionate, unique, creative, wickedly funny. (8/24) ☎48696

SINCERE, KIND, ATTRACTIVE white female wanted. Christian Science or Lutheran, prefer that is a church musician, artist, songwriter like me. Dating, romance, long-term relationship. (8/24) ☎48676

NO HAWAIIAN SHIRTS, no ponytail, no adult angst! Smart, funny guy, just returned to San Diego. Want to re-explore with fit, attractive, 43-55-year-old woman. (8/17) ☎48634

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

RETIRED LATINO WIDOWER, 58, with herpes. Seeking secure, fit, nonsmoker/nondrinker to share walks, movies, similar interests, 50-60, possible long-term relationship. (8/17) ☎48642

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

TALL, 55, RETIRED, financially secure, homeowner, book lover. Prefer 5'9"+, slender lady, nonsmoker: nature walks, exploring, laughter, stimulating conversations, classical jazz music, spirituality, passion companionship. (8/17) ☎48623

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

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) ☎48657

GENTLEMAN, HONEST, honorable, sincere, fit, trim, presentable, polite, no bad habits, grey/blue. Seeking romantic lady/companion. North County. (8/24) ☎48695

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

GOOD-LOOKING WHITE MALE, 6'3", 230lbs., 43. Looking for attractive passionate lady for dating, relationship, best friends, for good times, travel, dining out, romance, adventures. (8/24) ☎48668

MORNING LADIES, this single white male, mid-40s, 6'4", professional chef seeks native American or Asian, 25-50, for one-on-one only. Beaches, jazz, romantic nights. (8/17) ☎48629

THIS FORM OF communication seems so impersonal, but perhaps a simple phone call will change that. I'm 50s, educated, into cooking, movies, and your interests. (8/24) ☎48677

MID-WEST GENTLEMAN! Tired of California guys? White male, 46, nice looking, successful professional, great personality and sense of humor. Seeking friendship, romance and love. (8/17) ☎48658

GOOD LOOKING, SINCERE, financially secure gentleman, 47. Enjoy outdoors, indoors, dining out, movies, plays, ready to settle down with special lady, 30-40. (8/17) ☎48625

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

YOUNG AT HEART, BODY, mind, 52, 5'8", in shape, very active, travel, sports, bright, successful. Looking to start family with easygoing, now republican, good heart. (8/24) ☎48669

WARM HANDS, WARM HEART. Handsome Encinitas professional/businessman, 53, eclectic, intelligent, communicative. Seeking companionship, relationship with sensuous, articulate, professional, intelligent, independent, egalitarian, fun-loving woman. (8/17) ☎48656

APPEALING TO MY BEAUTIFUL black goddess: this attractive, fit, white male, professional-age 39-waits you, with romance and respect! (8/24) ☎48683

39 AND WANT MARRIAGE BY 40. Handsome, charming, no kids, degreed, caring, romantic. Seeking petite or curvy single female, attractive, emotionally healthy, ready for commitment. (8/17) ☎48644

68, HEALTHY, ACTIVE, good natured, love to travel, movies, cruises, stable finance. No baggage. East County. Looking for a nice lady. (8/24) ☎48687

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, FIT, blue eyes, 51, kind, sensitive, intelligent, sense of humor, good communicator, financially OK, fun. Seeking serious relationship with slender/average shaped woman. (8/24) ☎48699

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

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, walking, nature, fun at home, and more. La Mesa area. (8/24) ☎48691

DOCTOR, CHIROPRACTOR. Handsome, 55 (looks 45), retired, available for loads of adventures, excitement, sensitivity, loving relationship. Beach walks, biking, dining, hiking, stimulating conversation, laughter. 45-55. (8/17) ☎48637

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

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THE READER PUZZLE

by David Levinson Wilk

Across

- 1. Sen. Feingold
- 5. Line at the barbershop?
- 9. Object of a 1960s protest
- 14. Fencing category
- 15. "A Death in the Family" author
- 16. "Now I remember!"
- 17. We're in it right now
- 19. Crazy
- 20. Foolish
- 21. Apia is its capital
- 23. Paradise
- 25. 1979 role for Sally Field
- 30. Address that begins with "http"
- 32. Top ____
- 33. 1957 Johnny Mathis hit
- 39. Let it be, editorially
- 40. R&B group Bell Biv ____
- 41. 2001 Will Smith movie
- 42. Down Under youngsters
- 43. Milk, abroad
- 44. "The End of the Affair" actor, 1999
- 46. 2004 Will Smith movie
- 48. Used a pew
- 49. It includes the cochlea
- 52. E-flat, on a Steinway
- 57. Place with troops, as a journalist
- 59. "Taxi" actress Carol and others
- 60. Michael who won the 1989 French Open
- 64. European airline whose first word is an anagram of each of the last words in this puzzle's themed answers
- 66. Economic leader?
- 67. Negligible
- 68. Digs in twigs
- 69. "That is to say ..."
- 70. "Baseball Tonight" aier
- 71. Lover of Aphrodite

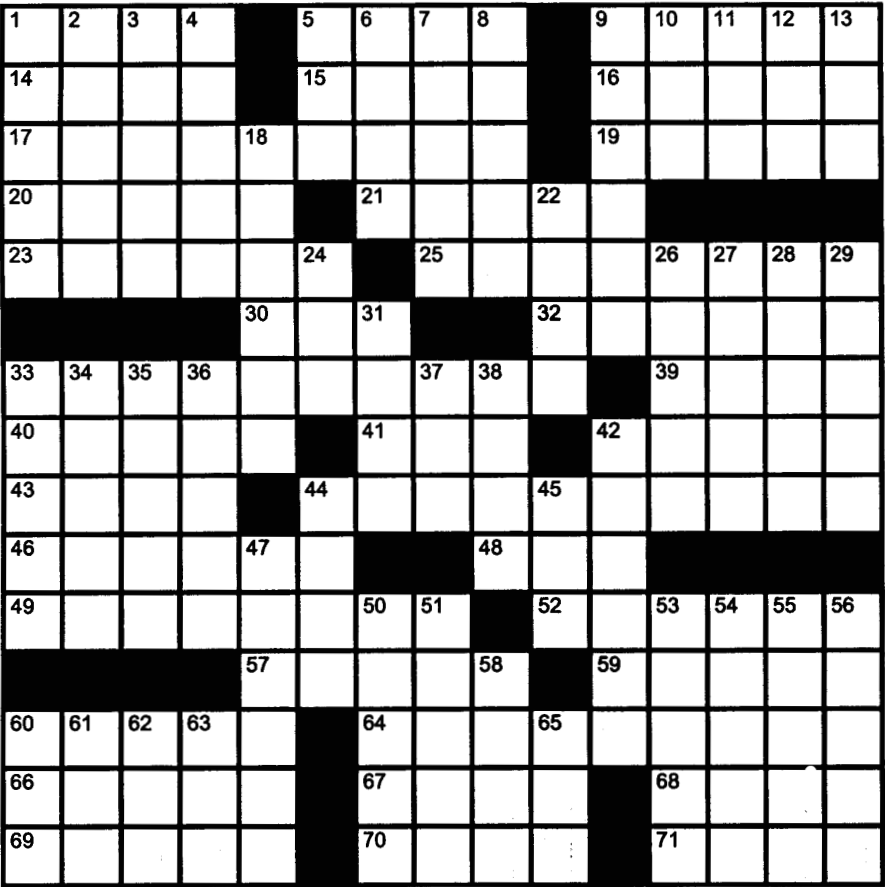
Down

- 1. Dance version of a record, say
- 2. "Once ____ time ..."
- 3. Coupe cousin
- 4. "You look like you've just ____ ghost"
- 5. Give a rotten review to
- 6. Grows up
- 7. Aired again
- 8. Pedro's "I love you"
- 9. Explorer Vasco
- 10. Sigma follows it
- 11. Novelist Rand
- 12. Moroccan topper
- 13. General on a Chinese menu
- 18. Truncate
- 22. "... there ____ square"
- 24. Suffix with press
- 26. Williams of "Happy Days"

- 27. "PG-13" giver, say
- 28. In the blink of ____
- 29. ____ hole in (corrodes)
- 31. Future prosecutor's exam: Abbr.
- 33. 452, in old Rome
- 34. "Sunset Boulevard" Tony winner George
- 35. French plane
- 36. "We will ____ undersold!"
- 37. Pint at a pub
- 38. Tears apart
- 42. Kawasaki watercraft
- 44. Originate (from)
- 45. Ate
- 47. The Beaver State
- 50. Treat like dirt
- 51. Staggers
- 53. Scooby-Doo's co-creator
- 54. Provoke
- 55. Be ecologically minded
- 56. Attention getters
- 58. Insomnia cause, maybe
- 60. Investigative TV drama
- 61. Prefix meaning "same"
- 62. Air hero
- 63. Long on the screen
- 65. Alphabet run

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 8/4/05.

Of the 177 entrants, 163 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Robert Vollmer, La Jolla
- 2. Viet Hoang, San Diego
- 3. Matthew Wilson, Coronado
- 4. Martin Reeder, San Diego
- 5. Archie McAllister, Chula Vista

END YOUR LONELINESS, mine too! I'm a youthful 78, financially secure, nonsmoker, liking RV travel, fishing, home life. Seeking lifetime caring and sharing. (8/17) ☎ 486659

CAPRICORN SENIOR, Point Loma, handsome, fit. Seeking attractive lady to explore outdoors, golf, water, trips, music, movies, unencumbered, trim, huggable, 70 years, with healthy habits. (8/24) ☎ 48671

SINGLE BLACK MALE, 45, looking for friendship first and possible long-term relationship. Humorous, sociable and liberal. (8/24) ☎ 48693

TALL, HAPPY, FIT SENIOR, 52. Seeking warm, attractive, adventurous single lady, desires honesty and a romantically motivated relationship. Enjoy cultural events, beach and nature. (8/24) ☎ 48679

HONEST, FUN, EASYGOING, white male, 40 years old, good looking, real, nothing fake here. 5'7", 175lbs., give it a try! (8/17) ☎ 48635

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) ☎ 48651

SEEKING ASSERTIVE WOMAN. Carries good conversation over coffee. Enjoy art, theater, movies, hiking, music. Attentive, romantic, 49, clean-cut. Open to age with humor, too. (8/24) ☎ 48688

SINGLE BLACK MALE, 40, 6', 195lbs. Enjoy music, reading, adventures. Would like to meet an oriental female, 18-35, for a friendship or more, attractive. (8/24) ☎ 48663

RETIRED SENIOR LADY sought by South Bay gentleman, nonsmoker, for friendship, companionship, travel, cruises, theaters, dinners and all other enjoyable activities together while we may. (8/24) ☎ 48689

57, CAUCASIAN, 5'8", medium built, brown hair, blue eyes, mature, young attitude, spiritual, eclectic, upbeat. Enjoy

music, film, metaphysics, dining out, teacher, author, student, joyful. (8/24) ☎ 48678

WIFE WANTED. Architectural designer, house builder, extroverted, world traveler, aware, huggable, personable, listener, compassionate, intuitive, open, communicative, loves life. You're 37-47. No cats, please. (8/24) ☎ 48685

SENIOR GENTLEMAN, very active, healthy. Allow me to bring a lot of smiles into your life, and happiness. Golden years should be great. (8/24) ☎ 48674

GLOBETROTTING EUROPEAN, 5'9", 180lbs., retired, unencumbered, trim, nonsmoker, nondrinker, educated, trustful, tactful, honest, healthy, hobbyist, art lover, dress to occasions. Seeking matching white lady under 60. (8/24) ☎ 48664

59-YEAR-OLD MAN looking for North County woman with good sense of humor who likes herself and her life, who wants a good man. (8/24) ☎ 48666

ATTRACTIVE CAUCASIAN with tux. Professional, homeowner, financially/emotionally secure. Seeking charming, attractive, Caucasian lady, 50s-60s, with little black dress. Friendship, fun and exciting adventures. (8/24) ☎ 48698

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

WANT GOOD WOMAN to share the good times. 58, bald, but pleasant looking. Want a special partner for outdoor and cultural activity and good conversation. (8/17) ☎ 48636

REASON TO BELIEVE, 54, divorced, white, fit, witty, loving. Seeking extremely athletic, 45-55, lady. Let's work out and see what happens. Long term monogamous deal. (8/24) ☎ 48692

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH, professional, romantic, intelligent, humorous, honest, sincere, passionate, athletic, traveler, nonsmoker, nondrinker, 5'6", 150lbs., bald top. You're the needle in my haystack. (8/24) ☎ 48697

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 61, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (8/24) ☎ 48667

LATINO MAN, fit, slim, 5'8", college graduate. Seeking woman companion, outgoing, joyful in spirit, 5'3"+. (8/17) ☎ 48648

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, poker and anything to do with sports. (8/17) ☎ 48638

TALL, WELL BUILT, clearly-spoken gentleman, self-esteem continuing to rise. Like fishing, hunting, camping, swimming, working out. Retired publisher, mobile home owner, pilot, diver. (8/24) ☎ 48670

HEALTHY, WEALTHY, WISE, humorous, fit, nonpretentious, frugal, successful. Love family, biking, travel, hiking, camping, volunteering, beach walking, tennis. Seeking similar female, nonsmoker, under 40. (8/17) ☎ 48645

FIREMAN, 40, FIT, frisky, business career, Point Loma home. Seeking attrac-

tive, classy, fit, quality lady, 25-40; fun, dating, romance? Dial my 911 and have fun! (8/24) ☎ 48673

LET ME PUT SOME THRILLS into your weekends! Professional Latin, 38, tall, athletic, easygoing, very humorous, adventurous. Searching for a lady, 24-38, for some excitement. (8/24) ☎ 48682

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

CAUTION, SCRUFFY BLOND, 50, 5'10", 180lbs., East County homeowner. Smoke, drink, surf, do wheelies, politically incorrect, no kids or ex's. Seeking similar for dating. (8/17) ☎ 48624

SOUTH BAY PROFESSIONAL. I am Hispanic, fit, neat and live in Chula Vista. I am a gentleman, like to have fun, live alone with pets. (8/24) ☎ 48686

ESCONDIDO, 52, TALL, SLIM, fit, father, degreed, fun, varied interests. Seeking 42-52, nonsmoker, North County, bright, fun, trim, tallish for conversations, outdoors, laughs, sharing life. (8/24) ☎ 48681

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) ☎ 48621

KIND, EASYGOING, TALL, educated, healthy, retired teacher, green/brown, normal build, El Cajon. Like well-endowed, curvaceous, lady with sense of humor, tall is plus. (8/17) ☎ 48655

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

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

SENSE OF HUMOR, PASSIONATE, honest, spiritual path, psychologically minded, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/grey. Enjoy coffeehouses, movies, rock music, nature, stimulating conversation. Seek-

ing friendship/relationship. (8/24) ☎ 48665

48, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards/morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 42-49, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, relationship, commitment. (8/17) ☎ 48633

SHOWERS, SHAVES, converses, owns tuxedo. 51, 5'10", educated, employed homeowner with sense of humor. Seeking intelligent, attractive, down to earth professional. You won't be disappointed. (8/24) ☎ 48694

WHITE MALE, 75 YEARS OLD, 5'10", 150lbs., retired professional, financially secure, in excellent health. Outdoor type in search of long-term relationship. (8/24) ☎ 48675

HAVE YOU SEEN HER? 60+, petite, spiritual, sensuous, yoga, meditation, ocean, candle light conversation, travel, adventure. Me: black professional, emotionally, financially, physically fit. (8/17) ☎ 48632

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

AESTHETIC, CULTURALLY oriented man, 50. Good looks, physique, great sense of humor. Seeking a woman with wit, humor, intelligence, sophistication, soul, a sense of elegance. (8/24) ☎ 48680

ROOMMATES

PLACE FREE ONLINE ADS with photos at SanDiegoReader.com. Also see thousands of classified ads not printed here!

ALLIED GARDENS. Near SDSU. Room for rent. \$500/month plus 1/3 electric and water. DirecTV and Internet included. Quiet neighborhood. Large house. 619-572-4896.

BANKER'S HILL. \$750/month. 3 bedroom, 4 bath, canyon view, hardwood floors. Private entrance, private bath. 2 large decks. Available September. 619-299-0299; e-mail, dacx@cox.net, 619-235-2415, x30122.

BAY PARK. \$745, includes utilities. Furnished large master bedroom/bath. King sized oak bed. 2 mirrored closets. Own refrigerator. Quiet. Nonsmoking/drugs/pets. 858-272-1594.

CARDIFF. Private entrance/bath, \$625 plus utilities/deposit. Community living with privacy. Vegetarian/seafood kitchen, organic garden, jacuzzi, laundry, distilled water. Nonsmokers, no pets. 760-753-0321.

CARLSBAD. \$700, 1/2 utilities. Room for rent in Fire Mountain. Ocean view. Renter has own full bathroom and garage parking. No pets. Male only. 760-212-9842.

CARLSBAD. \$750. Master suite. Vaulted ceilings, fireplace, washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi, balcony. Quiet neighborhood. Canyon view. No smoking, drugs, pets. Share utilities, parking, deposit. 619-235-2415, x15185.

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. \$570/month. 2 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Jacuzzi, pool, washer/dryer. Nonsmoking female preferred. Dog OK. Near beach. Joe, 760-476-1993.

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA HILLS. \$695/month, plus utilities. Master bedroom/bathroom in 2 bedroom condo. Living room/fireplace. Pool, spa, tennis, gym. Available 9/1. 760-331-3689; 760-633-2967.

CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. \$850. Share large townhouse with loft, bedroom, private bath, washer/dryer, balcony, garage, fireplace, pool, spa, picnic area, gated community. Sherry, 619-885-1471; 619-235-2415, x14500.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH. \$550 plus utilities. Furnished/unfurnished room. Gated, pool, jacuzzi, washer/dryer. Close to 56 and 15. Quiet. Close to shopping. Nonsmoker. 858-673-4799.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN. \$750, 1/2 utilities. Room available beginning September. Very nice. Gated entry. Great views, washer/dryer, vaulted ceilings, walk-in closets, fireplace, deck. 619-993-6290.

CARMEL VALLEY/TORREY HILLS. \$850, 1/2 utilities. Large private bedroom/bath. Brand new apartment home. Huge deck with grill, full size washer/dryer, business and fitness center, pool, jacuzzi. Great view, sunny, fresh ocean air breeze. 619-987-8822.

CARMEL VALLEY/Z, EAST Santa Luz. \$725 plus 1/2 utilities/deposit. Bedroom/bath available in townhome. Garage, pool, washer/dryer. No pets/smoking. Female preferred. Available now, 858-759-3399.

CHULA VISTA. \$585, includes utilities. Furnished room/view. 3 bedroom house. Near Southwestern College, I-805. Quiet. Washer/dryer. Female preferred. No drugs, pets, smoking. 619-216-3982; 619-235-2415, x20945.

CHULA VISTA. \$500. Female wanted to share 3 bedroom condo with pool/jacuzzi. Utilities included, washer/dryer, high-speed Internet. No smoking/pets. Jaime, 619-709-2593; 619-235-2415, x20597.

CHULA VISTA/EASTLAKE. \$625/month. Room for rent in 3 bedroom condo. Own bath. Lake view, pool, tennis courts and fishing. 619-397-7623; 619-235-2415, x10754.

CHULA VISTA. \$500. Large 3 bedroom home. Furnishings available. Utilities paid. Full privileges. Washer/dryer, cable TV, Internet. No drugs, smoking, pets. Available 9/1. 619-852-2995; 619-235-2415, x11614.

CHULA VISTA. Furnished room. \$495, includes utilities, cable TV, kitchen, phone hookups, Internet. Nice quiet home and neighborhood with view. Near 805 Freeway. No drugs, alcohol, smoking, pets. 619-482-9478.

CHULA VISTA. \$500, utilities included, \$300 deposit. 3 bedroom duplex.

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CLAIREMONT. 2 rooms available in 4 bedroom house. \$500/month and \$600/month. Includes utilities. Nice yard. Quiet. Near bus, beaches, downtown. Sheryl, 858-715-8221.

CLAIREMONT. \$750. Room in 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, pool, huge backyard. Near Pacific Beach. Utilities included except cable. Dogs OK. Available mid-August. mikewallace212@yahoo.com, 805-403-1664.

CLAIREMONT. \$590, deposit, 1/2 utilities. Nice home. Large bedroom, 8' closet, personal bath. Laundry, storage, Tai Chi backyard. Near Mesa College. Nonsmoking, no pets. 858-874-7774.

CLAIREMONT. \$600. Furnished room. Close to UCSD, USC, Mesa. Includes utilities/Internet. Female preferred. Close to freeways/shopping. No smoking/drinking/pets. Available 9/1. 619-723-4812.

CLAIREMONT. \$500 plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. Clean, quiet, 3 bedroom, 1 bath house on canyon. Washer/dryer, cable, no smoking/pets/drugs. Call Dave, 858-449-4691.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$685 plus \$335 deposit. Room in beautiful 3 bedroom house. Utilities included. Minutes from beach. Washer/dryer, cable, great location. 858-273-1324.

CLAIREMONT/BAY HO. \$550, 1/3 utilities, security. Beautiful remodeled, clean, 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Stunning bay views, deck, laundry. Female only. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-235-2415, x12433.

CLAIREMONT. \$550, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Clean and comfortable. Large closet, private phone line. Near Mesa College, freeways. Available now. 858-437-3810.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$525. 2 bedrooms available in beautiful 5 bedroom home. Washer/dryer, wireless Internet, cable

ready. Share utilities and living areas. Available 8/20. 619-252-2434.

COLLEGE AREA. \$590. Spacious room, 11x14, available in 3 bedroom house. Private entrance. Remodeled, washer/dryer, jacuzzi, fireplace, alarm, parking, yard. Nonsmoking female/pets. 858-337-7417.

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COLLEGE AREA/ROLANDO. \$590. Room in quiet complex. Near SDSU. Own bathroom. Storage space. Gated complex, pool, laundry room. 1/2 utilities, deposit. Pets negotiable. 619-518-1602.

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COLLEGE/DEL CERRO. \$625, plus utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with female. Large room, bath. Pool, jacuzzi, Internet, phone. Have cat. Nonsmoker. Toni, 858-731-3114; 619-235-2415, x14006.

COLLEGE/LA MESA. \$850. Beautiful condominium. Master bedroom, full bath, 2-closet spaces. All appliances, washer/dryer, pool. Near SDSU. 619-253-5802.

COLLEGE/MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedrooms, \$550. Master, \$675. Utilities included. Remodeled kitchen/bath. New carpet. Jacuzzi, pool, washer/dryer. Separate phones. Parking. Near all. 619-559-0996.

DE ANZA COVE. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath trailer. Large, clean and quiet room. \$570 + \$300 security deposit. 858-581-3621.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. \$900, plus utilities. Beautiful townhome, spacious, clean, fireplace, washer/dryer, attached garage, balcony, air conditioning. Pool, jacuzzi, gym. Nonsmoking female. 858-401-3773.

DOWNTOWN. \$550, room; \$400 shared room. All shared bathrooms. Limited amenities. No drinking/drugs/smoking. Male only. Near City College/trolley. Available 8/1. Garrette, 619-886-2593.

DOWNTOWN. \$1500/month, \$1500 deposit. Brand new, August completion condo. Own master bedroom. Washer/dryer. Background/reference check. Small pet possible. No smoking/drugs. kjwoolgar@hotmail.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1275. Master bedroom in 2000 square foot ocean view high rise. Walk-in closet, in-suite bathroom, garage parking space. Byron, 619-501-0480; byronhunt@earthlink.net.

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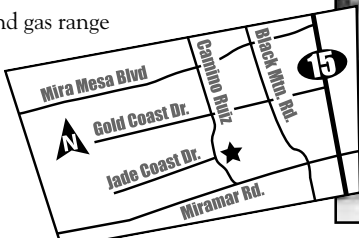
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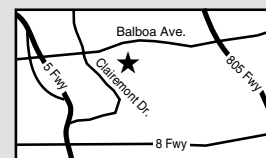


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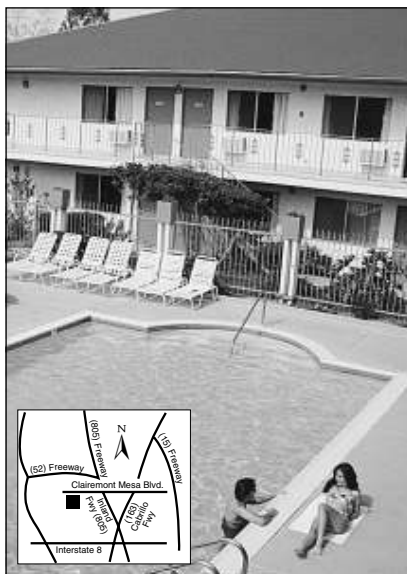
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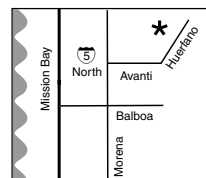


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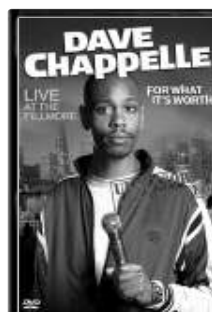
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BAY PARK. Garage sale. 7am-1pm, Saturday, 8/13. No early birds please. Lots of stuff. Furniture, household items and much more. 1943 Erie Street.

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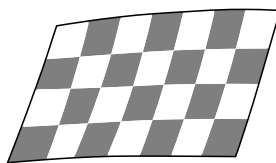
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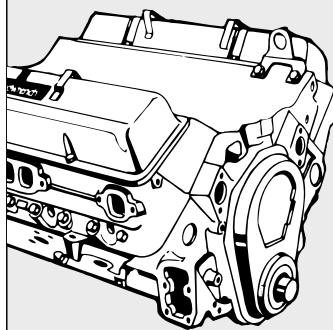
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Expensive Decisions

— (1) In April, according to a *New York Times* story, when a Japanese art collector sought to choose between Sotheby’s and Christie’s auction houses to handle a sale (which ultimately brought in \$17.8 million) and quixotically asked the two houses to play rock-paper-scissors for the privilege, Sotheby’s lost out on the eventual \$2.3 million commission by choosing paper. (A Christie’s executive quoted one of his 11-year-old daughters: “Everybody knows you always start with scissors.”) (2) In July, Lindy Heaster of Woodbridge, Va., was assessed \$21,290 for having bought two newspapers. (She was a juror, ordered by the judge in a murder trial to avoid all media coverage. The judge ultimately declared a mistrial over Heaster’s gaffe, voiding the conviction of Gerardo Lara and forcing the prosecutor to start all over.)

Leading Economic Indicators

— In June, co-president Stephen S. Crawford of the financial giant Morgan Stanley (who was installed in the job in order to ensure management “stability” during the company’s currently shaky status with investors) signed a two-year contract at \$16 million a year which allowed him, if he changed his mind, to resign and promptly collect all \$32 million. A few days later, he resigned. The “stability” was needed at faltering Morgan Stanley because longtime CEO Philip J. Purcell had just been eased out, but his contract called

for \$113 million in severance pay.

— In the course of a rare crackdown on Nigerian “419”/“advance-fee” scams, a Nigerian court in July sentenced a woman to 30 months in jail, plus fines, in a case in which the victim was not a gullible, e-mail-reading American, but a bank. Brazil’s Banco Noroeste S.A. was apparently suckered into advancing money for a nonexistent new airport in the Nigerian capital of Abuja, which ultimately cost it \$242 million (much of which it later recovered).

— The Massachusetts attorney general’s office said in June that it was investigating whether longshoremen’s unions (working the docks in Boston) have for years been putting some members’ kids (as young as age three) on their membership rolls so that they would accumulate seniority and thus be eligible for higher starting pay if and when they worked as longshoremen. (And in India, according to a June BBC dispatch, children as young as five are working for police departments because among survivors’ benefits for the family of a police employee killed on duty is that a family member is given a department job with the workload tailored to his or her abilities.)

Least Competent Police

— In April, off-duty San Antonio, Texas, police officer Craig Clancy went into a public men’s room stall to answer a call of nature. As he lowered his trousers, his pistol dropped from his waistband onto the floor, firing, twice, with one bullet nicking the leg of a man washing his hands nearby.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— British biochemist James Shippen and colleague Barbara May created the Indipod, supposedly the first portable toilet made for cars (4-wheel-drive vehicles) and tested it recently by traveling from Scotland to Italy without using any restrooms along the way. The Indipod, to be installed in the trunk, sells for the equivalent of \$550.

— Japanese customers who attempt to eat at one (unnamed) Western-style restaurant in Jilin,

China (in the former Manchuria), will be turned away unless they first apologize for Japan’s occupation of China during World War II. Japan’s Kyodo news service, via a July Reuters dispatch, reported no apologies so far.

The Continuing Crisis

— (1) Researchers from Technische University in Munich, Germany, writing in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in May, found that patients with migraine headaches were helped just as much by acupuncture needles stuck randomly into their bodies as by needles at the precisely prescribed pressure points. (2) A University of Birmingham (England) professor, working from a third-century Greek text of the New Testament’s Book of Revelation, found that the number representing the Antichrist is probably not 666, but 616 (in that 616 referred to the Emperor Caligula). (A Church of Satan official in New York had no comment except to say that his church will use whatever number Christians fear.)

Ironies

— (1) Lisa G. Berzins, a nationally known psychologist and expert on eating disorders, was arrested in a West Hartford, Conn., convenience store in July after, according to police, passing out from inhaling the aerosol from three cans of whipped cream. (2) The Virginia Employment Agency, which handles unemployment compensation, announced layoffs of 400 employees in June for lack of work because unemployment is so low in the state. (3) Todd Christian, 26, who flies 40 feet through the air as “Todd the Human Cannonball” for Britain’s Cottle and Austin Circus, was fired in June because he refused a training assignment in Brazil, protesting that he doesn’t like long airplane flights.

Least Competent Criminals

— (1) Thomas E. Mason was charged with robbing the Fortress Bank in Winona, Minn., in June; he was arrested nearby and identified by

bank employees, but the main evidence against him was the threatening holdup note, which began, cheerfully, “Hi, I’m Thomas Mason.” (2) Henrick Alemba Kutwa, 29, was arrested in Durham, N.C., in June and charged with numerous counts of using stolen credit cards; he was caught when he used one card at a local motel and signed the receipt with his own name.

Smoking Is Bad for You

— Smoke started rising from Israel’s finance minister Benjamin Netanyahu as he was sitting for a radio interview in Jerusalem; he had stuffed his lighted cigar inside a pocket to comply with the room’s no-smoking policy (May). ... In Foreman, Ark., Jeff Foran, 38, suffered facial injuries when he leaped from a fast-moving car to retrieve his cigarette, which had blown out of a window (According to a state trooper, alcohol was involved in Foran’s decision.) (May). ... In New York City, a 28-year-old man fell to his death from a ninth-floor window sill, and police believe a gust of wind might have dislodged him while he was taking a cigarette break from an otherwise smoke-free apartment (March).

Recurring Themes

— “News of the Weird” has reported several cases of sexual assault that turned on whether a victim’s identification of a suspect could be sustained by a description of the assailant’s penis. In May 2005, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, physician Anthony DeLuco attempted to defend himself at a disciplinary hearing by proving, via an erection-inducing injection, that his penis was not, as a patient had charged, “crooked.” The result was inconclusive, in that his erection curved upward, although not “crooked” to the left or right. (The Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons was, at press time, still deliberating his case.)

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WHO AM I?

Hellllooooooo San Diego, and welcome to my blog, Bumblebee Sweet Potato. The Bumblebee is my daughter, who's turning 6 in September. The Sweet Potato is my son, who's turning 2 next week. As to how they got their nicknames, you'll have to ask their father, landisdad (although at the moment, he doesn't have a blog, so you're SOL there).

In preparation for writing this post, I went back and looked at the initial blog posts of the last four people who've been writing you missives, and, shit, they're a lot funnier than I am. Sorry about that. But what the hell, maybe you'll learn something.

So who am I? Well, I'm in my late 30s, married with two kids and three cats, and I work as a community organizer. My daughter, the Bee, is about to enter first grade, and my son goes to daycare full time during the workweek. I'm practically a native Jersey girl, although I can't say born and raised, because I wasn't born here. I lived in San Diego for a year in my early 20s, and in Northern California for most of the rest of my 20s. We moved to New Jersey when we decided to start a family because we wanted to buy a house that wasn't in Tracy, or somewhere equally irrelevant (sorry Central Valley).

For years after we became parents for the first time, I struggled to find a community that supported both halves of my brain...the parenting side and the working side. When we decided to move across the country, I didn't realize that that choice would mean we put ourselves in a situation where we lost our whole community of equals, right when we were about to need them most. Our friends in California were starting

families too, and all of us, in the struggle with the steep learning curve, lost touch. At the same time, we started to make new friends here, but very few of them were people with kids of their own. I found myself, often, the sole working mom in my groups of women friends. Because so many women take time off when they have kids, I basically missed out on the time to develop friendships with people before they had kids...most of the women who were my age, and my experience level, were on maternity leave, or just back from it. And it just isn't as easy to make friends with other parents...partly because there's never time to have coffee or take a long lunch...we working moms don't have time for that kind of stuff during the day if we've gotta leave at 5 on the dot to make the daycare pickup. And because my husband and I are progressive parents, who choose to do things perhaps slightly differently than the mainstream, it makes it that much harder.

In searching out an Internet community to replace this real-life community that

I felt I was missing, I joined an e-list of other moms who were due in September of 1999. That listserv still exists, although it's somewhat diminished in participation since we're all parenting nearly six-year-olds now. I bounced around a number of more mainstream parenting boards, and finally stumbled across the parenting boards (now blogs) at hipmama in



early 2000. It was at hipmama that I first found a group of moms who, if not just like me, were more like me than the folks at iParenting, or other early parenting sites. From there, I leapt to various other parenting blogsoone of my early favorites was Ayelet Waldman's now-defunct Bad Mother. At this point, I read a number of different blogs

daily, and I find that some of my favorite sites are actually those written by dads...hat tip to daddychip, metrodad & laid-off-dad. I've always been an avid reader and a somewhat sporadic journal keeper, and I find that in keeping a blog, I've developed a few friendships, mostly with other parents, most of whom I will never meet. It goes a long way toward my sanity,

when I come home and find that parents with whom I have everything but geography in common, are commenting on my blog. Of course, by now we've made more local friends too...people in the neighborhood, other parents from my kids' schools. At this point,

I'm even a valued resource by some of the younger activist women that I know, who are starting families of their own now. But I'll always value my online community as the place where I first found advice and support from people like me.

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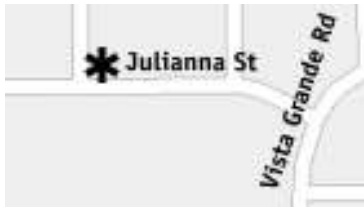
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HOME INVASION ROBBERY

Location: [1900] Julianna Street, El Cajon

Time/Date: 10:22 p.m. on 8/2/05

Report: Lemon Grove Sheriff's Deputies received a radio call of several shots fired in...unincorporated El Cajon. Three victims of a home invasion robbery were tied up and their drivers' licenses and money [had been] taken from them. Another victim was shot in the back of the neck with a handgun when he happened to come home during the robbery. The suspects were described as three black male adults wearing beanies and gray hooded sweatshirts covering their faces. The house was totally ransacked and several shell casings were found on the ground.



OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Location: [800] Newport Drive, Vista

Date/Time: 4:03 p.m. on 8/1/05

Incident: Deputies saw a Hispanic male matching the description of an individual wanted in connection with a stolen vehicle, and to ascertain if he is a documented gang member. When deputies started to exit their patrol vehicles, the suspect [began] running in a northbound direction. One of the deputies radioed that the suspect had a bulge on his right hip that the deputy thought was a gun. The suspect continued to run from the deputies through an adjacent residential area. Several deputies assisted in the foot pursuit. The deputies lost sight of the suspect for a short period of



time and a search of the area began. The Sheriff's helicopter, ASTREA, assisted. The suspect was spotted by ASTREA. One of the searching deputies had a canine. The suspect was seen by the canine deputy and continued to run despite several commands to stop. The canine pursued the suspect, catching a hold of his foot as he attempted to climb over a fence. The suspect was attempting to jump a fence between 840 and 844 Newport Drive when he was again confronted by a deputy. The deputy observed the suspect reach for the object on his hip. The deputy fired one shot at the suspect, resulting in the suspect being fatally wounded.

D.U.I.

Location: Camino Vida Roble and

Las Palmas Drive, Carlsbad

Time/Date: 10:11 p.m. on 7/22/05



Incident: DUI enforcement Officer Donnie Seale observed a red 1996 Ford Thunderbird stopped in the northbound lanes. The vehicle had apparently overshot the Solamar Drive off-ramp because it suddenly began backing up at a high rate of speed. The vehicle then stopped and made a U-turn in the middle of the northbound lanes of Carlsbad Boulevard, briefly driving southbound in the northbound lanes. The vehicle then took the Sola-

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mar Drive off-ramp and began driving eastbound on Palomar Airport Road. Officer Seale attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle, but the vehicle failed to yield and a vehicle pursuit ensued.

The Thunderbird, driven by the suspect and lone occupant M., continued east on Palomar Airport Road. M. ran red lights at Avenida Encinas and again at Paseo Del Norte, as the pursuit continued east at speeds exceeding 90 m.p.h. M. then turned south on Camino Vida Roble, where he lost control of the vehicle near the intersection of Las Palmas Drive. M.'s vehicle struck a tree and M. fled on foot. Officer Seale and K-9 Corporal Torrie Cluett found M. submerged and hiding in a small creek not far from the collision scene. M. failed to comply with the officer's directions and Corporal Cluett's K-9 partner, Raven, was deployed. M. was taken into custody after receiving several dog bites.

SCAM/CON ARTISTS

Location: 312 West Main Street,

El Cajon

Time/Place: 2:00 p.m. on 7/26/05



Résumé of Incident: Suspect #1 approached the victim while the victim was near the bank. He asked the victim questions concerning the reliability of banks in the United States. They were joined by Suspect

#2, who stated she had overheard their conversation and wanted to help. Suspect #1 said that he was here from Africa and had received a large cash settlement due to a brother's death. He wanted to give the money to charity, but did not trust American banks to provide a negotiable instrument in return for cash. He showed a large amount of cash to the victim. Suspect #2 said she also wished to donate money to a charity at this time.

Suspects #1 and #2 purported to devise a plan wherein Suspect #2 would go to her bank and withdraw \$20,000. The victim would then go to his bank and withdraw \$20,000. They would place their money with Suspect #1's cash in the large bandana in which he had his money wrapped. Suspect #1 would give the bandana to the victim and he could deposit all of the money back into his bank, then write whatever size check he deemed appropriate to the charity of his choice.

They drove to a bank in Spring Valley and Suspect #2 pretended to go into the bank and obtain money. They returned to El Cajon, where the victim went into his bank and withdrew \$20,000 from his account. He handed the cash to Suspect #1 who appeared to add it to the cash provided by Suspect #2 and place all of the money into the bandana. He gave the bandana to the victim and both suspects walked away.

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"I can't stand to dicker with the car dealers. And Saturn advertised they don't make you do that. So I went down and got a price sheet. I took it home, added up the options I wanted, and there was my price. I ordered it, and they had it for me in two days, all washed, and they gave me a certificate to fill up the gas tank. And they gave me one of those shades you put over the windshield. And they gave me the dash mat as a gift. I couldn't get over that. I cried."

Robert says, "I've ran that car to Denver twice. It got 43 miles to

the gallon."

"So you bought a Saturn of your own," I say.

"I sure did. Mine's the Vue, the fancier model they call the Red Line. It's got the painted bumpers and the lowered suspension. It has the V-6. Near as I can figure, it's running about 23 miles to the gallon around town."

Sandy says, "The insurance is cheaper too, because of all the safety features. It's got steel side bars, and if you have a wreck, the motor drops straight down, it doesn't come in your face. And his Vue is a lot easier to get in and out of than a car. Lots of older people are buying the Vues because of that."

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and clean."

Enough about Saturns, I think. I want to know about life as a trucker.

Robert tells me, "I've hauled about everything. Like people, for Greyhound, and tanks of nitroglycerine. Now I drive for American Honey out of El Centro. Hauling honey's a sweet deal."

"And bees," Sandy says. "I hate it when he hauls bees."

"We haul them on flatbed trailers," Robert says. "We put 600 boxes on a trailer, 50,000 bees to a box. We don't net them or anything. We have to load them at night, because bees won't fly at night. They'll crawl around, but they won't fly. We have to get them up to where they go and get them off before daylight. Then we've got to rush back and pick up another load. You go several days just running hard, up and back."

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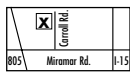
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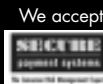
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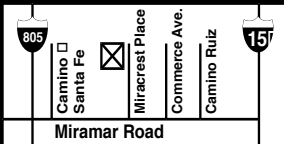


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“SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?” That’s my dad’s standard phrase. The phrase he speaks when he doesn’t have anything else to say. When silence pulls the room into its vacuum, “So, what do you think?”

Half the time he asks that question I’m not thinking of anything worth talking about. When he asks, “So, what do you think?” I can’t say, “Mustard!”

The other half of the time when he asks that question I’m thinking about sleazy sex stuff that I’m not going to talk to him about. “So, what do you think?”

Oh, man. You sure as hell don’t want to know.

My stock phrase for popping uncomfortable silence is, “What’s up?” Another answerless inquiry. If my dad and I stand out in the driveway and lean against the bed of his pickup and drink beer until the sun goes down there are about three instances of “So, what do you think?” and, “What’s up?”

At first we start out badmouthing our bosses. “Damn Randy. He was in the shop yelling at everyone today. Oh, he was on a tear. He’s so dumb. He painted himself into a corner a couple times. He’s ranting and raving and don’t know what to say next so he just contradicts himself. Oh, it was all I could do to not laugh.”

Light a cigarette and blow the smoke out across the pickup bed and watch it disperse into the oven air of a California summer evening.

So, what do you think?

After we’ve lambasted our employers we move on to what we would do if we were rich. “Man. If my numbers come up tonight I’m going to build a two-story garage that holds 20 cars and a fleet of motorcycles. Then I’m going to collect all the cars I used to own that your mother wrecked.”

Swig thin pale beer from a blue and chrome can.

What’s up?

When the orange sun is down and the sky moves from pink to gray and the mosquitoes start their attack, we kick our boots against the concrete and ease our sore backs and legs and shoulders inside the house. And we sit in recliners and let the TV scare away the silence.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

THE X-FILES

TNT 2:00 A.M.

Last Thursday. In the morning, I woke up and my hands were webbed. Like a duck’s feet, only the skin was thick and marbled with veins.

When I clasped my hands together and wrung my fists, my fingers poked through and the webbing came loose. The thin veins, arteries, and capillaries opened and spilled droplets of purple and blue blood. The webbing wadded up in my hands. The blood made the flesh sticky and I balled my new extraneous skin up like masking tape. When I threw it in the trash it stuck

to the inside of the can and slowly walked down into the container to sit at the bottom.

THE O'REILLY FACTOR

FOX NEWS CHANNEL 8:00 P.M.

In French, the word for “shower” is “douche.” If this were France you could translate what I scream at the television to mean, “bag of shower” when this show comes on.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

DR. DOLITTLE (1998)

FAMILY (ABC) 8:00 P.M.

Has-been, thy name is Eddie Murphy. Gone are

the red leather pants. Mr. Murphy, please get fitted for your untard of failure.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

GRAVITY GAMES

OLN 2:00 P.M.

I’ve come up with a name for my bike. Since she’s red and she moves like a salmon swimming upriver I call her Sofia. Sofia’s a good name for a salmon bike.



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GOOD EATS

FOOD 5:00 P.M.

In the sunlight of your kitchen countertop set some tomatoes. When they pass from orange to deep red, crack them from the vine and smell the small white spot where the tomato released. Cut your tomatoes in half and lay them on a sheet. Fry a little garlic and grate some cheese. Spread the mixture on top of your tomatoes. Oh, put the oven on about 375 and bake your tomatoes for however long it takes to sip a glass of iced tea and stare out a window, thinking of a love lost.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

STARGATE SG-1

KUSI 7:00 P.M.

Comic-Con was the World Series of witty T-shirt slogans. I passed a different jerk in an “Everyone is entitled to my opinion” top every 14 minutes. There was one “Beam me up, Scottie. There appears to be no intelligent life on this planet” and a couple “Endor is for Lovers” slogans emblazoned across people’s chests. Some of them I thought were cute, but mostly I just wanted to kick the wearer in his Jango Fett.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

MATH VANTAGE

ITVS 8:00 P.M.

There’s a rule in geometry that states, “All squares are rectangles but not all rectangles are squares.” I try to find other rules to fit that template and with the help of some friends I now have two.

Tony and I figured out that all hippies have long hair, but not all longhairs are hippies. From observing their neighbors in Normal Heights, Ed and Brianna have deduced that not all ten-speed-riders are tweakers, but all tweakers ride ten-speeds. Thanks, guys. Keep an eye out for new ones.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

JERRY SPRINGER

WB 10:00 A.M.

One of my goals is to see the *Jerry Springer Show* before it’s cancelled. It’s been on for 14 seasons. My opportunity to catch this wholly American cultural production is slipping away.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

MIND OF MENCIA

COMEDY 9:00 P.M.

I tried to give *Mind of Mencia* the benefit of the doubt. When I tuned in, his monologue was about *Hooked on Phonics*. Do they even make *Hooked on Phonics* anymore? Someone tell his writers that we heard the “How-are-they-going-to-call-1-800-ABCDEFGH-if-they-don’t-know-how-to-read?” joke ten years ago and it sucked then.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

BAR GIRLS (1994)

SHOW 12:45 A.M.

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By John Brizzolara

At The Art Institute of Chicago in fall of 1968, I was supposed to be studying drawing, painting, sculpture, and design at a school that was enamored with pop art and Andy Warhol. I had just been accepted as bassist in a band called Faith (a year before Blind Faith), and my college experience was more a matter of playing rock at Midwestern universities than studying chiaroscuro at any particular one. The semester project that year at the Institute was an unofficial contest to have work displayed in the famous public museum of which the school was a kind of rear wing. The winner of that contest displayed 36 (single, not paired) socks on a clothesline, each of them dyed a nearly imperceptible but technically distinct shade of orange. My project was a mixed-media collage, which was disqualified for one reason or another and I was given an incomplete grade. Meanwhile I was having far too much fun covering Rascals and Vanilla Fudge at Circle Campus and Carbondale and smoking far too much grass to perform at school other than fencing with the instructor on that subject; I wasn't even taking fencing officially. The instructor was also a model for drawing and painting classes, was Javanese with waist-length hair, and my marijuana connection. Art college is a memory of sword fights (under the influence) to the songs on the White Album and Cream's *Wheels of Fire*.

Disqualified as I am, I still think about art now and then, and, on the whole, I'm for it. Taken with that ineluctable modality of the visual (as James Joyce called it), I thought I'd take a look at paint on canvas on this Friday evening in late July. Priming the well, as it were, with caffeine and

a hanging, that is, a "show" at a coffee shop on Park Boulevard in or near the Ostrich District, I took a look at the work of an artist who, in keeping with his own mission statement, will remain anonymous. In fact his show was titled...where is the brochure?... "Struggle to Be Anonymous"...no..."Aching for Obscurity"...here it is: "Striving to Remain a Nobody."

The work itself had many white tendrils or vines and little white cartoon balloon men with stubby legs and other stuff in the background. I asked the clerk if I could talk to the artist, and he called him up right there and handed me the phone. The artist would not comment, as it would degrade the viewer's perceptual experience. "You're right," I agreed, "an insult, of course. Thank you."

Continuing to absorb the perceptual experience, I realized I was not only educationally ill equipped to perceive, I was physically, literally unequipped with a joint the size of my thumb in order to interface with the oil- or acrylic-based modality. Needless to say, any value judgment on my part would be so wrong, but I can say I have rarely seen an artist so promisingly go about the realization of his own vision of the work and his role as artist.

Next stop: Arts College International and Simayspace at 840 G Street. It was the last day of the Salvador Duran show, and I'm glad I caught it. I can't see how it might compromise anyone's experience viewing Duran's paintings to say that they are brilliant and beautiful. If a possible definition of Art (capital A) is a rendering that moves you in ways you do not have to understand, I found it here.

NOTES: Nudes, death-heads, dreams of identity, avatars, rebirths, the repetition of circles in magical realism, illustrations of wordless narratives, accessible but non-ordinary. What was that quote? About how European rationalism "prevents them [European rationalists, I suppose] seeing that reality isn't limited to the price of tomatoes and eggs. Everyday life in Latin America proves that reality is full of the most extraordinary things. To make this point I usually cite the case of the American explorer...who made an incredible journey through the Amazon jungle at the end of the last [19th] century and saw, among other things, a river with boiling water, and a place where the sound of the human voice brought on torrential rain. In Comodoro Rivadavia, in the extreme south of Argentina, winds from the South Pole swept a whole circus away and the next day fishermen caught the bodies of lions and giraffes in their nets..." - Gabriel García Márquez in conversation with Olinio Apuleto Mendoza in *The Fragrance of Guava*, London, 1982.

No lions or giraffes here, only humanity, yet somehow I think this applies. The Duran show is over, but the Arts College International, soon to become the Art Academy of San Diego, continuing under the auspices of Doug Simay, will likely remain a very good bet when it comes to either viewing or learning about art. Workshops in painting, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, etc. are available; and coming soon (it's not clear exactly when, but soon) on Friday evenings, a series called "An Evening with..."

Before leaving Simayspace, or the College or the Academy, look up. Just above the reception desk is a circular canvas, unframed (it might be diffi-



"I was physically, literally unequipped with a joint the size of my thumb."

cult) that has been hanging there for six years or so. It is a kind of narrative illustration of what promises to be a ripping good yarn. It is called *B-17*, and Marjorie Nodelman is the artist. Her onetime studio on Fifth Avenue (just beneath the site of Jimmy Love's these days) was instrumental in the early days of San Diego's punk scene and the setting for "wild parties," according to Simay. (The Chamber of Commerce should pay Simay to live here.) *B-17* is something like a Lichtenstein painting, a panel from some comic page that is of seemingly unnecessarily high quality. It depicts the nose of a WWII bomber (a Flying Fortress) crowded with flight personnel, including a self-rendering of Nodelman looking out through the turret. Simay, after I begged receptionist Lindsay for more information and she dialed the boss, told me the pilot was modeled on a professor at UCSD, one of the crew was Nodelman's pharmacist, and the anachronistically long-haired guy in the foreground was a photographer acquaintance of the painter's. The painting dates from 1981. The sense of energetic, dramatic mission is alive in the paint. I had the feeling that after turning away quickly from the work, then turning back, I would find the positions of the characters had shifted.

It was good to hear from Simay that Nodelman left her studio space in such a wreck that it has gone down in the annals of punk party zones as a historical disaster area. "Artists are ethnological whores," Simay told me, laughing enthusiastically.

"Hey, that's good. I'm writing that down."

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