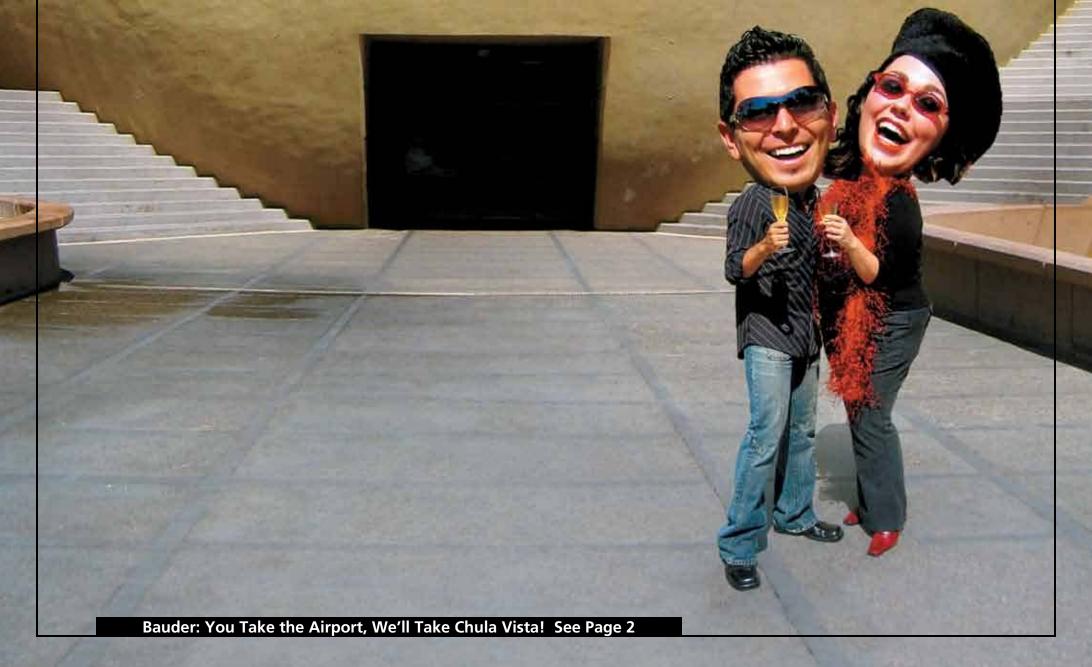


ATJUANA BETTER THAN IN MY MEMORY

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Italian Defamation

The legacy of Sacco and Vanzetti lives on because they were Italians, not because they were anarchists, not because they were independent; the fact that they were Italians caused them to be put to death ("The Good Shoemaker and the Poor Fish Peddler," August 18). It was a Greek-American, Michael Dukakis, governor of Massachusetts, who finally exonerated them by gubernatorial proclamation. Yet the legacy of Sacco and Vanzetti requires that all Americans look at the way the media — the New York media and the Hollywood film industry — portray Italian-Americans and Italians. This great bigotry, which you allow to continue, defaming our people, daily proclaiming that this criminal or that criminal is Italian, when you, the American people, are the criminals. You are the exploiters of the whole world, you are the warmongers, you are the capitalist tools. And as God looks down on this United States, the blood of Sacco and Vanzetti still cries out for vengeance from Heaven. You are the guilty ones. Not the innocent workers, Sacco and Vanzetti, and not the innocent Italian people.

Name Withheld

Library In A Nutshell

Not a free library, indeed ("This Isn't a Free Library," "City Lights," August 18). You told only half the story, but you're getting warm when you point out the reduction of hours in the branches.

Unless they've completely revised the staffing plan, headcount in the new central library is supposed to increase over 50 percent. I discovered this several years ago when I read an analysis of the complete project prepared by library management. No one talks about operating costs, but they'd better start.

So if this monument is built, stand by for more cuts at the branches. Jim Madaffer and other councilmembers still pushing the project in the face of the city's financial meltdown want one thing, and Madaffer said it best in your story when he called it an icon for the ages. Our so-called leaders want their names on a nice brass plaque on the library building. That's it in a nutshell.

Bill Bradshaw Mission Beach

Why?

Re Joe Deegan's article on the library ("This Isn't a Free Library," "City Lights," August 18). Thank God for people like Mel Shapiro. Someone, somewhere, is determined, come hell or high water or whatever the taxpayers think, or whatever it will cost them, to have a "worldclass library" downtown.

World-class library equals some monstrosity that will be obsolete in ten years because of the revolution in information communication but will have that all-important plaque on the outside testifying to the importance of some politicians and the massaging of their inflated egos.

Why not a branch library downtown? Why not convert Golden Hall into a branch library? It would certainly be cheaper. I would gladly pay for the plaque testifying to the insight and intelligence of those in power at the time.

Why not a central depository built for much less in a more central location to expedite the shipping of requested items to the branches? If one has access to a branch library, one has access to the entire system.

With a city as spread out as San Diego, why not an emphasis on building, expanding, and improving the branch library system? And as the developers continue to build "mini-cities" around the county, they could bear the expense of construction for such a vital entity.

With the ability to request books from any branch over the Internet and at the branches, why the need to erect a dinosaur next to the convention center, ballpark, and Gaslamp Quarter? Isn't that area crowded enough? Or perhaps it's too close to the ballpark for a developer to get a sweetheart deal and

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Liar Hotels

By Don Bauder

conomists say that when you tax something, you get less of it. When you subsidize something, you get more of it.

San Diego County is on the fast track to subsidizing cannibalism

A proposed Chula Vista hotel and convention center will be subsidized, possibly by 20 percent or more. The Port of San Diego and City of Chula Vista, or both, will shell out welfare checks to a money-losing Nashville company, Gaylord Entertainment — the folks who bring us high culture such as Grand Ole Opry. The Chula Vista center would drain business from the downtown convention center and/or nearby hotels that are port tenants. The downtown convention center warns that if it loses business as a result of the Chula Vista center, it, too, will seek a government handout.

And you wonder how the city could underfund pen-

sion pay-ins while boosting payouts and not foresee a deficit.

On the last day of 2002, the port lost a cash cow: San Diego International Airport-Lindbergh Field, which went under the control of a regional airport authority. "This could be a way for [the port] to recover a portion of the funds from their loss of the airport," says April Boling, chair of the San Diego Convention Center board. The port, whose commissioners overwhelmingly favor the Chula Vista project, replies that it is always looking for new revenue streams. Boling says the port will likely take money from one pocket and put it in another: what it gains from Chula Vista it will lose from money it would receive from the downtown convention center and adjoining hotels on port property.

The subsidized cannibalism is part of a larger tapestry: "What San Diego faces is lots of competition from lots of places," says Heywood Sanders, expert on convention centers and professor of public administration at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Convention centers are so overbuilt that "in city after city, convention centers are being given away at very discounted rates or rent-free. Cities do one thing and it doesn't work, then try another and it doesn't work, then spend more money to market and promote and incentivize their convention center."

Boling warns that more than half the events now using the downtown center could go to Chula Vista. As downtown loses business, "we would need to discount our rents" to attract substitute meetings and conventions, she says. "We need a public agency to help us with that rent discount."

Gaylord executives concede that convention centers are overbuilt and cities are losing money on subsidized

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convention centers. However, the company continues building combined hotels and convention centers (65 percent of its business) to serve groups that may want to avoid big cities and don't want to put their people in different hotels.

a major thoroughfare for

Gompers students going

home. The Crips gathered on

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Because Gaylord uses this approach, Sanders thinks the Chula Vista center, if it gets built, may not take too much business from the downtown center and will attract attendees who wouldn't ordinarily come downtown. "The

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most serious impact will be on the hotels near the downtown continued on page 6

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My Past Announced Itself

By Curtis Howard

heard a woman screaming. When I turned, I saw that she was kneeling over a young man in the middle of the street. She was yelling

loudly at several teenagers retreating from the scene. A small crowd had gathered. People on cell phones called for help. At first I could not see clearly what was going on, but as I closed in, I saw blood rushing from the woman's hands.

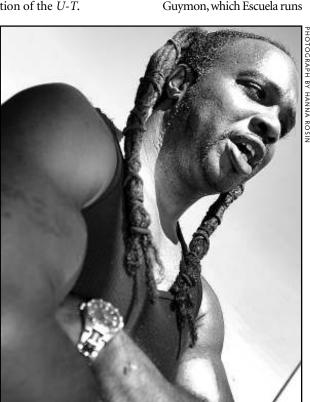
My name is Curtis. I am an ex–gang member. I started as a gang member when I was 14 years old, and I've been in and out of prison for many years. I have been out now since 2002, and I've changed — but sometimes my past returns uninvited.

After being booted from O'Farrell Junior High for failed attendance, I was transferred to Gompers. At that time, Gompers had a reputation for hosting violent and unruly ghetto students. But these students never attended

class; they were simply enrolled. Sometimes they'd come on campus to incite chaos, but they'd leave before the next period began.

A lot of these guys were called Crips. They were a black gang whose territory was located in Southeast San Diego along the blocks of Market Street between 40th and 49th. They claimed all of the 40s blocks as their turf, but their main base was at 47th and Market and the general area and side streets thereof. These Crips had another name for their gang: "The Rollin' 40s" --named because they "rolled in" (hung in and traveled throughout) these blocks of Market Street. The best-known and most-used gang title was the Neighborhood Crip Gang, or NHC.

The City of San Diego calls this area Chollas View. Look for it in the "Crime Watch" section of the *U-T*.



Curtis Howard

After school, the Crips all "posted up" on the corner at the bottom of Escuela Street,

into, by a wall covered with gang graffiti. They would stand there in a large group without uttering a word, posing menacingly to intimidate passing students.

I ended up joining this gang after running into its members many times while ditching classes. We would go to Zinker's garage and drink cheap Night Train Express wine. Big orange cockroaches would crawl into the bottles to get the last drops while we chilled on old beatup couches. We Crips called each other "cuz" and referred to ourselves as "homeboys," and we all had crafty gang names like Bake Nuts, Tray Dog, Cookie Crumbles, Salt Rock, Woodlock, and Monkey Jeff. These were connected to our true names: Larry Baker was Bake Nuts, Dennis Cook was Cookie Crumbles, Jason Whitlock was Woodlock, and so on.

All the guys mentioned above are deceased except for Cookie Crumbles — he is doing time in prison. Tray Dog died of cancer at 26; Bake Nuts, Salt Rock, and Woodlock all died from gunshot wounds to the head inflicted by rival gangs. Zinker died

from crack-induced respiratory failure, and Monkey Jeff was killed by a choke hold applied by a San Diego police officer. These are only a few of the individuals who were eventually killed.

I remember all of these guys well. We would assemble on Escuela Street on Friday and Saturday nights to attend noninvitational house parties, where gangs such as the West Coast Crips and Five-Nine Brims (5/9) would come. We called these parties "sets." We would dance and make gang signs with our hands to show off and incite each other. Fights broke out, but normally they'd be match-up battles between the first couple of guys who had words. Respect and reputation were and are achieved in the gang world by skilled fighting. At some point, every street-gang member had to fight a rival heads-up (oneon-one) in order to main-

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Matt Potter

is on vacation.

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Old Wounds

By Joe Deegan

hen Escondido resident Le Ly Hayslip learned that the California State Assembly planned a May 9 award to honor

her work, she got ready to celebrate. "My birthday is May 10," she says, "and I was excited and feeling sentimental."

More than a decade ago, Hayslip published When Heaven and Earth Changed Places (1989) and Child of War, Woman of Peace (1993), chronicles of her struggle to survive in Da Nang during the Vietnam War and its aftermath. Oliver Stone made the books into the 1993 film Heaven and Earth. But in selecting Hayslip to be honored in Sacramento, the assembly's Asian Pacific Islander Caucus had its eye on two of her humanitarian organizations. Hayslip founded the East Meets West Foundation in 1989 and the Global Village Foundation in 2000. The two nongovernmental organizations focus their efforts on improving education in Vietnam and other Asian countries. Alan Hayslip, the founder's third son, has been working at a school in Da Nang for the past three years.

Several days before going to accept her award, Hayslip received a phone call from a woman on Global Village Foundation's board of directors. San Diego's Kathy Greenwood had been making hotel reservations and other arrangements for Hayslip's visit to Sacramento. But the news in her call was that the Asian Pacific Islander Caucus had canceled the award. Hayslip would instead receive recognition from Assemblywoman Judy Chu in San Gabriel. Chu had originally nominated Hayslip for the award.

"It's too bad what happened," says Greenwood. "The legislature gives out so many fluff awards. This was going to be a substantial honor for a woman doing something to help people in this world." Hayslip, on a working trip,

speaks with me by phone from a hotel in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). It is 1:45 a.m. in Vietnam. The cancellation of her recognition in Sacramento disappointed her greatly, Hayslip tells me. "I'm a good American citizen and am trying to make my adopted fatherland and my [original] fatherland be friends with one another," she says. "I don't take from America but add



Le Ly Hayslip (center)

something that everybody benefits from. It was so nice of the California legislature to want to acknowledge my hard work. Do I suddenly not deserve what I earned by working over 35 years? I cannot believe that this happened in the United States of America, which is supposed to have freedom of speech...and [that means

also] freedom to receive an award because you do a good thing. Who has the right to stop it?"

Hayslip suspects California assemblyman Van Tran of instigating the block on the award, and several others confirm her suspicions. Within the Vietnamese-American immigrant community, whose members were forced to flee their country after the Communists took over, strong feelings about the current regime often persist. Former San Diego resident Man Phan, who now lives in Sacramento, tells me that Judy Chu, the assemblywoman who nominated Hayslip for the award, admitted to him that Tran had pressured her. Before the scheduled award in Sacramento, Chu worried that Tran would embarrass Hayslip with a "surprise" personal attack on the assembly floor if the presentation went forward.

By phone from Sacramento, Tran tells me he did voice opposition to Hayslip's receiving the assembly's recognition. "But I didn't veto it. That's not my style. And anyway, I'm the junior member of the Asian Pacific Islander Caucus, which is a deliberative body."

But there are precedents for Chu's worries that Tran might have embarrassed Hayslip on the assembly floor, according to Vu-Duc Vuong, a lecturer in political science

and the most significant [Vietnamese] trade partner with California."

Van Tran, 41, is a 1975 refugee from Vietnam and a Republican from Garden Grove in his first assembly



Le Ly Hayslip at charity benefit in Vietman

and sociology at San Jose City College. In an e-mail response to my queries, Vu-Duc writes that Tran "went berserk [in April] when the mayor of [Ho Chi Minh City] was introduced in the Assembly." Tran opposed "the Speaker's recognition of this dignitary from Vietnam." Vu-Duc calls the mayor's visit to Sacramento nothing more than "a courtesy call from someone who represents the biggest commercial city in Vietnam, a sister city of San Francisco,

term. He says he is the first Vietnamese-American to serve in any legislative body in the United States. "There is a guy from Houston serving in the Texas legislature," he says, "but I beat him by about a month." Before entering the California legislature, Tran

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Liar hotels

center," he says.

Sanders believes that the downtown center inflates its statistics, particularly the facility's impact on the local economy. He is not alone in this belief. In the city manager's report of February 15, 1996, the city estimated that the convention center expansion would boost annual convention-related hotel room nights from 610,000 to 986,000. But on its website, the center admits that last year, room nights came to only 714,519.

"This exposes the great lie that the convention center has been so successful," says former councilmember Bruce Henderson.

Rejoins Boling, "Part of the reason we are not where we thought we would be is because the Campbell Shipyard hotel didn't come online. We have lost business because we didn't have the hotel rooms. We are running four to five years behind schedule on that hotel, but I believe that within six months we should have the financing."

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But Sanders and Henderson say the opposite is true. The hotel has not been built because the center is not doing that well in the teeth of a saturated national market."The natural operation of the marketplace has not produced a Campbell Shipyard hotel and probably won't without heavy government subsidies," says Henderson.

"Denver just expanded its convention center. The city financed an 1100-room hotel that will open at the end of this year; now the convention and visitors bureau is proposing a tax increase to have more money to market Denver," says Sanders. "Baltimore is debating having the city build a hotel fully owned by the city, with no private investment in it whatsoever." A new convention hotel anywhere is seldom considered a good investment.

Gaylord financed its Opryland convention center itself many years ago. Then it got what it calls small subsidies for two hotel/convention centers it built in Florida and Texas.

However, Chuck Pinkowski, a tourism consultant in Nashville, savs Gaylord got "pretty strong subsidies" in Florida and Texas. He and Jerry Morrison, San Diego tourism guru, agree that Gaylord will demand a major subsidy in Chula Vista — something Gaylord doesn't deny.

Gaylord is now building a hotel/center along the Potomac River in Prince George's County, Maryland. The county is floating a \$65 million bond to take care of infrastructure. A bond worth \$95 million, and some of the tax money generated by the project, will go to Gaylord. That's a hefty taxpayer participation in a \$500 million project. The subsidies have "lowered our cost on the project," the head of the company's hotel operation told a Tennessee newspaper last month. "And we've made it pretty clear that that's the type of partnership with communities that we think is necessary to bring a Gaylord hotel to the community."

The Chula Vista project could be larger and more expensive — up to 2000 rooms, with a 400,000-squarefoot convention hall and a price tag of possibly \$600 million. It would appear any subsidy would be around 20 percent of that. And some governmental body will probably pick up infrastructure costs.

Gaylord's new manage-

ment "has different expectations for our properties on return on investment," explains spokesperson Greg Rossiter. "We want more public participation."

He notes that discussions with Chula Vista and the port are in "very preliminary stages." At one point, it appeared that the project would be solesourced to Gaylord, but city councilmember Donna Frye, head of the city council's committee on government efficiency and openness, raised questions about that. Now, other developers are welcome to apply, but the port has given Gaylord "prequalified" status; it has no need to reapply. "Gavlord is in the lead. It is set-

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ting the bar that everyone else will have to meet or reach," harrumphs Boling. Gaylord looks like a shoo-in.

If it's any consolation, Gaylord appears to need corporate welfare. The company has lost money in four of the last five years and for the first six months of the current year. "We have a significant amount of debt," the company conceded in its 2004 annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission. That debt is \$576 million. Morningstar, Inc., a stock-rating agency, gives the company a grade of F for its financial position and D for its profitability.

The stock has done surprisingly well of late — one reason that Standard & Poor's gives it its one star (lowest) rating. The stock has been selling at double its fair value, as computed by Standard & Poor's. The company says that most of its profit problems stem from its holding of stock in Viacom. The losses are "accounting noise," claims Rossiter. However, Gaylord has had substantial hotel preopening costs that have depressed profits, along with some diversification that has gone awry. ■

My past

tain his status. We would be monitored and randomly selected to take someone on whenever it became noticeable that we hadn't fought in a while. This was done to maintain levels of toughness.

A lot of that changed when the new gangs activated in Southeast San Diego. They started drive-by shootings. They confused us with their new cheap-shot style of war, and we became victims of gunfighting before they forced us to arm ourselves and compete to survive.

Crip and Blood gang members of this era - 1977 to 1980 — are considered "O.G.s," or "original gangsters," or simply "original." It is a senior gang ranking. I am an O.G. because I joined when the first generation — the first group of individuals who started the Neighborhood Crips — was still active.

I was still active in 1980,

when the transition from unarmed to armed (with firearms) fighting became popular. Armed robberies became prevalent along with the increased availability of

In the mid-'80s the Neighborhood Crips activated a band of armed robbers that the San Diego Police Department dubbed "The Get Down Gang." They were known for robbing major grocery store chains. Their name derived from their command to everyone near the cash register. The gang's days ended when police killed one member as he backed out of a robbery scene and when six more were given life sentences following another holdup. That holdup resulted in the death of a female police cadet. She was carjacked after the original getaway driver got cold feet and pulled off leaving the Get Down with no escape.

In the early '90s, crack cocaine became popular, turning half the Neighborhood Crips into addicts and the other half into dealers. All the gangs became divided among themselves in this way.

During the course of all this I had many scrapes with the law. I went from Iuvenile Hall to the Youth Authority to the California Department of Corrections. In 1990, I "opened" the brand-new Pelican Bay. It is the most notorious prison in the state of California, the one that Denzel Washington threatened the Bloods with at the end of his movie Training Day. I was a lab rat for the infamous SHU (Security Housing Unit) program that was designed to inflict physical terror on what the Department of Corrections considered the most incorrigible inmates in Cal-

ifornia prisons. At Pelican Bay, I once stayed confined for six months with nothing more than an occasional book or magazine to read. I came out every two days to walk ten steps to the shower, handcuffed. I started having anxiety attacks. My heart would beat very rapidly throughout the course of the day as I listened to abusive prison guards attack inmates with 37 mm anti-riot guns and Tasers, beat them unconscious, and then wait for them to regain consciousness so they could repeat the process.

I escaped the life of prisons and gangs without serious physical or psychological scars, save the fear of crime and some anxiety. I no longer have any attachments to gang mentality. The extent of violence in me is just enough to defend myself. I am not the type of person who stops to watch a fight or an argument, because that would make me reflect on the violence of my past. When I think of prison and the dead, it saddens me.

Crack cocaine is still sold at 47th and Market. Driveby shootings still occur. Last June, I received a phone call from the Crips wanting to know if I'd be attending the funeral of Gregory Albert, who was shot and killed on June 18 at 47th and Market by rivals of the Crips. Ironically, Gregory was not an active gang member, but he was well liked by the Crips for his big brother role among them.

I find peace through photography and writing. I take pictures of just about anything. I visit a little shop in

Southeast San Diego. It's a popular indoor swap meet called Fan-Mart, run mostly by Korean merchants catering bling to ghettofabulous blacks: low-budget gold jewelry, hair weaves, and rap music. These merchants have no interest in or use for anything they sell, but the profits send their children to college. I'm frustrated watching my old neighbors spend money on such items. I find myself more disappointed in them than in the merchants.

Last month while I was there, I became frustrated over this and left the shop. I stopped in the parking lot to speak to an acquaintance. Then my past announced itself uninvited...

I heard a woman screaming...

The guy whose bloody head she cradled was unconscious. Instinctively, I took a photograph. I asked a bystander what had happened. He told me the victim was waylaid with a tire iron by gang members who asked him, "Where are you from?" The question is a challenge

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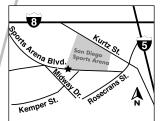
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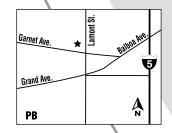
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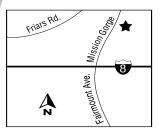
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to acknowledge gang ties. It is a catch-22 question that results in violence any way it is answered. When I snapped the second shot I noticed that the victim wore a red, black, green, and gold wristband a symbol of peace and unity.

My goal is to become a youth counselor in my community. As I sized up this situation, I questioned whether I could reach the youth out there. What I saw shakes my faith. People have encouraged me by saying that if I can reach just one then I'll make a difference. But I feel that is just a drop in the bucket.

I walked away from the scene that day, ambulance sirens wailing in the near distance. I thought to myself, "If I do reach only one, I hope it's the one with the tire iron."

Old wounds

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City Council and was, for a time, the city's vice mayor.

According to a brief article in the Los Angeles Times on May 26, Tran helped write and is the cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, "a resolution urging California to recognize the flag of the former South Vietnam and permit it to be flown over state property during Vietnamese-American events." The resolution has cleared the senate and is headed for the assembly. The Times story quotes Tran as follows: "We're not re-fighting the Vietnamese War here. [Our supporters]

just want to reaffirm their identity and their political legacy as a community.... This is the flag that we cherish, that we fought for and that we believe in, as opposed to one representing a dictatorial and repressive regime."

CITY LIGHTS

The resolution's primary sponsor is Senator Denise Ducheny, Democrat from San Diego. Ducheny, also speaking by phone from Sacramento, tells me that during the period of welfare reform in the 1990s, she became acquainted with the San Diego Vietnamese community when she helped some of its members maintain their benefits. She assisted the Vietnamese Federation of San Diego in getting a resolution that recognized the old flag passed by the San Diego City Council. "That was around the beginning of 2004," she says, "and I thought it was worthwhile as a way to help the community to organize politically, which they were having a hard time doing on any issue. The flag was something they were very passionate about. Then, early this year, they came to me wanting to take the flag resolution statewide."

The old flag has three red stripes on a field of yellow, and one can see it flying outside Vietnamese businesses in City Heights during such community celebrations as the festival at Tet, the lunar new year, which falls in late January or early February. Van Tran says nothing in his and Ducheny's resolution

would make it illegal to publicly fly the flag of the current regime, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. That flag has a yellow star on a field of red. Tran calls it "the blood flag." However, he tells me, "a man named Truong Tran [no relation] flew it and placed a picture of Ho Chi Minh inside his store in the city of Westminster in 1999. People demonstrated against him for 53 straight days. I'm talking more than 20,000 people at a time."

When Vietnam's consul general in San Francisco recently protested the flag resolution, Tran wrote back (the letter is on his website) defending the action vigorously. "Most Vietnamese-Americans," he wrote, "having fled persecution from your nation, find the display of the 'vellow star on red background' flag to be insulting, offensive and culturally insensitive. You will note that support for the nationalist flag is not without precedent in America: it is proudly hoisted at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, and has been formally recognized by over 80 local jurisdictions and eight states across this country."

But San Jose City College's Vu-Duc says that Senate Concurrent Resolution 17 is unnecessary and presumptuous. "Not necessary," he says, "because the First Amendment allows anyone to fly any flag or symbol.... Presumptuous, because Tran and the minority who support him claim to speak for all Vietnamese-Americans in California. Simply put, they want to impose their 1975 political agenda on a much more diverse and nuanced Vietnamese-American community of 2005."

Tony Nguyen works for the American Friends Service Committee in Oakland. He gave written testimony against Senate Concurrent Resolution 17 when it came before the legislature on May 25. The bill, he wrote, "will further silence the diverse viewpoints and political opinions within the Vietnamese community in California, especially those that are believed to be sympathetic to the current government of Vietnam.... The political reality of the [old flag] is that it has been and continues to be a symbol of terror and violence to many Vietnamese Americans in California."

During the 1980s in California, Nguyen wrote, anticommunist Vietnamese-Americans murdered a number of progressives. He calls them "political killings." According to veteran newspaper reporter William Kleinknecht, writing for the American Journalism Review in December 1999, five Vietnamese journalists "were killed in California, Texas and Virginia between 1980 and 1991. Police believe all were slain by an anti-Communist group with ties to the former South Vietnamese Army." Kleinknecht goes on to highlight the case of Tap Van Pham, publisher of a Vietnamese-language magazine who "dared to run an advertisement for a currencyexchange company perceived as being sympathetic to Hanoi. He was killed August 9, 1987, when an arsonist set fire to the building that housed his home and office in Garden Grove.... A group calling itself the Vietnamese Party to Exterminate the Communists and Restore the Nation sent a communiqué to police claiming responsibility for the murder, although it did not indicate whether the advertisement had prompted the attack."

On December 10, 1989, the Boston Globe Magazine ran a story about the rightwing intimidation practices among California's Vietnamese population. As part of its coverage, the Globe wrote of demonstrations against lectures Le Ly Hayslip gave in Orange County.

"People even started showing up at my home," says Hayslip. "I became so worried about my children that eventually I moved to San Francisco for a while. When the Boston Globe wrote its story, reporters spent a week with me. Their article showed that the right wing thinks anyone who disagrees with them is a communist. The anticommunists killed some Vietnamese-American journalists. That was a long time ago, but people in our commu-

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nities remember, and they are afraid to speak up. I think only about 20 percent of Vietnamese-Californians support the right wing. They're mostly the older people and some of the young ones who've been brainwashed," she

"But the silent majority is intimidated," she goes on. "The war ended 30 years ago. It's time to move on. We need to practice compassion. There are so many terrible things happening in this world."

But Assemblyman Van Tran tells me that most Vietnamese-Americans are opposed to Hayslip's attitude toward the current regime. As evidence, he cites the demonstrations against her lectures years ago.

Visions of the old Vietnam hang on in the Vietnamese-American community today. The Government of Free Vietnam is an organization dedicated to, its website says, "dismantling the Communist dictatorship of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam." In January, it held its National People's Convention in Orange County, according to Tony Nguyen. "All of this group's operations," he wrote to the assembly, "including its admitted violent activities, are carried out under the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam in direct violation of the U.S. Neutrality Act, which forbids [American] citizens from conspiring against any country with which the United States is not at war." ■





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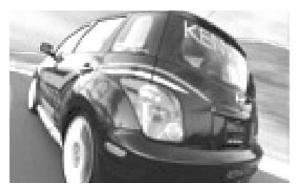






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Matthew Alice:

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— Curious, San Diego

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How did the traditions of using red lights for stop and green lights for go start? It seems pretty arbitrary to me. But I'm sure there's some weird logic behind it. And that seems to be your

You prefer maybe a nice Navajo white and, oh, maybe a deep mauve? Spare us designer traffic lights, please. If you want the very old weird logic behind it, it goes back to all Western associations of the color red with war, specifically, and danger in general (spurting blood being a universally recognized sign that something's not going as planned). Newer weird logic is railroad logic. Red lights became the standard stop signals for trains in the mid 19th Century; red's complementary color, green, became the go. When Cleveland, Ohio, installed the first automobile traffic signals inn 1914, the inventor just borrowed an already established system.

I just got back from a visit to Miami. When I was swimming in the Atlantic Ocean I could swear that the water there was saltier than it is off San Diego's coast. True or false?

P.K., Talmadoe

As a swimmer, you sample only the tiniest fraction of the smallest bit of on-shore ocean water, which can be influenced by runoff, rivers, or other land-based water sources. A swimmer is hardly the best judge of a ocean's salinity. I think you're hallucinating, but according to our friends at Scripps Institution, you're also right. Average surface salinity of the Atlantic is from 36 to 36.5 parts per thousand of salts (many different kinds, not just sodium chloride). The Pacific's is 33 to 33.5. A minuscule difference, lending further credence to my hallucination theory.

If you look at Earth's water cover as essentially a big, odd-shaped swimming pool, it's hard to figure why one part would be saltier than another. For the savory Atlantic, we can thank the Mediterranean Sea. The nearly landlocked Med acts as a huge evaporation pool and flushes very salty water back into the Atlantic. The Pacific has no comparable body of water to raise it's salt level, though the Gulf of California is slightly more saline than the Pacific. One other salty spot on the globe is the Indian Ocean, which receives outflow from the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf, both evaporation bodies.

Musing over my toast this morning, I suddenly recalled that during my second-world-war childhood we ate only margarine (white stuff into which we mixed the yellow coloring) because butter was unavailable or highly rationed. So what were they doing with all that butter? Mixing it with all the other fat and grease we used to save? And what did they do

- GM, San Diego

Given the old guns-or-butter controversy, it does seem ironic that the grease was used to make explosives. But don't worry about detonating your bacon. Your breakfast is several chemical steps away from detonation. From fats they extracted glycerol. From glycerol they made nitroglycerine. Butter was sent to the troops, but the grease and fats were used for munitions. Perhaps equally strange, during the war, San Diego had the stinky job of fermenting kelp, also used to make explosives. Gunpowder Point in Chula Vista was the center of the industry.

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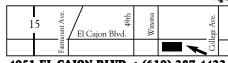
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Sports Maintenance

ow, let's talk about derailleur adjustments," says a male ectomorph adjustments, says a man control I'll call Henry. Henry uses the airlineary and I'd-like-tostewardess "happy-to-serve-you-and-I'd-like-towatch-you-die" dialect for public discourse. He is employed as a bicycle repairman, which is a job title from yesteryear. Nowadays, bike repairmen are hip, they have attitude, they work in stores that sell \$2000 bicycles and \$100 shorts; they are somebody. We seven, who are taking this six-anda-half-hour class on bicycle maintenance, are nobody. We are privileged to be here on a too-early Sunday morning, privileged to hear the Word.

I am the most inept pupil of seven. I knew it was going to be like this. I knew it was going to be exactly like this.

Although some part of me has always understood I have — how shall I put this? — a certain disinclination when it comes to the general field of mechanics. I didn't realize how allencompassing that disinclination was until I hit my teenage years. It was on that ground I encountered the puzzle of making-out-with-girlwhile-slyly-placing-two-hands-on-the-backside-ofher-brassiere-in-order-to-undo-brassiere-hooks. Said mechanical problem was a necessary — nay, a mandatory step one had to complete in order to proceed.

It was impossible for me. Unhooking brassieres became a curse. I could see the brassiere test rushing up at me from way down the railroad tracks, say, the first brush of fingers as we walked toward my car. The test-seeing caused great anxiety in itself. When unhooking time came I would fumble, and every fumble produced more anxiety, which produced droplets of sweat, which caused more fumbles, which begot great goblets of sweat, which inevitably led to manly sweat dripping onto girl's face and blouse. Fellas: females often find great goblets of male sweat to be

At least that's what they told me on their way home. Very quickly I learned to say, "You take off your clothes, I'll take off mine, we'll meet in the middle of the bed."

Sadly, that life-saving technique didn't work with trucks, carpentry, plumbing, household repair, or any of the 10,000 fix-it problems a man is supposed to master. Worse, I've always been attracted to a life where competency in fix-it problems is number one. I lived in a cabin I built in Alaska. That was home base for 25 years. A mile walk in from the nearest dirt road, no water, no electricity. Absolutely absurd for me. My domestic arrangements were clumsy, uncomfortable, idiosyncratic (the cabin door opened inward as a welcoming gesture for ravenous black bears; not outward, as it did in every other Alaska cabin), and eternally half done.

Seemed okay to me.

Time passes. My mechanical abilities do not undergo transformation, but my knees do. Aforementioned body parts demand a bicycle. I figured if I was going to ride a bike, I should learn how to fix flats and maybe one or two other maintenance tricks. It seemed, as the deer said to the headlight, like a pretty good idea at the time.

Henry points to his carbon fiber bicycle frame, which is hanging on a bike stand, and says, "Let's say the current front derailleur is a triplechain Shimano. The question is, can you replace the front derailleur with any Ultegra triple?"

I break in, "What's a derailleur?"

Henry, winces, answers in bicycle lingo at triple-time speed. I do not hear the word, "derailleur" at any point during his spiel. His last sentence is, "Make sure your adjustment screw position is correct and the guide plates are parallel to the chain."

I ask, "What's a derailleur?" Silence. "Show me." This is said in a hostile, "Give me what you know about derailleurs, fucker," tone of voice. I'm four hours into this, I'm hungry, I have a headache, I'm tired of Henry's bullshit, I want to get to the flat-tire stuff, and I want to get to it now.

Henry makes his airline-stewardess smile and says, "We'll get to that in a minute," and begins a new bicycle monologue.

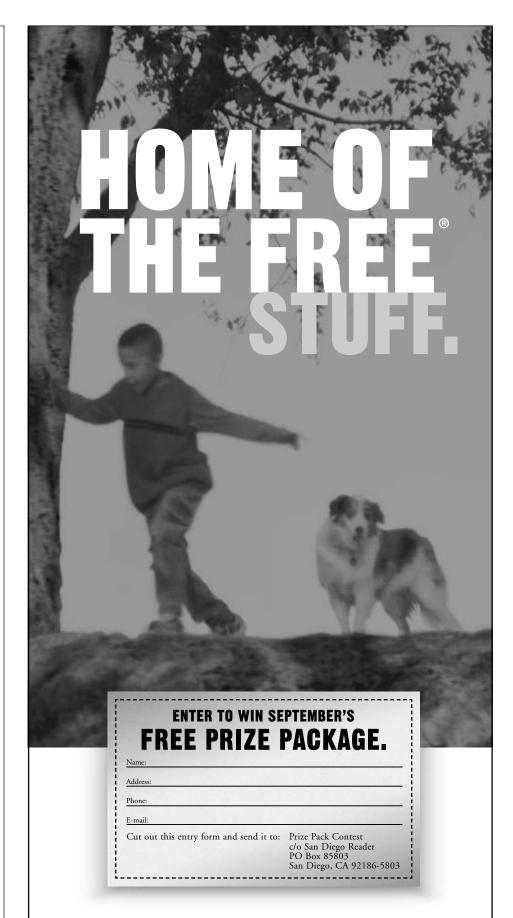
This kicks off an interior conversation that goes like this: "Yes, Henry's a pompous windbag, but he knows more about bicycles than the seven of us put together. Henry has probably taught this class for years, and more than likely will bring everything together at the end. It is not for me to try and reorder the structure of his lecture. And, this is a perfect opportunity to practice patience. God knows I need it. I should fade into the background, let bicycle maintenance come to me. And while I'm at it, I could have a little compassion for Henry; his arrogance is probably a cover for a lifetime of bad feelings. Cut the lad some slack, it will be good for both of us."

I draw in a slow, calming breath, sit up in my chair, fix a steady gaze upon Henry's face, and say, "Show me the derailleur. NOW!"

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"The Roman Catholic Church has a history of changing its position on issues. It just takes a long time. Look at the church's stance on Galileo. It took them hundreds of years to finally apologize and admit they were wrong. In time, the Roman Catholic Church's position will change [on homosexuality],

but most likely, it will not be in my lifetime," said Pat McArron, president of the local San Diego Dignity chapter and past president of the national organization. McArron has been active in the dialogue about homosexuality with the Roman Catholic Church for over 30 years. "Dignity was founded as a therapy group for homosexuals in 1969. Today, Dignity is a community of Catholics creating a place for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender people to feel comfortable. It has a two-fold mission: to provide a place of worship without recrimination and to speak to the greater Catholic community about the issues.

the issues.

"Our message to the Roman Catholic Church is pretty simple. Stop calling us objectively disordered. Stop looking at us as any more sinful than any other Catholic. Our sexuality is not an abomination," said McArron.
"We've seen a real disconnect between the people in the pews and the

hierarchy of the church. The bishops and cardinals feel they need to toe the line. A lot of people in positions of leadership compromise their own beliefs because they are afraid they will lose their jobs."

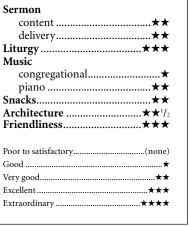
At Dignity's Sunday-evening service, 31 men, 5 women, and one wiener dog celebrated Mass at First Unitarian Universalist Church, which hosts the local Dignity chapter. A handout listed events. The handout offered a session on the Domestic Partner Rights Act, a picture of Christ as he embraced another man, and a Bible passage with subsequent interpretation from The Word is Out by Chris Glaser, a devotional that blends Christian scripture with gay and lesbian concerns. Father Tom Beckman celebrated the Mass based on Matthew 15, a story of Christ's inclusion of a gentile woman into the family of Israel. Beckman reminded the congregation that the gentiles later would evangelize the Jews. "As gentiles were the angels to the Jews, we are to manifest God's presence and will to those we come into contact with. Christianity gets boring sometimes," said Beckman. "But it becomes exciting when we fulfill God's will with random acts of kindness and mercy.'

After Mass, people gathered in a cafeteria around tables of soda, water, juice, and pastries. "All the priests we have here were priests in the Catholic Church," said Eric, a regular at Dignity. "We are an open and accepting community. A lot of gays in the Catholic community feel like outsiders. Yet they want to express what they've grown up with in the church. They can do that here. [As gays] we can hold hands and kiss when we give the sign of peace."

"The God I believe in is a loving and accepting God. He made me this way. I didn't ask to be gay," said Jim Cassidy. Cassidy said he disapproves of the Catholic Church's stance on homosexuality. "The Catholic Church is an organization. God doesn't condone the church organization but the people."

"There is no official reaction to the Dignity organization," said Father Tom Beckman a semi-retired priest from the Old Catholic Church of Canada. "According to the Roman Catholic Church, Dignity doesn't exist and gay people don't exist. The Catholic Church states that, yes, you may go to

church, and if you have committed an act of adultery, you can go to confession and go to communion. But this puts [gays] into a double bind." Beckman said this stance causes psychological problems in the gay community because they have to confess that their lifestyle is wrong. "If the shoe were on the other foot — if heterosexuals were asked to be gay to take communion — only then could they understand the dilemma gays face in the Catholic Church. We must say one thing and do



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Beckman said people who find anti-homosexual scripture in the Bible take these passages out of context. "When Paul writes instruction to the churches he founded, he is giving specific instruction to these churches," said Beckman about antigay passages of scripture. "What appears as dictum for all times, one can only understand if they read it in the proper context." Beckman says Paul's writ-

ing was not against homosexuality but against the practice of prostitution that was part of the pagan temple nearby the church. "The issue of homosexuality only seems to be a problem for Christians who say that the scriptures are handwritten by God."

I asked Beckman what happens to a person after they die. "Heaven is a state of being. It isn't a place with streets paved with gold. That doesn't sound like heaven at all to me," replied Beckman. "Heaven begins here and ends with the vision of God. I believe it is my job to direct people to heaven. I don't know if anyone will ever end up in hell." Beckman said he does not believe hell is a place with fire and brimstone. "People want to approach the Bible literally. The Bible is not what it appears to be. People are missing a great deal of meaning [when they look at it literally]. They are missing the heart of scripture. As I grow older and, hopefully, wiser, I am becoming more open to what these scriptures have to say to me."

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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Dear Saffron.

My husband of almost two years is a recovering alcoholic. Until recently he had been sober for five years. Last night I saw him drinking mouthwash, which contains 15% alcohol. I asked him about it and he said that he had been doing it for about one and a half weeks. He said that he started because it helps him to get to sleep. I expressed my concern and told him that I was very worried that he felt that he 1) needed to drink to get to sleep and 2) couldn't discuss it with me and come up with a better solution. Thinking back, I remember a few occasions when I thought that I had smelled alcohol on his breath. I even mentioned it to him, but because I know we don't have any in the house I never really worried about it. Now that I realize his source. I am extremely concerned and wonder how long he really has been doing this. He has called me several times today and has been acting very guilty and is overly accommodating. This behavior makes me think that he has been drinking more than he has admitted to. I don't know what to do.

WORRIED KEARNY MESA WIFE

Dear Worried,

Your husband shouldn't be drinking mouthwash — to get a buzz or for any other reason. With his history, it sounds like trouble brewing. You are right to sound the alarm now before the secret drinking escalates. Talk to your husband again and tell him you're worried sick that he's falling off the wagon and want him to get help immediately. Below you'll find contact information for three organizations that can help provide counseling and support to both of you. If you afford it, try to find a psychotherapist who specializes in substance abuse, and encourage your husband to make an appointment. If he won't, you can go yourself. If he has been to Alcoholics Anonymous and likes their approach, he should take himself to a meeting. You can contact Al-Anon, an organization whose mission is "to help families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem drinking of a relative or friend." Alcohol and Drug Services for the county health department can provide referrals for counseling. Remember: even if your husband refuses to get help, you must get the support you need. You're important, too. San Diego Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, www.aasandiego.org, 619-265-8762; San Diego Chapter of Al-Anon, www. alanonsandiego.org, 619-296-2666; Alcohol and Drug Services for San Diego County

Department of Health, 619-692-5727.

Dear Saffron,

I have a female coworker, 22 years old, who seems to be seriously depressed. She's smart, pretty, and is attending college to become a teacher. She's constantly talking about how she hates her life wants to end it, stop breathing, etc., usually in a busy work environment. How can I help her? Over the years I have tried to listen to her and lift her spirits by sending cheery cards and by being attentive. Nothing works. I've suggested medication. Ultimately she always has a reason why she can't be helped. I want to be a friend to her and help if I can. Is this a hopeless situation, or should I be more proactive? I'm scared for her.

I CARE IN LA MESA

Dear I Care,

I'm not surprised that your coworker's steady stream of suicidal quips has left you feeling helpless and alarmed. You could take her out to lunch or coffee, on a weekend, away from the workplace. Tell her what you said in your letter: that you value and respect her, you want to be a friend, and you are gravely distressed by her constant reference to wanting to die. Tell her you take them seriously and wish she'd find a way to be healthier and happier. You can "resuggest" options you've already mentioned: medication, therapy. Not knowing what her specific situation is, it's hard to give more detailed council than that. You could appeal to her in terms of her desire to teach: this kind of dark, life-hating talk is not going to go over well in a school environment. You can offer advice, a listening ear, and sympathy, but it's up to her to decide to confront her demons

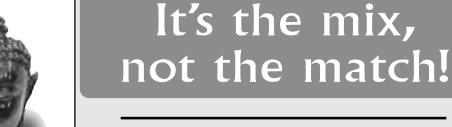
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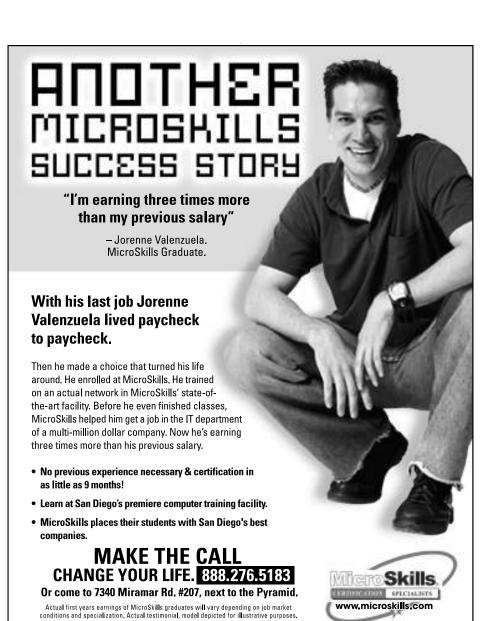
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-EVE KELLY

"I'm so cheap," moaned my dear friend Kathleen, who has been nursing for ten years. "I wear whatever scrubs I can find in a thrift store, usually the classic greygreen or dark blue. Once, I scored a cargo pants scrub set that I loved and I wore out. A few of the nurses I work with still wear all white, and it looks

very sharp, and it amazes me at how they look crisp and clean throughout the workday. I have a gift for dodging flying bodily fluids, so I stay fairly clean, but I like to wear some color."

Kathleen's birthday is coming up, and she's been working hard supporting her family for eight years while her husband has gone back to medical school. I'd like to surprise her with a brand-new pair of scrubs, so I hit the phones last week for some info on the outfit.

The first thing I was curious about was why scrubs have that unfitted design? "The simpler the better, because you are dealing with patients that are sick," explained the saleslady at Ace Uniforms downtown. "As for the design of the scrub, I am assuming it is because that is what fits men best, because scrubs started out only being for men. Up until the 1900s, when they came out with this design, most doctors were men. Now they are getting more fitted for women."

Which doctors wear scrubs?

"Usually the surgeons wear the scrubs and the regular family practice doctors are the ones that wear the lab coat with day clothes underneath."

Why the grey-green color?

"I think that came from the military. Years ago, whenever you went to hospitals, they were still wearing white. But at the Navy hospitals they were wearing green and then soon it caught on at the other hospitals. I think it kind of hides the stains better.'

The Ace Uniform saleslady said that cotton scrubs are not popular anymore. "More people are buying the polycotton scrub which is 65 percent polyester, 35 percent cotton," she offered. "You don't have to iron it and the stains come out

easier."
"Scrubs used to be just straightlegged, unisex," she continued. Now there are so many vendors selling different scrubs. When you're shopping for scrubs, try and buy the best that you can. There is one brand called L.A. Rose and it is made for women. It is a mid-rise, it comes right under the belly button, but the crotch is higher, better fitting for women, and they are flare-legged. Dickies is another great uniform scrub. Their product sells itself; it's very durable, and it lasts a long time.

"I have a gift for dodging flying bodily fluids."

Dickies just came out with a men's scrub bottom with a zipper, something you never see. S.C.R.U.B.S. brand is another great scrub, a bit softer than the Dickies scrub and durable.

"A lot of the hospitals now do their own laundry," she added, "and they provide the scrubs for the doctors. So the doctors have the option to buy their own if they want printed scrubs or different styles, or use the hospital

Prices at Ace Uniform range from **\$11.99** a piece on up to **\$26.99**. There are also a lot of sets for \$18.99.

The saleslady encouraged me to call Smart Scrubs in Grossmont Center, Angie Johnson, manager at Smart Scrubs, gave me a few more tips with scrubs. "The design of our S.C.R.U.B.S. brand came about through a full-time nurse who got

tired of wearing plain white uniforms, which were stiff

and hard," said Johnson. "So she decided to start to make her own scrub and then pretty soon other nurses also liked them and she was making them for everybody else. So she's the founder of the company.

"You can get the scrub top with one pocket,

which is the basic. You can get the two-pocket or the three-pocket. The big super one-pocket is a big seller. What we are hearing is that a lot of the professionals don't like a lot of pockets on the top. They like to have the pockets on the cargo pants. Also men seem to prefer drawstring pants, whereas the women like the drawstring with the elastic or just the elastic pants.

"Our most popular scrubs among the younger nurses is our Dickies brand because they are a little more tapered, more stylish, and they have a shorter top whereas all S.C.R.U.B.S. brand tops are pretty long."

What about prints?

We have a lot of variety," continued Johnson, "so if you are working in Children's Hospital, you can come here and get Dora or the Rugrats. Or for a veterinary hospital, we have horses and dog prints. And for convalescent homes, we have flowers. So we carry a lot of prints for all the different types of work. A big seller is our scrub that has San Diego printed on it and also our Padres scrub. But mostly they want the forest green, or our le ceil blue, which is a bit darker than a powdered blue, or the loden color which is like an olive

Johnson said their scrub pants cost from \$24.95 up to \$35.95. Their scrub tops start between \$24.95 and can go up to \$34.95.

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

In the San Diego area, the two best-selling imported beers are Heineken and Dos Equis. Dos Equis became a best seller only in the last year or two. While Dos Equis has always been popular in the Bay Area, our proximity to Tijuana made drinkers associate it with a trip across the border, rather than a drink available at the supermarket.

As for American beer, 40–50 percent of the total San Diego sales goes to Coors, 25 percent to Budweiser, and the bottom 10 percent to Olympia, Schlitz, and

- "A WORD OF ADVICE TO THE LOCAL LUSH." E.J. Rackow, August 28, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The Believer: What better proof is there of the existence and nature of God than the lowly grunion? It is God who sustains the world, who plans everything, who makes everything happen according to His will. See what perfection He has put into His creation! The eggs of these six-inch fish need ten days in a warm, dry environment for the larvae to develop and get ready for hatching. But the sea is wet and cold. Hence, God has devised an incredible method to allow the grunion eggs to gestate on beaches.

— "DIVINE GRUNION," Ben Sira, August 28, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Leslie supervises a fast-food outlet near the

The biggest complaint I've got is that people don't read. They walk in, look at the huge menu that's hanging right in front of them, and then ask, "What do you serve?" This happens at least 20 times a day — and it's mostly elderly people doing it. There are a bunch of senior-citizen complexes in the Midway area, so we get a lot of them.

— "WHAT'S YOUR GRIPE?" Jacqueline Shannon, August 29, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

"Something's not right," a San Diego Tribune staffer remarks. "The county is growing like crazy, but the newspapers are shrinking." Both Copley dailies — the Tribune and the morning Union — have experienced reductions in circulation this year. while the county's population has grown by about 80,000. But while the Union's average daily circulation is down only 1.6 percent (about 2850 fewer copies sold than last



San Diego Reader, August 24, 1995

year), the Tribune is off by 4.5 percent. —CITY LIGHTS: "APPROACHING THE WORRY POINT." Neal Matthews, August 30, 1990

Ten Years Ago

The first crime I remember committing was in 1959 at a Little League ballpark near the Armory in Kearny Mesa. With a rusty metal pipe, I broke a cheap lock on a concession stand door and went in. Once inside, I was dizzied by the scent of peppermint, chocolate, and caramel. I filled a box with Hershey bars, Neccos, and Tootsie Rolls. I was eight years old.

Back in my neighborhood, I ate some, stashed some for later, and sold the rest for a nickel apiece. One of the sales I made was to an eight-year-old neighbor and classmate, Bernard. He was a chubby, jocular black kid who was one of the best marble players on Comstock Street. Currently he is on death row in San Quentin for the 1979 decapitation of a Mesa College

- "RABBIT'S BAD HABITS," John Olson, August 24, 1995

Five Years Ago

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—CITY LIGHTS: "JUST SAY NAY," Bob Owens, August 24, 2000

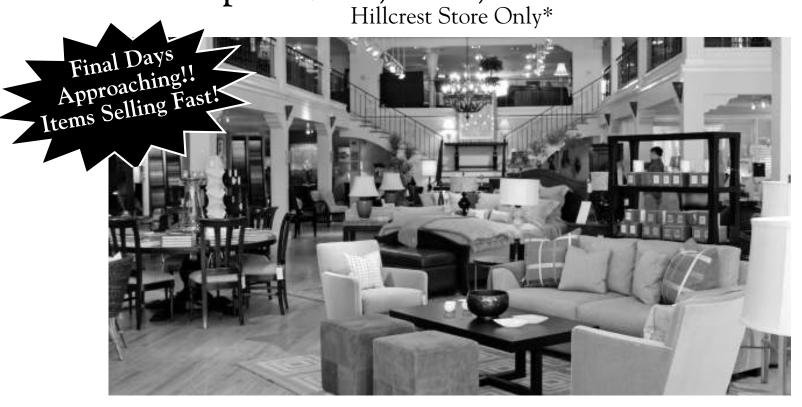
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OPERA HOUSE

by Josh Board

met Sarah at a party last year. She sings with the Small Opera of San Diego. The voice that comes out of her petite frame sounds as if it should come from a 400nound Italian woman.

She called to invite me to a party the Museum **Artists Foundation was** putting on with Small Opera. It was on a Saturday afternoon.

I drove to the estate in La Jolla and met Sarah's husband out front (he was giving me directions via cell phone). I gave him a hard time because he was dressed comfortably, while Sarah was dressed in the Venetian Carnivale theme. It was hot out. and you could see a few of the women sweating. I felt as though I was in a Merchant Ivory film.

The huge house is owned by Maher Morcos, who has an art gallery in La Jolla. I was talking to a lady at the party who told me Morcos was born in Egypt and that his parents discouraged his art. He became an architect and built this place. The crowd watched as the sun melted into the ocean. When I went to the upper deck for a better view, I overheard a



couple talking about his art. One said Morcos created the 16-foot bronze monument of Don Diego at the Fairgrounds. The other liked his nudes. I thought his western stuff was interesting, but the rest of his art didn't blow me away.

The work of an artist there named Gerrit Greve did blow me away. He has a gallery in Cardiff. When I found out he had done some

Top: Sarah Suhonen (left) with artist Jennifer; bottom left: Garrit Greve in the Opera came over, I asked him, "How many

I met an artist named

Greve said, "Your eyes look so familiar." She smiled, and number. times have you used that

phone number, then I realized it was her chiropractor's

Her artwork was alcoholrelated. Colorful prints of fruity drinks or wine bottles. They would look great in a bar — or in Jimmy Buffett's house. I joked with her that one of her margarita glasses had too much salt around the rim. She agreed. She said, "I'm a bit dyslexic. I thought you were going to say I spelled a word wrong."

There were guys walking around with appetizers. I admitted to Sarah that I didn't know what half of the

food was. A guy came by with small slices of pizza, so I grabbed him. I said, "You look like Tiger Woods." "Yeah, I hear that a lot. Once in awhile I get Chris Rock."

"Do you see that guy over there?" I asked him. "Unfortunately for him, he looks like Fabio." He laughed and said, "I told him that earlier."

I saw Ronda again and asked her about abstract art. I told her there was something about it I didn't understand. She said that a lot of it is crap. She gave me a tour of the house. I got to check out her legs as we walked up the stairs. (If her husband is reading this, I'm just joshing; it was her lovely dress I was admiring.) Morcos's bedroom was huge. The way he had it decorated was interesting. The bed was in the middle of the room.

I went to grab some wine. The bartender was explaining the different wines to someone. He must have been a jack of all trades, because I later heard him talking about fixing a toilet the night before, and doing something else to the garden.

"Mozart, Beethoven...they don't complain about how you make them look."

line?"

CD covers, I asked what musicians he liked doing covers for. He said, "Mozart, Beethoven...they don't complain about how you make them look,"

When a Filipina who was

Ronda. We went from a conversation about Roxy Music to talking about migraines. She suggested I could get rid of them if I went to a chiropractor. I was excited when Ronda handed me a

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I went back to talk with Gerrit. He was discussing wine. I asked about a painting he had on the wall with an angel. I thought I would lose credibility if I told him it reminded me of a Black Sabbath album. He said the painting was done after a death, and he told me that he often paints when he grieves. Strange that his last name is Greve.

I like paintings with more color than his paintings had, but I did only see a sampling of his work. Greve gave me his business card. It had an abstract drawing of a person. I asked if it was Van Gogh. He said, "No. You'll never guess." Well, now it was a challenge. I guessed Groucho Marx. Wrong. My third guess, Marlon Brando, was correct. He told me a story about the only other person who ever guessed it. It was a woman he met at a party who turned out to be the woman dressed like an Indian whom Brando sent to pick up his Oscar. (She was rumored to have been Brando's girlfriend, and not even a real Indian.)

An artist named Jennifer had done a painting of Sarah with a few other women. I felt stupid because I first pointed out the wrong person who I thought was Sarah. I asked her if it was hard to stand there for such a long time posing. Jennifer overheard this and told me, "I take a picture, and then I just use that to look at as I paint." I asked a guy standing nearby if that is what all artists do when they paint portraits. "Well, it's probably the way it's been done since the invention of the camera."

Jennifer's son was there doing some video work. I said to him, "You can't paint, so you decided to learn how to video instead." I don't think he thought that was funny. I met a woman named Beverly who had provided all the Victorian costumes. She told me about the costumes she's made for various events. Her kids must have enjoyed coming up with Halloween costumes for

her to make. My mom had us buy the plastic masks with the rubber bands around them that pulled your hair out. You got so hot by the fourth house, you ended up taking the thing off. But that'll be a story for my psychiatrist someday.

I told Beverly I had once looked for a piratestyle shirt that had a leather strap over the chest instead of buttons. She told me she had those. She told me she was going to her car to get something she wanted to show me. I never saw her again.

I looked for Ronda but couldn't find her. I saw Greve holding court with a new group. I couldn't find Sarah. I grabbed one last piece of pizza and split. ■

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"This mister contains silver and gold, the same materials used by ancient Egyptians," the speaker announced. The room seemed to undulate beneath the oohs and aahs.

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"I'm thinking about getting the mister," Stephanie leaned in to tell me.

"Oh yeah, must have," I said. "I'm already decided on that and the 'temptress' red lipstick with 'extra pigment."

"We are such slaves to the advertisement," she added with a giggle, leaving the obvious unsaid — that even though we were mocking the staged sales pitches and despite our state-of-the-art bullshit filters, we wanted to be persuaded to buy more makeup. When it comes to cosmetics, we feel the same way many women feel about shoes — there's "no such" as "too much."

I met Stephanie shortly after I graduated high school, around the same time I began to develop an interest in beauty products. She immediately became my fashion guru. One night, when the phones were not busy at the call center for which we worked, Stephanie tweezed my brows, something I'd never tried before. One by one, she plucked away, and I was amazed at how different my face looked after such a seemingly subtle change.

I never wore makeup in high school, proud of the fact that I didn't "need" it. Because I'm half Irish and half Greek/Italian, I have naturally rosy cheeks, a spattering of freckles, and, depending on how much sun it sees, my skin tone fluctuates between milky pink and olive. The truth is, no one "needs" makeup. Just as no one "needs" a flattering hair cut. But I have yet to meet the woman whose personality doesn't shine a bit brighter when she's feeling more attractive.

Four years after the initial tweezing session, I convinced Steph to join me living in Los Angeles, where I had been taking makeup tips from Sassy, the rambunctious little drag queen, for almost a year. When she joined me in Plastic Land, Steph was in her "V" phase, meaning her upper lip was shaped into a sharp, deep-red "V" at all times.

We would get vamped up and go to clubs with names like Sinomatic and Perversion. This gave me a reason to experiment with extreme looks, weird colors, and dozens of moods. Red lips for sexually aggressive, dark eyes for sultry, shimmery blush for ingenue, and so on. Makeup became the way in which I expressed myself, and the means for which I could change my appearance, and therefore myself, instantly.

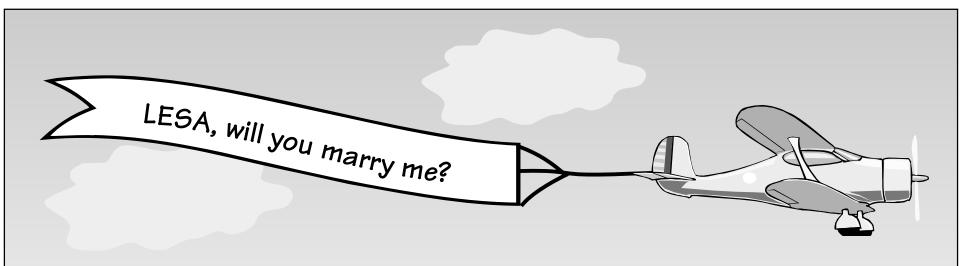
I began to follow makeup artist legends like Kevyn Aucoin. In one of his books, Kevyn wrote, "The excitement of beauty lies in the ability to look different." It was my goal to look different every day. My collection of cosmetics grew and grew. I felt like each new product brought me that much closer to achieving the "perfect look." As if by making myself *look* better, I would *feel* better.

And it worked. Makeup, on many an occasion, has made me feel better. One Saturday night, in the throes of PMS and caught up in a pensive phase, I told Stephanie I didn't want to go out or see anybody. She lived downstairs from me in our small apartment complex and was at my door in less than a minute.

I couldn't even muster a smile for her, but Steph wasn't fazed. She took my makeup kit and went to work on herself. Fifteen minutes later, she stood in front of me wearing a t-shirt, baggy gray sweatpants, and tube-socks, over which she had slipped on my black heels. Her long black hair was ratted out in glam-rock style and her face matched her coiffure — purple and black eye shadow, geometrical streaks of dark blush on each cheek, and it looked like she had mixed black eyeliner with red gloss to cover her lips.

"Come on, baby," Steph said, swaying her hips back and forth either in an effort to balance in my heels or as part of her odd little act, "Mama needs some laundry change." That was about all I could handle before doubling over in laughter.

Though Stephanie reminded me of the theatrical benefits to makeup, it is the ritual of





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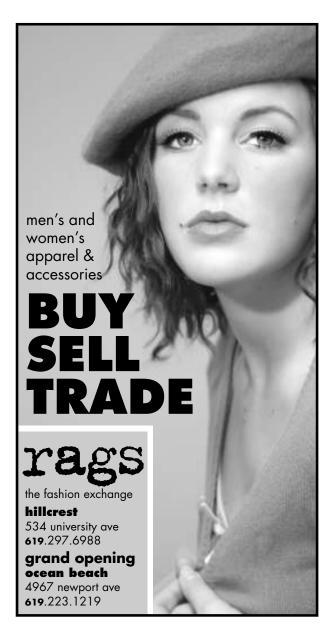
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applying it that usually improves my mood when I'm feeling poopy. There's something about the process of grooming, of carefully painting a wet line of black along my lashes, of sketching burgundy wax onto my lips and taking the time to examine and perfect each feature on my face that has always made me feel... confident.

The way dressing in a suit can make you feel professional or wearing silk can make you feel sexy, painting my face makes me feel "ready." Ready to take on the world, ready to spark up a conversation with that cute guy, ready to run into old high school friends at the supermarket. Everyone who puts something on her face, whether it's a sheer gloss or a full mask complete with concealer, foundation, powder, shadows, liners, mascara, blush, and lips, has her reasons (or his reasons — I'm hardpressed to name ten things sexier than a man wearing black eyeliner). Some might say this is a disguise, like putting on an ornately decorated Venetian mask before going to the costume ball. Confidence in appearing different from the person you really are.

This used to be the case with me. The reason I fell in love with makeup in the first place is because it helped me hide myself, of which I was ashamed, and play the part of the confident woman I wanted to become. Practice makes perfect, and though I am far from the latter, in recent years I find myself not remembering my rule of not leaving the house without lipstick on. In the last year, I have even gone out to clubs with a naked face. something inconceivable just a few years ago.

Am I more comfortable with who I am? Yes. But wearing makeup isn't always an indication of insecurity. Many times it is used to enhance those features you are most proud of. Though I realize now that I can achieve the "perfect look" by simply being myself, sometimes being myself means to don bright red lips and a giant feather boa. ■



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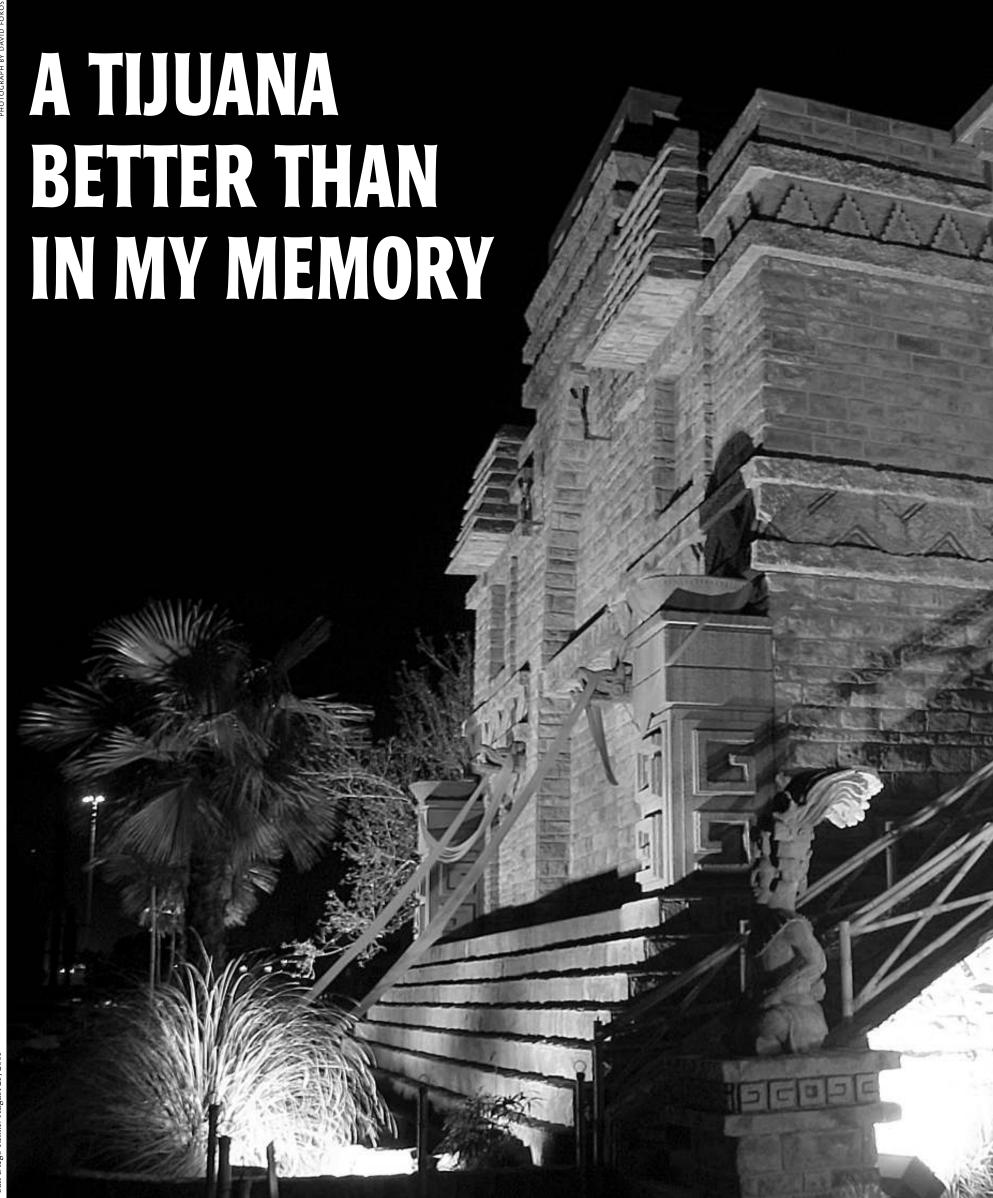
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Any kid who reaches the age of 18 in San Diego knows about the endless clubs of Tijuana offering cheap beer and margaritas to those young adults who are old enough to die for their country but not to drink in it. We followed the masses of military boys and college girls to Avenida Revolución, where bars blasting everything from techno music to the Beastie Boys were set next door to each other.

Teens stumbled from one discotheque to the next. We chose one and paid a couple of dollars for an endless drink supply (a luxury afforded only to females at these clubs). Kids ordered "poppers" for their friends — one would point out a victim and pay a few bucks to an employee of the bar. The employee would track down and capture the victim and either sit the victim in a chair or simply hold the victim's head while he proceeded to pour tequila straight from the bottle into the victim's gullet. When enough had gone down, he would grab the targeted one's head and shake it like a madman.

This happened to me once. Surprised to spot the man with the bottle heading toward me, I dodged and ducked my way through the crowd until I was caught. A chair appeared beneath me in the middle of the dance floor, and the pouring began, after which was the inebriation-inducing head shake. I *hate* tequila, but I managed to stumble back to my strawberry margarita (a drink in which the taste of tequila is masked with citrus and sugar) without puking. I never learned who ordered the popper. Probably the older man who hit on me a few minutes after it was administered (at the time, I was 18 and he was around 35).

I'm sure if something like poppers existed in the Gaslamp there would be lawsuits, but the kids in TJ never think to tell, especially when they're crossing the border against their parents' wishes. Every joint on Revolución reeked of spilled beer and tequila. Shortly before 4:00 a.m., when most clubs closed, those two fragrances were joined by the stench of vomit and urine.

Return to the Border

Eight years had passed since my last excursion into our neighboring country. When recounting teenage antics with friends at a recent soiree, I bluntly announced, "TJ sucks. Unless you want to get wasted, laid, or annoyed, there's no reason to go down there."

"En el contrario," said my friend Eddie.
"There are plenty of cool places to go — you just don't know about them."

"Right," I said. "I forgot I could get a knock-off leather purse."

"You have no idea," said Eddie. "Name the day, and I'll show you myself."

Eddie was born in Irapuato, a city located in central Mexico. He has been a resident of



Fermentation tanks, Cervecería Tijuana

San Diego since the age of nine and attended high school with me at Bonita Vista High. After graduating from UCLA with a communications degree, he entered busi-

ness with his father, conducting market studies for American and Canadian companies wanting to do business in Mexico, mostly for the electronics industry.

Now he works at the San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center. To put this in simpler terms, Eddie is a gorgeous and happenin' Cabana Boy, a manabout-town who is known — and liked — by many. But I wasn't convinced he could make TJ better than it

was in my memory. I called his bluff, demanded proof, and made a date.

We left early on a Saturday morning, taking the Interstate 5 from Mission Hills to the Mexican border. I insisted on driving but refused to drive into Mexico; I don't know the laws of the road, and I recalled that the cab drivers in TJ were almost as bad as those in New York City — it's better to be driven by them than to drive near them. I turned off at the exit marked "Last U.S. Exit" and followed the road to the parking lot north of the border.

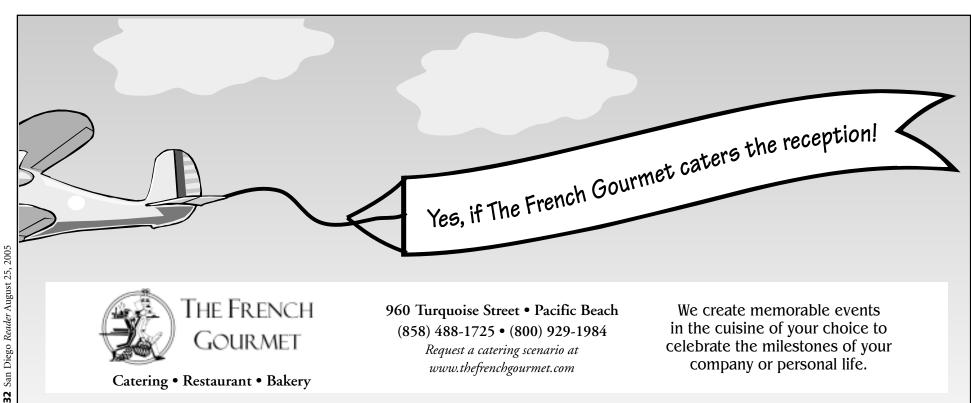
"Eight dollars a day" was painted in red on a sign by the lot's entrance. I pressed a green button for my automated ticket and parked my car, then did as my father taught me and made sure nothing visible on the floor or seats might tempt a desperate vagrant to smash a window. Annoyed with my checking and rechecking, Eddie pushed onward, muttering about paranoia.

Getting into Mexico











is easy. We walked the span of a city block to the first of two metal turnstiles — a rusty, clanky way to let people in but not out. We made our way down the sidewalk, on either side of which construction workers were building tall, solid walls. Perhaps these are intended to block the unattractive view of the endless line of vehicles waiting to enter the United States.

Finally, we stepped into a clearing where dozens of shiny yellow cabs waited while their drivers flocked to oncoming foot traffic and solicited fare. Children selling Chiclets, Oaxacan women displaying jewelry on the sidewalks, men hustling painted ceramic statues of Jesus and Marvin the Martian, this is the TJ I remembered — except

this time, everything was lit by morning sun.

Eddie nodded at the closest of the cab drivers. "Paseo de los Héroes, por favor," Eddie said as we sat on the dark blue velvet seats in the back of the cab. Paseo de los Héroes is the main drag of TJ — that is, if one does not count the tourist-laden Avenida Revolución.

We were halfway to our destination when the cabbie cursed in Spanish and jerked the car to the left as a woman cut him off. At the next stoplight we pulled alongside the woman and discovered the cause of her erratic driving — she was brushing her teeth. Where does one get the water? Where do you spit? We jutted forward and then ahead of her as the light turned green,

Diego Moreno Maldonado and I found myself relieved that I wasn't able to discover — by way of witnessing — the practical side of driving one's car while performing hygienic routines. We were dropped in

front of a building that resembled Pac-Man — a large cement sphere with stairs on either side acting as the curvy arms

head. Right where Pac-Man's mouth would be was the entrance to the building. Uncanny. This building is the Tijuana Cultural Center, and at five stories high, it is the city's largest local history, science, and art museum. Here there is an Omnimax theater, galleries, a bookstore, and another theater that is home to Baja California's symphony orchestra. People come to la Bola (a local nickname given to the big brown ball) to attend concerts, theater, writers' lectures, and science and history conferences. The fountains outside the building were not flowing this Saturday morning, but children frolicked in the noncirculating water.

coming out of the videogame character's

"Pretty cool," I said, after Eddie had explained what went on inside Pac-Man. "Are we going to see an exhibit?"

"Nope," he said.







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"We're not even going inside. We're going over there for a mimosa and something to eat." I followed his gaze down the busy street, seeing only buildings and giant statues at the center of each major intersection. I later learned that these were statues of important historical figures such as Cuauhtémoc, the last emperor of the Aztecs, and our very own Abraham Lincoln.

Chilaquiles for Breakfast

Eddie led me down Paseo del los Héroes to the east, past Plaza Rio (a shopping mall that, as I would discover later in the day, harbored a wondrous place), to Hotel Camino Real. The hotel's several stories were yellow, purple, and hot pink.

"We're not going in there, are we?" I asked Eddie.

"This is where Gogo's sister got mar-



Pedro Iturrios, plant manager, Consorcio Cervecero de Baja California

ried," he said, as if by pointing out that our friend's family had chosen this location for such a special event he could convince me to go in. It worked — I've

been to some of the swanky, classy functions hosted by Gogo's family, and knowing they chose this place was all the proof I needed to enter, whether or not I found the colors to be hideous.

The inside of the five-star hotel was an elegant, muted version of its garish outdoor appearance. We went up an escalator to the main

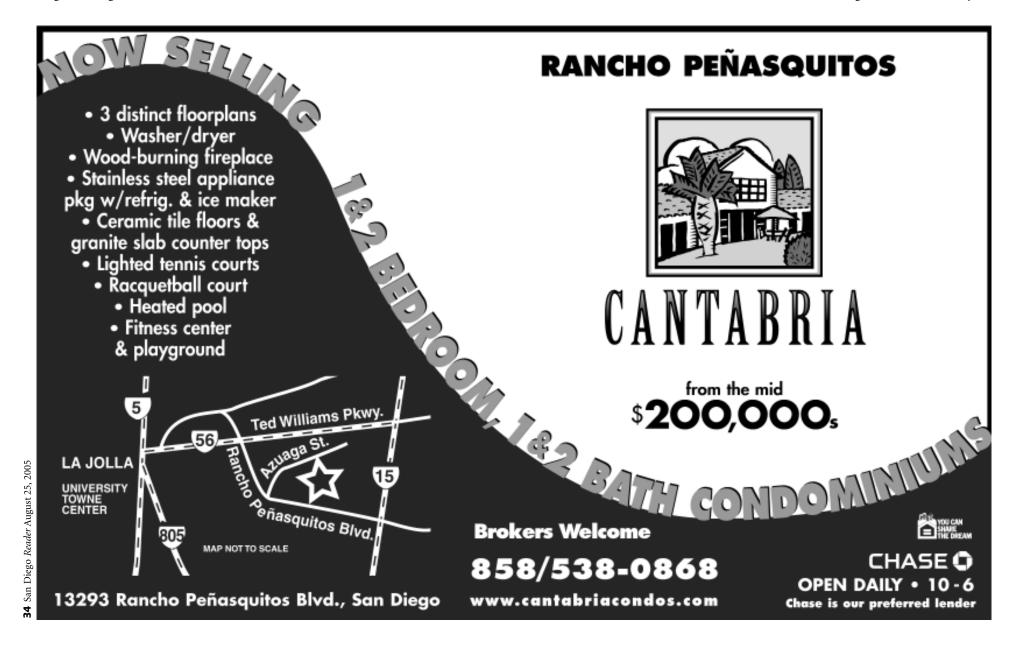
lobby, where the concierge — a bilingual young man — greeted us. Eddie asked if the hotel's lobby bar was open. Rather than raising a brow at what could only be two Americans with a bad case of alcoholism, the concierge informed us that the bar would be open later that evening, "with live music," and suggested we eat breakfast in the restaurant.

Eddie reminded me that we'd be drinking in a few hours, which helped end my lamentation for our missing mimosas. We headed to the hotel's restaurant, Azulejos.

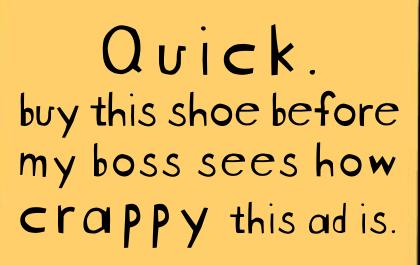
We were led to a table against a lemon yellow wall. The sun made its way into the room through rectangular skylights, reflecting off the walls to give everything a bright glow. Wedges of watermelons — a three-dimensional frieze —

adorned the vibrant purple wall at the back of the room in a wavy horizontal line two wedges thick. Above my head, more food decorations were attached onto square boards that were split into four sections — each section contained a basketball-sized sculpture of a fruit (pineapples, strawberries, mangos, and more). A besuited waiter

appeared with menus written in English and Spanish and informed us of the breakfast buffet bar (all you can eat for five dollars). Eddie ordered mole enchiladas à la carte, and I decided to try chilaquiles for the first time. When our food arrived, I picked at Eddie's mole — a chocolatelike sauce and he helped finish my chilaquiles, which seemed to be the breakfast version of nachos chips, cheese, and tomatillo sauce. We lingered over our freshly









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squeezed juices until it was time to search for beer — around noon.

The Czech Republic of Tijuana

Outside the hotel, we hailed a taxi.

"Cervecería Tijuana, por favor," Eddie said to the man in the driver's seat. We traveled a long way (ten minutes was long compared to our previous ride) into residential streets. On the hillside were colorful shacks interspersed with large homes. Most of the buildings lining the long stretch of road we traveled appeared dry, dusty, and dilapidated.

Consorcio Cervecero de Baja California is the name of the company that makes Cerveza Tijuana, more commonly known as TJ Beer. It's located on Boulevard Fundadores (heading south on Avenida Revolución, you can turn right onto Fundadores, but we took a

different route). We arrived at a structure; with its fresh coat of paint, it was the best-looking building in the neighborhood.

Out of the cab and facing the yellow-andgreen edifice, I pointed at the bronze plaque affixed to the wall. The plaque was engraved with an animal figure that resembled a cross between a lion and griffin. Eddie translated the words imprinted on the crest: Consulate of the Czech Republic. To the right of the bronze crest were enormous green doors, like those allowing entrance into a barn. Eddie greeted the security guard standing in front of the doors. The guard took a moment to check with his superiors, verified that our presence was acceptable, and allowed us access to the main office. The brewery itself was to our right as we walked inside.

Though anyone can arrange a group tour (of around 30 people), Eddie had managed to orchestrate a private tour. The plant manager, Pedro Iturrios, ended a meeting with his employees to greet us. He wore fine pressed slacks with a black turtleneck sweater. His clothing and disposition, along with his mustache, salt-and-pepper hair, and wirerimmed glasses, gave him the appearance of a man comfortably in charge. Iturrios's English was far better than my Spanish — which is to say he can actually communicate in the language — but we still both appreciated Eddie's deft interpretations.

We began in the warehouse area just past the front doors. Iturrios shared some of the brewery's history. This *cervecería's* owner, José Antonio González, grew up in the business — his

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father worked for Cervecería Modelo, the company that makes Corona — an internationally popular beer. When Iosé Antonio González decided to open his own brewery, he traveled the world in search of what he considered to be "pure beer." He found it in the Czech Republic, in the bottle of a Pilsner Urquell, which contains only water, malt, hops, and yeast.

"We got the secrets from them," said Iturrios. "Our malt and hops come from the Czech Republic, but the water is Mexican." Originally, González recruited a Czech brewmaster, who later trained González's staff. Victor González, the brewmaster's best student (and no relation), replaced his

teacher, allowing the Czech man to go home. TJ Beer is made in accordance with German purity laws, the same laws by which the Czech's Pilsner makers abide. Iturrios pointed to a poster of the Pilsner lady (the buxom blonde cartoon found on the Pilsner logo) and said, "This is the mother. González is the father. and these," he waved his arm over the cases of bottles stacked against one wall, "these are the babies."

On another wall,

chairs and tables were stacked to the very high ceiling. Apparently, when patrons purchase kegs for a party, the brewery lends the furniture for a nominal price. Iturrios led us down a handful of steps into the brewery. We walked past

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Having never been inside a brewery before, I was curious to know how "babies" were made. Iturrios explained that malt (shipped from the Czech Republic) must be ground and put into a "big pot, where it's boiled." This creates a sweet, malt liquid. To the malt liquid, yeast is added. Then I learned something I must have missed in Biology 101: the yeast eats the sugar and excretes alcohol.

So basically, beer is the excrement of yeast. I tried not to think about this for too long, preferring to sum up the whole process in one word — fermentation. TJ Beer takes several weeks longer to ferment than many other brands because it is chilled during the process of fermentation, which slows down all that busy yeast. I placed one hand against the belly of one of the imposing containers — cold to the touch.

Once everything is boiled and "yeasted," hops are added. From the desk beneath Lady Guadalupe, Iturrios grabbed two glass jars — one filled with malt grains, the other with hops. He unscrewed the lid and invited us to smell the contents of each jar. Those little hops buds smelled like beer. Iturrios said hops add bitterness and floral aroma; they also act as a preservative. I've never been a big fan of beer. Even when I

partied in TJ as a teenager, I went for the margaritas, bypassing the bubbly, bitter, nastysmelling stuff. Learning of the process made me curious about how (and where) vodka is made now there's an alcohol I

can get my mouth around (with the right mixers, of course).

But there was more to this brewery than making alcohol. I asked Iturrios about the clips I had noticed hanging from metal wires that

ran around the perimeter of the room. Apparently, the owner is a dedicated supporter of the arts. Every three months he hosts a gallery opening. He chooses the work of local artists, allowing them to use the space for exhibiting, thus transforming the brewery into a gallery space. After the public show, an artist's work remains to be appreciated by employees of the brewery until the next show is hung. Currently,

no work was showing; Iturrios explained this was because a show had come down and the next artist had not yet begun to hang his work.

A man in a white jumpsuit and what looked like a white



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shower cap on his head appeared with three frosted glass mugs. I expected him to pull a few bottles from his snazzy suit, but he handed two of the mugs to Iturrios and held the remaining mug beneath the spout (like the kind you might find on an office water cooler) located on the side of one of the towering cold vats. An opaque golden liquid poured from the spout.

"Is this safe to drink?" I asked.

"Oh yes," said Iturrios. "This is the freshest beer you will ever taste."

"But is it done?" Earlier, Iturrios had explained that the last stage in the baby-making process was to filter out the hops and malt, then kill the yeast — this beer was chilling with organisms still eating and excreting their way through the malt. Something so disgusting had to be dangerous.

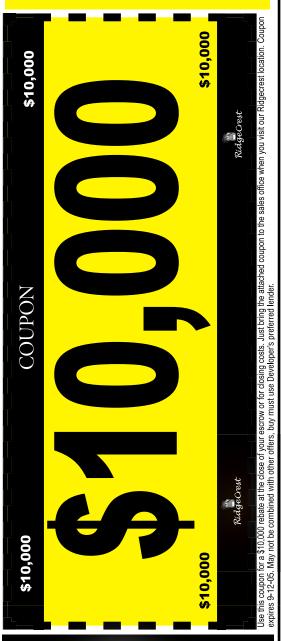
"Yeast is good for you," Iturrios said, once we each had a mug full of light amber beer in hand. "We only take it out because it makes the beer cloudy."

I took a swig. Then I downed the whole thing. It was nice to drink something this cold and buzz-inducing at high noon on a hot day. I finally understood thousands of beer commercials I'd seen that touted refreshment in association with a beverage I had viewed as bitter to taste and vile on one's breath. I thanked the man in the white jumpsuit and followed Iturrios into the "pub" half of the "brewpub."

I might as well have stepped through a Star *Trek*–style wormhole connecting Mexico to the Czech Republic. Every piece of wood in the two-story pub (with a capacity of 300) was purchased in and shipped from the Czech Republic. González wanted to recreate a

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Czech brewpub in TJ importing Czech materials and artists did the trick. Czech artists were brought in to paint larger-than-life murals on two-story walls and within small, receded panels. Torches hung everywhere, unlit and

not needed at this hour, for the sun was shining through Norse-style stained glass.

I would have questioned Iturrios about the "magical door" had I not seen piñatas hanging from the ceiling. These were enough to convince me that despite the appearance of this place we remained in TJ. Glass windows in one wall gave patrons a view of the brewery. Each night musicians perform on the stage in the corner of the second floor. I was tempted to stay at

Cervecería for lunch (the chef, Claudio Pérez, from Argentina, had an extensive menu, from burgers and fries to elaborate South American dishes I didn't recognize), but we had a movie to make. Through the veil of a

light buzz, Eddie and I bid Iturrios rozchod and headed outside to catch a cab. We waited ten minutes before the first taxi drove by.

Cinépolis, VIP

"Plaza Rio," Eddie called out as we got in the car.

It was almost 2:00 p.m. I was skeptical about visiting a movie theater in another country and grilled Eddie for information. "Is it clean? Are people allowed to smoke in there?" He assured me I was in for a lovely experience and told me

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to shut up for the rest of the ride.

Plaza Rio is the main Tijuana shopping mall, located on Paseo de los Héroes between the hotel at which we had breakfast and the museum at which we were dropped earlier in the day. There are two theaters at the mall — Cinépolis and Cinépolis VIP. Fourteen movies were playing at Cinépolis, but only three were advertised at Cinépolis VIP. We walked past clothing shops, jewelry stores, department stores, and beautifully landscaped common areas. Atop each bushlike tree that lined the walkway were animal shapes that had been sculpted from the hedge.

The shoppers, merchandise, and layout of stores reminded me of the Chula Vista Mall. The only thing missing were the retail chains I'm so used to seeing. Instead of a Gap, there



was an Italian clothing store for men. Rather than Nordstrom, there was Sara's — empty except for the fashionable employees at the makeup counters.

Out of curiosity, I dragged Eddie in with me to find out how much this "Sara" would charge for my favorite

Lancôme eyeliner. An English-speaking man rushed to fetch the product for me.

"That's two bucks more than I paid at Nordstrom," I whispered to Eddie. I left without purchasing anything, and once outdoors, Eddie explained that American brands are

imports in TJ and therefore more expensive than if they were purchased in an American city (funny, I could have sworn that Lancôme products were made in France).

We continued on to the VIP movie theater, at the opposite end of the mall from the peon's

theater (I was already beginning to feel "very important"). Sugary smells like maple syrup and chocolate wafted out from the entrance as we purchased tickets. There was no glass around the ticket booth. If I'd wanted to, I could have reached over the shallow standing desk

and poked the ticketselling girl in the face. Lucky for her, I suppressed the urge when I handed her a five spot — half the price of a standard ticket in San Diego. My ticket read, "El Hombre Araña Dos" — Spider Man 2. To the left of the ticket booth, we handed our tickets to a teenager his uniform pressed, his smile inviting.

Once inside, I paused to marvel at the lobby. Large silver columns rose to meet sweeping curves and lines of the ceiling — a modern, contemporary design, backlit with soft blue lighting. Theaters were marked by squares of etched glass lit from within the sliver of metal holding them in place from above.

We stopped for a moment to sample the black leather couches and chairs, which were placed so that we could sit anywhere in the



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room and still be able to reach one of the smooth wooden tables with industrial metal legs. The same metal uniformly encased posters of movies - faces of movie stars were illuminated from lights embedded in the sides of the metal cases. On each table were ashtrays, but to my asthmatic relief, no one was smoking. Past the lobby and to the left was a little café; before it, several wooden tables. Coffee and baked goods, like fresh cakes and cookies, were offered on signs in Spanish — a monolingual like me could peer through the glass display case or at pictures above in order to select a treat.

"Don't get anything here. There're better counters," Eddie said.

"Better than coffee and cake in a movie theater?" I asked.

"Yeah, look over there." He pointed across the way to a sushi bar.

That's right, a sushi bar, with an Asian chef behind the counter, which was surrounded by Japanese decor. Impressive — but I'm not one for sushi, so I pushed Eddie on to check what the rest had to offer.

A full bar gleamed near the sushi counter. "Full" meaning "any liquor you'd like." I ordered a piña colada and kept on walking.

"Are you kidding me?" I asked when we approached the next counter after the bar. "You can order crepes here?" I was overwhelmed, and we hadn't even gotten to the "regular" snack bars, the kind I was familiar with where they sell common items like popcorn and old hot dogs. Here, popcorn was served in starshaped containers, and other items, like hot dogs or nachos, were placed on sturdy plastic trays with indents for

any conceivable item one might place in them

The condiments were extensive — in addition to relish. ketchup, and mustard, there were three kinds of salsa, mayonnaise, and four other items of the vegetable variety that I didn't even recognize. But the one thing that struck me about all of these lobby areas was that they were so clean. Not one popcorn kernel on the carpet, not one straw wrapper by the trash — immaculate.

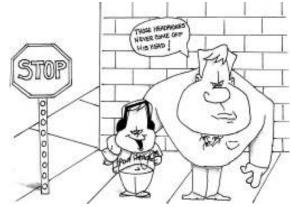
"Order me a crepe, will you? I'll go get our seats," I said to Eddie. I walked into the theater and stopped inside the entrance. Are you kidding me? I thought. The theater was huge. The screen was bigger than any I'd ever seen, and the seats seemed to go on forever. I went about halfway up (a tiring trip) and sat down in a wide, black leather chair that



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reclined. Eddie found me in the dark and set down the crepes on the table between us. Each pair of chairs shared a table with cup holders. He set down a ceramic plate and handed me silverware to eat with!

I thought about the last time I'd been to see a movie at Fashion Valley. Before the show started, I had gone to the counter to ask for a large cup of ice water.

"We can't do that," said the pimply-faced teenager behind the counter after I'd made

my request.

"Why not? I'll buy the bottle of water, and you can give me a large cup of ice with it."

"I can give you this," she said, holding up an itsy-bitsy paper cup that would hold, at most, two sips of water.

"How about I buy a soda, and you fill the cup with ice, and instead of soda, put water in it? If you don't have any water back there, I can fill it up at the drinking fountain," I said.

"We can only give you the small cups to fill up at the fountain," this uneducated dimwit told

"Just fill a soda cup with ice, charge me for it, and *charge* me for the water, I don't care, I just want a large cup of ice water! I'll pay whatever I have to! I want to give you money!" I didn't ask her to name the capital of Djibouti, but the look she gave me would have been the perfect response to such a question.

I gave up. "Fine. You know?... Fuck it. Just sell me a bottle of water

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and give me whatever ice you can." I walked away with a three-dollar bottle of water, two cubes of ice sticking out of a tiny cup, and a searing hatred for all movie theater employees.

And here I was in Mexico — for less than ten dollars — sipping my piña colada from a shapely glass, reclining in a leather seat, and occasionally pausing to slice for myself, with a silver knife, a bite of caramel crepe. Eddie and I delighted in our situation. Waiting for the movie to begin, he translated for me the ads on the big screen. Then the room went dark and Spider Man 2 was before me. In English.

"Are you kidding me?" I hissed to Eddie. I couldn't believe my luck. I was already geeky past the point of control to be seeing the recently released sequel to a movie I loved. I could never have imagined



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watching it on such a massive screen, in such a lush theater, and with what proved to be an impressive sound system. For all of these reasons, the movie was *awesome*.

The only downside to my Mexican moviewatching experience was that we were directed to exit the theater through doors down by the screen. If I had known, I would have gotten there much earlier to have my share of time in the lobby. I could have hung out there all day and would have turned right around to buy a ticket to a different show, but we had another appointment to make.

Dinner with Diego

We walked back to Paseo de los Héroes and caught a cab (the rides turned out to be, on average, three or four bucks each). We arrived at the restaurant within minutes. Eddie had arranged for us to dine with Diego Moreno Maldonado, author and resident of Tijuana. La Diferencia was the restaurant of Diego's choice; we found it behind a tuxedo shop. I was grateful to be wearing flat shoes as we crossed the cobblestone driveway (those stones were set so far apart, the gaps could swallow half my foot, and I could only imagine what they'd do to heels).

Eddie and I waited

Mitchell J. Mehdy

for Diego in the barroom adjacent to the restaurant. The chairs were wicker with bright yellow and blue floralpatterned cushions. La Diferencia's staff was expertly dressed — the bartender's uniform had all the fixings for a tuxedo, minus the jacket. Fifteen minutes later, a middle-aged man sporting wire-rimmed spectacles, a salt-andpepper beard (mostly salt), and tweed dinner jacket approached our

He had notebooks and novels in one arm, which he set on the table as he joined us. A waiter materialized seconds after Diego's hand went in the air — the server took the prominent man's order for a tamarind margarita. Diego was already animated without the assistance of alcohol.

"You see this?"
Diego said, lifting his arm in a sweeping gesture toward the ceiling. I looked up at the concave bricks that formed the raised area above us.

"Each brick was individually laid. The workers used no form for this," he said. In addition to his writing, Diego is an architect and had helped design La Diferencia. Currently, he works in urban planning and land control for many of Mexico's cities.

Eddie, man of connections, thought I might want to meet Diego because he knows much about the Tijuana that Eddie was attempting to prove existed. Diego wrote Salsipuedes, a book about the history of TJ. Salsipuedes, the fictional name Tijuana is



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table - Diego had

arrived.





given in the book, is also the name of a bar Diego hopes to open soon. His latest novel, The Man Who Came from the South, is about a detective/tango instructor whose attempt to solve a string of murders takes him from TJ to San Diego neighborhoods La Jolla, Hillcrest, and Kensington. Diego is convinced that the main character of this book, Tony Distancia, has much marketing potential — he told us he had already registered the character's name for its assured future success in the entertainment industry.

After a few drinks (I'd been sobering up with Diet Coke while the boys sipped their margaritas), a waiter appeared with menus and asked us to follow him to our table next to the large fountain in the center of the dining room. The receded ceilings in this room were smooth, painted blue; birds chirped away in cages that were placed at the top of four columns, giving one the sensation of being outside.

Our waiter handed the Mexican men a dark menu — mine was light; it must have been apparent to the staff that I spoke not a lick of

Spanish. The menu, though decadent and vast, was challenging for me. Things like crocodile, ants, and cilantro made my face scrunch. I went for simple and ordered a plate of cheese as an appetizer. I'd never been able to eat cheese without bread, but after the first bite, I popped chunks of the hard, wet stuff into my mouth. I considered this fancy Mexican cuisine, but one restaurant reviewer described La Diferencia as "traditional and exotic Pre-Columbian, Mayan, and Aztec recipes."

"There are fabulous Chinese restaurants in town," said Diego, pushing his spectacles into place on the bridge of his nose. "More authentic than those of San Francisco's Chinatown. Some of the best in Western culture."



"Why?" I took the bait. Diego explained that years ago, Chinese laborers came to Mexicali; there were thousands of Chinese to every hundred Mexicans in town. Chinese families, according to Diego, opened restaurants that have been passed down through generations. Diego insisted I try the local Chinese restaurant called Chan's Cuisine. I told him I'm much too comfortable with my



Americanized version of cuisine chinoise to branch out, but if I felt daring one day, it would be on the list, just before skydiving.

Diego was unable to join us for dessert, but Eddie and I stayed on to sample the sweets,

which, along with the cheese, were my favorite bits of the meal. For an entrée, I had ordered some lamb taquitos and found them to be much too gamey for my taste (I like 'em raised in squalor and pumped with hormones for that

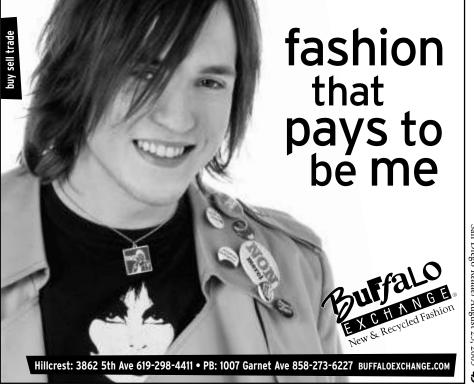
processed, American flavor).

Paparazzi

After dinner, Eddie and I were blessed with a second wind — in the form of cappuccino. We were hoping to catch a "no rules" fight at Baby







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Cabana Boy and Barbarella

Rock, the legendary club of my high school years. We made it to the building, but the doors were closed, and the bouncer told Eddie they were at capacity. Two ambulances waited eerily behind us. Apparently, dirty fighting is popular, but seeing those ambulances on hand, I imagined the typical injuries of such a fight were ghastly. I wasn't disappointed to be missing

the carnage — on to plan B.

A friend had told Eddie about a new club called Balak, far from the dregs of Revolución. Eddie and I hailed a cab in front of Baby Rock and asked to be taken to Balak. We were deposited in a desolate parking lot in front of a giant structure. Peering up at it, I thought, this is the closest I'll ever come to seeing an ancient

Mayan temple.

The single-hued natural stone edifice loomed above us. To the left of the entrance, which was hard to discern from surrounding stones, was a fountain with spouts as high as halfway up the mountainous wall. Trying to take it all in, I stood between two colossal Mayan statues — placed like lions or gargoyles guarding their master's

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castle. The only sound we heard was the distant humming of cars that passed on the freeway across the road. We saw no other people.

"Look over there," I said, pointing to the neon sign that topped a one-story building to our right; it appeared dwarfish next to a beast like Balak. The day had been warm, but the night chill was making me want to dance, music or no music.

"Let's go in," I said. "It'll probably be warmer in there, and we can ask someone what time Balak is supposed to open."

After walking under the white, blue, and red neon letters that formed the word "Paparazzi," I had expected to see signed photos of Hollywood legends framed on the wall. Instead, we had stepped inside a Greek palace — plaster busts of Roman gods adorned the walls, marble columns led to a skypainted ceiling; the lighting, plants, and dark wood throughout...this place has got to be owned by a gay man, I thought. Eddie, in his gayness, and I, his personal fruit fly, loved it.

An adorable boy wearing black shirt and pants approached us (we were the first to arrive, I'm sure) and asked me a question in Spanish.

"Can we buy a drink?" I asked. Giving Eddie a translation break, we feigned singlelanguage-ness. The cute thing held up his finger as if urging us to wait a moment and scurried away. When he returned, he had a beautiful young girl on his arm.

She said, "May I help you?" in perfect English.

Her name was Paulette. She was a native of Tijuana, and despite her colloquial English, she had visited the States only a couple of times. She wore her

silky brown hair straight down her back, occasionally twisting it around with her hands and tossing it over the front of one shoulder. Paulette informed us that Balak wasn't supposed to open until

10:30 p.m. It was 8:45.

"Would you like something to eat? Sushi, perhaps?" she offered.

"No thanks, we're stuffed," I said.

Paulette moved naturally behind the bar. After trying unsuccess-

fully to explain to her how to make a lemon drop (my drink-of-themonth), I settled for a tall vodka tonic. A tasty nut mix kept us occupied. "There's always room for nuts," Eddie said. The employees of

the place were gathered at one end of the bar, where they watched Pirates of the Caribbean on the television above them.

Relaxing, we rocked out to American music that was pumped

through hidden speakers around the bar and lounge areas. We were there long enough to hear the Scorpions sing "The Wind of Change" three times, which is the same number of drinks I imbibed. When Def

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Leppard came on, I bid Paulette adios and beckoned for Eddie to follow me back to Balak.

Dancing the **Night Away**

While we had been busy drinking at Paparazzi, a velvet rope had been put up around the entrance to Balak and a crowd had begun to gather in front. The nightclub is open only Friday and

Saturday nights. On Fridays, the club welcomes anywhere from 1500 to 1800 drinkers and dancers, many of them Mexicans from as close as Tijuana and as far away as Mexicali.

"People come here from all over northern Mexico," said general manager Ramón Flores. Flores, who was standing inside the entrance when we walked in, was

wearing black boots, faded blue jeans, and a black button-down shirt. His hair was long, pulled back from his receding hairline into a queue with a generous amount of hair gel. Flores managed Baby Rock (where we had gone earlier to find fighting) for ten years and had been with Balak for a year.

We were carded at the door, and Eddie translated for me that the cover charge was \$10 — for \$15 it was an open bar. On Fridays, there was no open bar, and the charge was \$10.

It was early yet, and the gigantic club was fairly empty. Eddie and I grabbed a drink (again I settled for a vodka tonic — of the three bars in the joint, no one had ever heard of a lemon drop) and headed upstairs to check out the VIP room. Up to 25 people can fit into this room that costs \$2000 for the night.

If I was surprised to hear how cheap it was for the cover and an open bar, I was stunned into silence at the cough-able price of the VIP room. Two thousand bucks? Flores said that the price included up to 25 normal-sized bottles of liquor (they figured a bottle per person) and, yes, people can take the leftovers home. The room overlooked the dance floor downstairs; two glass doors opened to reveal both the club and a flatscreen TV that showed a live video feed of the DJ booth (the DJ this evening was an import

me of a hip club in San Francisco, Ruby Skye. For a VIP area we had to share with others, my group had paid \$300 (not including a \$20 cover charge or drinks). We received only one bottle of our choice with the booth. With the bottle of vodka we chose, we were given cranberry juice, limes, and plenty of tonic to make the vodka last. What we paid for, in essence, were the guaranteed seats, whereas everyone outside of our little area was forced to stand or dance. At Balak, I saw what I'd never seen at another dance club — seating everywhere. Placed throughout the club were about a hundred small, round tables with white tablecloths, each with two ashtrays and a couple of chairs.

The Mayan decor was carried throughout the inside — flat reproductions of the statues outside were built into the walls, but the oldworld feel was replaced with new-world club technology. Scenes from what looked like a performance by Cirque du Soleil played on a giant screen against the wall behind the stage and dance floor. We sat at one of the tables, and a man in a green coat was



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suddenly at my side, asking if I needed anything. I declined service, noticing for the first time the dozens of similarly dressed men and women waiting with their notepads and napkins to serve hundreds of arriving guests.

Flores mentioned that Saturday nights at Balak drew a larger percentage of Americans than Friday nights, and he attributed this to the music — Saturday night there tends to be more house music. Amidst the clubbers pouring through the doors, I

Minneapolis — older, Caucasian, sharing a drink at a table by the dance floor. They came to Tijuana for vacation and had heard of Balak from a local. While I learned of this couple's traveling exploits around the world (oh really, you went to an island named after women? Wow), I watched the pictures on the screen change now it was showing silhouettes of women dancing against brightly colored backgrounds.

found a couple from

At 11:30 p.m., the

dance floor was "opened." Earlier, I'd asked Flores, "How does one 'open' a dance floor? Can't people go out there and dance whenever they want?"

"You'll see," he'd said. Now I watched as the dancing silhouettes disappeared, and the screen lifted to reveal painfully bright stadium lights — effectively capturing our attention as we blinked with discomfort and sought out its source.

Two men in yellow hardhats came onto the stage as all lights

(including the blinding stadium bulbs) went out for a few seconds. When they came back on, fast house beats were pumping and an electronic voice steadily chanted, "Satisfaction... satisfaction."

"These guys can't dance for shit, but they're fun to look at," Eddie said loudly into my ear. The dancers were stiff, too buffed out to be light on their feet, but as soon as they started to remove their clothing, I stopped judging them.

So this was the

watch.

Despite the energizing music, which Eddie had said was the best he'd heard in years, we were pooped and simultaneously signaled to each other our desire to call it a night. Once through the entrance, I was fooled into thinking we'd stepped into daylight, but Eddie pointed out the multitude of lights surrounding us, each of them aimed at the façade — a sobering effect for those leaving the building, for these were nearly as bright as the stadium lights that

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wore a short dress with

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had been blinking on and off inside.

I asked an Englishspeaking doorman where we might go to catch a cab, and he insisted on walking us to the location. Edmundo, the doorman, led us around the side of Balak and through a small outdoor shopping center. I asked him what time Balak closed, and he said, "We close when the last person wants to leave." He left us on a sidewalk, refusing my tip, and a taxi scooped us up within minutes.

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"Did you buy anything?"

"Nothing that I haven't experienced or ingested already."

"Are you alone?"

"No, that guy is with me," I said, pointing to Eddie. Torquemada called Eddie over.

"You know it's dangerous to be here alone," said Torquemada.

"Yes, hence Eddie," I said, wondering when it would all be over. I imagined the next string of questions would be: When was your last period? Are you sexually active? Do you think I would look better without a mustache? And other invasive, irrelevant facts one might need to know

while trying to determine whether or not I'm smuggling an alien holding biological weapons where my breasts might otherwise be. Finally, after demonstrating that I could reproduce the exact facial expression I made when the lady at the DMV took my picture six years ago, we were released into America.

The only way to get back to my car was to follow the winding path that leads to the walking bridge over the freeway.

"So, what do you think? Is there more to TJ than you thought?" Eddie asked as we winded back down on the other side of the bridge.

"I might have to see another movie to be sure," I said.

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s their last year of high school unfolds, it seems as though all seniors suffer from "senioritis," an alteration of the mind that evokes feelings of excitement and laziness. Even as one of the three graduating valedictorians of my class, I found myself procrastinating without worry.

My experience with senioritis began early in the year. When dealing with assignments, I would say such things as "that will do" and "I'll finish it tomorrow morning" the day before an assignment was due. The only difference between me and the typical senior afflicted with senioritis was that, unlike some who led themselves to believe that they would finish an assignment, I had enough motivation to complete my work.

The majority of my friends never noticed that I suffered from senioritis; they still regarded me as an overachiever. Only close companions recognized a shift in my mood from anxious about completing all of my work to contentedly indifferent. In a way, this variation of behavior had a positive effect on my experience as a senior. Because I worried less about school, I was able to maintain a healthy balance between academics and social life. I believe the balance contributed to higher-quality work.

Although school seemed easier, it was not because my teachers allowed senioritis to run its course; they continued to provide scholastic tasks until finals had been completed and the grade books were closed. They were not, however, overly stern or unbending when it came to rules. They understood the changes going on in our lives and were willing to be flexible.

Because of this year, I am able to identify the symptoms of senioritis and, more importantly, laziness in general. I think of the advice one of my teachers provided his graduating students: "High school," he said, "is like a long race. You've been running for so long and you're almost at the finish line. Why would you stop and walk now?"

— Dara Arikian, El Capitan H.S.



school, when everyone looks up to you and all your hard work starts to pay off...for some, due to senioritis, it can go downhill.

Senioritis afflicts almost all seniors. For me, it set in around the start of the second semester. I was taking easy classes and school life couldn't have been any better. For my fifth period, I served as a teachers' aide, and my sixth period was a free one. Before too long, I began trying to get out of fifth period so I could get out of school sooner; that's when my teachers realized I had gotten the senioritis bug. My economics teacher sat me down and explained how dangerous that mindset could be. She told me that if I wasn't careful, my grades would start to slip and walking (at graduation) would be out of the question. She told me I was very responsible and she was sure I could handle it...but to be careful.

As the weeks went on, I took any shortcut I could while maintaining good grades. It's amazing how many teachers will let you do whatever you want as long as you're doing well in their class. I would

skip English to work on the school newspaper, take my free period, and go buy lunch.

Not everybody understood what the final year of high school meant. My mother would not cut me any slack: no later curfew, no extra privileges. She was determined not to let me fail. She would say, "You're still in school, this year is no different from all the rest." As much as I didn't like it, my mom helped keep my grades up. Senioritis didn't prevent me from graduating with a 3.0 GPA or from having the best (school) year of my life.

- John Twilla, Hilltop H.S.

enioritis: a disease associated with a high school's graduating class; common symptoms include the lack of willingness to finish homework, turn in assignments, study before tests, show up to class daily, and do anything school-related. In some cases, symptoms emerge during the second semester or last few weeks of a student's junior year; this has been referred to as "early senioritis."

That's what I had. I was unaware of

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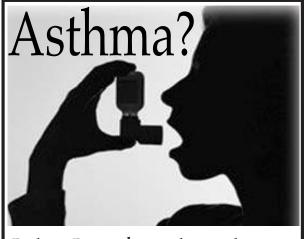
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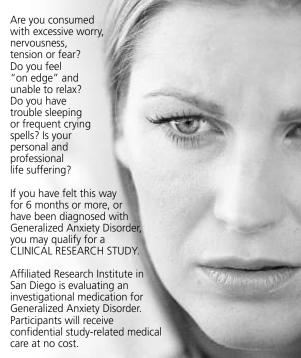
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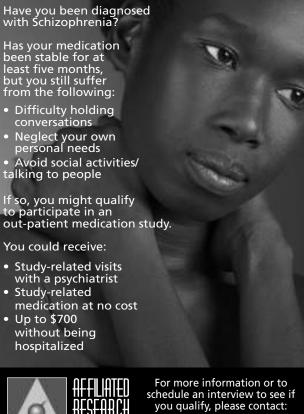
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my affliction until my chemistry teacher brought it to my attention. He asked, "Do you have your project ready for tomorrow?" An unworried "no" was my reply. He shook his head and said quietly, almost to himself, "Senioritis." I wasn't even a senior at the time.

During my senior year, I have utilized senioritis as an excuse when turning in an essay a day too late.
Understanding teachers do exist at my school, but when I turned in work late, I got a three-minutelong lecture.

— Stephanie Sarreal, Southwest H.S.

s a junior in high school, even I have experienced the effects of senioritis. It's hard to pull the latenighters in order to complete a paper or spend an extra hour studying for a test.

As finals week approached, I planned to study for a couple of hours on Saturday and the majority of the day on Sunday for a lengthy multiple-choice history final that I had on Monday. On Saturday, I sat down to study but failed to get through the American Revolution. Sitting in front of me, my computer made its comforting humming noise; AOL Instant Messenger was screaming out to come online and chat. The temptation was too strong. By Sunday evening, I had studied approximately two hours for a test that was to cover 400 years of history.

In a class of mine

recently, the PowerPoint slide shows we presented served as our finals. The slide shows done by underclassmen had vibrant layouts and loads of information. When my partner and I presented ours, it was little more than white slides with black Times New Roman text.

One of my teachers sat down with us about a month ago and told us a few stories about how senioritis affected her when she was in high school. She emphasized how important it is to stay focused until the last day of school. Yet, the feeling to do otherwise cannot easily be overcome. After being in school for 12 years, in high school for 4 years, seniors are ready to move on. When we soon enter college, we become

the freshmen again; the young ones. Senioritis will wear off, only to return in a few more years.

— Naomi Serling-Boyd, Mt. Carmel H.S.

s I approached the conclusion of my junior year, teachers and other experienced, logical adults warned of the epidemic known as senioritis — a condition that, if left unattended, could bloom into full-blown apathy toward anything schoolrelated. Having completed an entire year as a senior, I can say that the warnings were exaggerated.

As I inched toward June, otherwise known as Freedom Month on the Eastlake campus, my priorities began to shift. I no longer put that A+ effort into every essay or project; nor did I pull any more all-nighters, gluing faded construction paper onto a display board. Instead, I focused my attention on more important matters, such as elevating my online rank in Halo 2 and planning summer vacations. I did not realize I had been suffering from senioritis until halfway through the year, when several teachers commented on the complete collapse of my effort in

Although every teacher with half a brain acknowledged that senioritis had spread throughout the classroom, some did cut us some slack. My English teacher graded me solely on academic ability and character. She completely overlooked the "point

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system" so coveted by many teachers. She knew that we'd succeed, learn from our mistakes.

Others were not so understanding, however. My economics teacher increased the difficulty of the class as the year wore on, even going so far as to eliminate any extracredit opportunity the students once had at raising their grade. Tests began to cover four chapters instead of the usual one or two. And he did it all with a big, wide, satisfied grin plastered on his face as he sat at his big, wide, oak desk.

Hopefully, senioritis won't extend past high school. But the signs are not looking promising thus far. I turned in this article to the *Reader* a week late.

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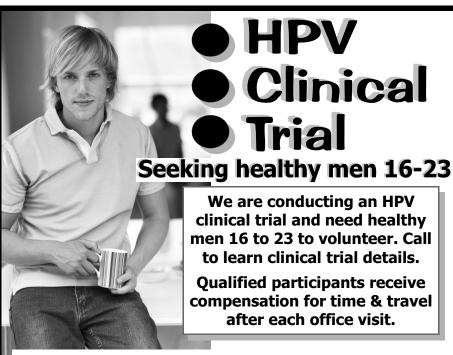
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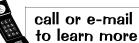


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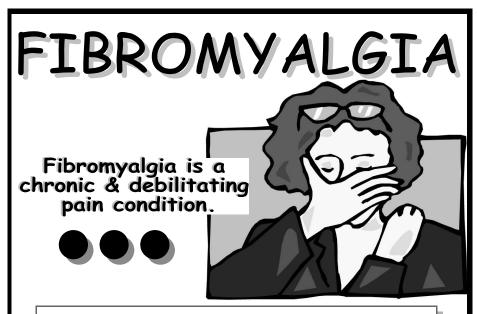
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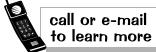
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Between 1800 and 1803, Lt. Manuel Rodriguez, commandant of the San Diego

Presidio, heard that story
by four times. He also witnessed a slow transition: a
S m i t h flea-infested, forlorn outpost
promised wealth —from
the pelts of sea otters — if

the smugglers could linger long enough to make contacts on shore. Historians claim the first years of the 19th Century in San Diego were relatively peaceful. Ask Lt. Rodriguez, who earned 550 pesos a year trying to maintain a precarious order, and he'd swear he was cursed to live in interesting times.

Son of a wealthy merchant family, Rodriguez came to California in 1795 as a cadet, a "gentleman obliged to live on soldier's pay," sponsored by his uncle Carcaba. He rose quickly in the ranks, serving as acting commandant of the San Diego Presidio from August 23, 1799, to early 1803, when he became commandant, at age 37. During those years he tried to rebuild the dilapidated presidio. Letters to Governor Arrillaga in Loreto complain that fortifications were crumbling, that an earthquake—on November 22, 1800—cracked several buildings, including the warehouse.

Rodriguez was convinced that Presidio Hill, overlooking a river and two bays, was the most windswept promontory in creation. Constant gusts lashed the west-facing walls and hurtled roof tiles across the square. These smashed into the church, or the cemetery, near the east wall, or into anyone happening to be out and about.

In a letter to Arrillaga, January 13, 1802, Rodriguez admits giving up on restoration. Adobe was eroding, timber crumbling: "Daily repairs are made to this presidio due to the circumstances of its poor location and being the oldest of all such establishments." He demanded a new one, built somewhere else — anywhere, as long as it was closer to water and wood and on much flatter ground. He also requested "professors of the art" to do the job, since the local architect, who never ordered enough adobe or lumber, had no idea where to start.

By 1803, almost 200 people lived in the compound. An open square — 300 feet to a side — with buildings at the walls, the presidio was roughly the size of a large city block. One or two dwellings had been built

outside by then, but it wasn't until the early 1820s that people moved down to what would become Old Town.

California presidios were the equivalent of exile for a soldier. Of the 60 soldiers here at San Diego, 13 were "invalidos," unable to work. Some were wounded but most were retirees who had served two six- to eight-year hitches and lived on pensions that would make today's military envious.

One class of soldiers, the *distinguidos*, would not work at all. Distinguished for bravery, they were exempt not just from petty labor but even from physical punishment. Those soldiers who could, refused to work on the presidio itself. The labor was too intense, the pay too low. Complained Corporal Periquez: "Slaves could not have been treated worse."

Mission Indians did much of the work, for a pittance they had to share with the padres. Unbaptized Indians also worked for low wages. This ranged from bringing water from the river in clay pots and leather buckets—like hauling stones up a mountain—to manual repair of the buildings.

Added to problems of grumbling soldiers and understandably irate natives, Rodriguez's command was subject to two forms of discipline: military (always difficult to enforce) and religious. The brown-clad friars chosen to build missions in Nueva California were "Observants," the most strict of the Franciscan order. From Father Serra down, they embraced hardship. Anything that tormented the flesh brought them closer to God. In their eyes, military discipline was not severe enough.



San Diego Presidio

"San Diego got good commanders," says historian Jack Williams, "because they were needed. In 1800, San Diego was frontier, a no-man's-land. Nothing was secure. The Spanish controlled only small parts — and would be ambushed if they ventured beyond them. Even the path from the presidio to the anchorage near Cobblestone Point, much of which was marshland, could be a danger zone."

When George Vancouver visited in 1794, he found San Diego desolate, poorly defended, "the least of the Spanish establishments." His boat had anchored just east of *Punta de Guijarros* ("Cobblestone Point"; today's Ballast Point). A fort built at the base of *Guijarros*, he said, would render San Diego "a place of considerable strength."

Under Rodriguez's direction, work began on the fortified structure in 1797. Indian labor mixed mud and straw for thick adobe walls, on the seaward side. Lumber came from Monterey, tiles from San Luis Rey. By 1800, the fort had between six and ten cannons facing the channel. One, a bronze nine-pounder from Manila, was nicknamed "El Jupiter."

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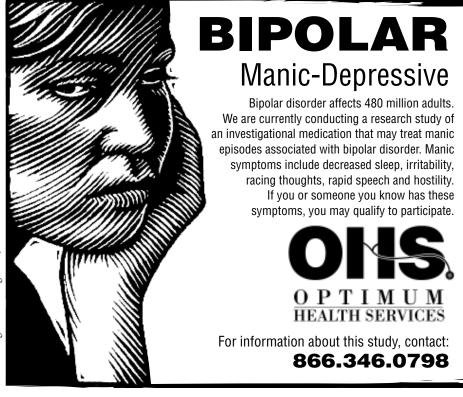
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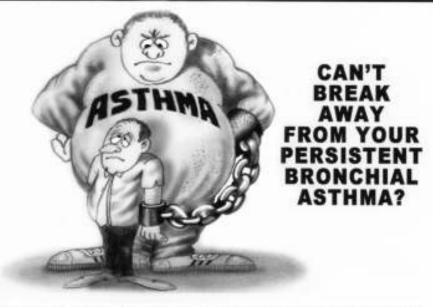


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The first ship rounded Point Loma on August 25, 1800. Tall masts and billowing white sails were such a rare sight that many in the presidio rode to *Guijarros* to take a better look. A Boston brigantine — 65 feet long, 104 tons, a female figurehead, and a crew of 19 — the *Betsy* was the first American ship to enter San Diego Bay. Its captain, Charles Winship, exchanged formal military bows with Rodriguez.

Winship said he'd been to Hawaii - which he pronounced "oh-why-hee" and the north. He was headed for China but needed wood and water. Winship, his supercargo (the ship's business agent) Joseph O'Cain, and first mate John Brown negotiated with Rodriguez. Though under orders not to permit foreign trade on Spanish soil, Rodriguez followed international maritime law. He'd supply wood and water, and the crew could come ashorebut only to exercise at the beach. They couldn't visit the presidio or fraternize with local inhabitants.

The *Betsy* remained in San Diego harbor for ten days. Rodriguez supplied its needs. After cordial farewells, the ship sailed, allegedly for China.

The second Boston ship, the *Enterprise*, arrived June 28, 1801. During the interim, Rodriguez had been alerted that the Boston traders might be smugglers. They would come ashore, on some excuse, and deal for furs on the sly.

At 240 tons, a crew of 21, and 10 cannons protruding from its sides, the *Enterprise* was a formidable sight. The captain, a crusty old sea dog named Ezekiel Hubbell, told Rodriguez he couldn't continue his voyage to China without bread and other foodstuffs. Could he and his crew come ashore?

Yes, said Rodriguez, but only to pick up supplies brought to the ship. To make sure, Rodriguez stationed an ensign onshore, near the anchorage, to watch all movements.

Between June 28 and July 3, the skiffs and jollyboat—a yawl-like sailboat—

from the *Enterprise* made frequent trips. They waved a flag to assure the guard they were only hauling supplies. After taking in six cattle, several pounds of flour, beans, corn, and salt, Captain Hubbell saluted Rodriguez with a flourish and sailed away.

Two potential smugglers in a year: Rodriguez must have felt like a father protecting his daughter's virtue. William Smythe: "If either of these earliest American captains succeeded in doing any illicit trade in San Diego, they kept the secret successfully, leaving not so much as a rumor of scandal behind them. Such was not the case with those who came shortly after."

The skipper of the third ship, the *Alexander*, looked familiar. He was John Brown, first mate on the *Betsy*. As Rodriguez was to learn later, therein hung a tale.

Instead of sailing to China, after leaving San Diego the *Betsy* went south, cruising the lower California coast for furs. In a letter to his brother in Boston, Captain Winship boasted that he'd been stopping in Spanish ports, hoodwinking author-

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ities, and trading for furs with California Indians. He'd exchange trinkets or blue-colored cloth for a pelt worth up to \$80 in China (a dollar in 1803 equals \$12 today; thus each pelt earned close to \$1000). When it reached San Blas, the *Betsy*'s hold was almost full.

To buy time to trade at San Blas, Winship told port officials a northern storm had cracked the ship's main mast. He must repair it in a protected bay. While the ship was staying at San Blas, however, two Spanish vessels arrived. John Brown took the helm. The Betsy pulled up anchor, unfurled sails, and raced out to sea - leaving Captain Winship and Joseph O'Cain on the beach. Instead of coming back for them later, Brown sailed with the precious cargo to China.

Necessity? Mutiny? In later testimony Brown claimed he fled so that the Spanish ships couldn't seize the pelts. O'Cain argued mutiny and demanded — unsuccessfully—his share of the profits. Winship had no say. He died of sunstroke at San Blas, December 4, 1800. He was 23.

Among Winship's possessions, Spanish authorities found the letter to his brother, bragging about his smuggling activities. All ports along the California coast got a warning: Winship had been "hiding the truth in his declaration" of need. Other Boston traders might be as well.

When the 67-foot, 14-gun Enterprise entered San Diego Bay at sunset, February 26, 1803, Rodriguez recognized its captain, John Brown. Though he was prepared to hear tales of woe, Rodriguez wasn't ready for this one. Brown presented the frigate's papers to Rodriguez. Then, in a melodramatic gush, Brown blurted out that 9 of his 19 men had scurvy. If they couldn't convalesce on land, they'd surely die.

Rodriguez was torn. Duty said 'Sail off;' compassion said otherwise. The stricken crew members could come ashore for eight days, he decided, but only to an isolated spot far from the presidio. They would receive wood, water, beef, and fresh vegetables. The rest of the crew must remain aboard the *Alexander*. There weren't

enough Spanish soldiers with him that night, but in the morning Rodriguez would post a six-man guard on the ship. They would keep watch, inspecting every rowboat.

After five quiet days, Rodriguez became suspicious. He and four soldiers rowed to the *Alexander* and conducted a search. In a storeroom next to the main mast, a soldier found stacks of furs, piled to the ceiling.

"Contraband!" Rodriguez declared. He ordered his soldiers to toss them onto the deck. By the official count, 491 otter pelts flew out the storeroom door. The commandant took them to the presidio and locked them in the warehouse. He also demanded that the *Alexander* leave at once.

How did the skins get on board? Was Rodriguez's six-man guard in collusion with Captain Brown? Were the nine sailors on shore less "isolated" - and less stricken with scurvy — than they seemed? Their bonfire could have been a beacon for friars and Indians eager to trade. Wanting to believe the best, and protecting his reputation as a leader, Rodriguez wrote that the contraband must have come aboard that first night, when he couldn't post a guard on the ship.

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ernor Arrillaga shortly after the *Alexander* affair. A friar from San Luis Rey requested the 170 pelts a mission Indian sold to the Bostonians. This was the first evidence that some padres were in league with the traders.

In the second letter, Corporal Onofre Villaoa demanded either the return of 223 furs he "pretended" to sell to the frigate or double their value ("conque le cobrondobles") in goods or cash.

Neither got his wish. The case went to court. It remained unresolved so long that the furs began to rot, the stench creeping through cracks in the warehouse. By the time a ruling had been made, the pelts had decayed so badly they stunk up the entire presidio. Rodriguez ordered them dumped in the

Magdalen Coughlin: The fur trade grew because "the people wanted the things Spanish sources simply were not supplying. Also, California was the farthest removed from the seat of authority in Mexico, affording an opportunity for officials to supplement considerably their meager salaries.

Without either adequate coastal patrol or presidial garrisons, what could an official's attitude be but ";quien sabe?" "—who knows? "It was like fighting a plague with a fly swatter.

Rodriguez had become wary of foreign ships and allies: who knows where a friar or a soldier might stand? And now, just two weeks after the Alexander fled the bay, another Boston brigantine has anchored near Guijarros? That's the fourth in three years! What is this? ■

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Ah Quin came to San Diego in 1879 when he was 31 years old. Most of the Chinese in San Diego at that time had been recruited by the "Five Companies" in southern China and brought here to work on the Santa Fe Railroad from Los Angeles to San Diego and on the tracks from Temecula Canyon to Fallbrook. Because Ah Quin had been formally educated in China and because he spoke English, he was hired by the railroads as a foreman. Ah Quin, along with contemporary Teung Hom, were the first Chinese to go without the Chinese queue and adopt Western dress.



Chinese railway workers, late 1800s

When work on the railroads became scarce, many of the San Diego Chinese turned to fishing. There were eight or ten junks that regularly supplied San Diego with fresh fish. The fishermen also sent abalone and dried fish to China and sea shells to Austria and Hungary for the button industry. Ah Quin opened a general store at Fifth and I. near the water.

In March of 1882, there was an anti-Chinese demonstration at Horton Hall; the San Diego Chamber of Com-

merce asked stores to close in support of the Chinese Exclusion Act. The Chinese population dropped in San Diego from 1000 to 300 by the end of the year, and the Chinese fishing industry was destroyed, since the newly passed Exclusion Act kept the Chinese from going outside territorial limits.

Many of these Chinese who remained in the late 19th Century turned to servicing the white population. They opened laundries and restaurants, and some started small farms in Mission Valley. Some went into the produce business. And some went into the "entertainment" business.

San Diego health officials complained about the Chinese laundries because the launderers reportedly threw out tubs of water on the street and created stagnant puddles. The health officials also deplored the practice of dampening clothes before ironing by getting a mouthful of water and spraying a shirt through the two front teeth.

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and home (and place of gambling) over to 455 Third Avenue. Gambling houses and opium dens opened up all along Island and J, between Second and Sixth Avenues, adjacent to and sometimes including the red-light Stingaree district.

"They'd give you a brush and you'd mark out ten characters of a Chinese poem. At night they'd have a drawing. If all of yours were chosen, the prize was about \$2000."

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One of the first Chinese to marry, Ah Quin, and his wife from San Francisco, Sue Leoung, established a family of 12 children. When he died in 1914, he was reputed to be the richest Chinese in Southern California.

One of Ah Quin's sons, Tom Quin, opened the Nanking Restaurant on Fifth and Island (kitty-cornered from Ah Quin's daughter's Chinese-American Market). Tom Quin, who also became known as the Mayor of Chinatown and the "Money King," ran one of the main gambling houses and exerted unusually strong influence on local political officials. He was a heavy contributor to the campaigns for San Diego City Council members, and local councilmembers were deferential to him. Unofficial meetings involving councilmembers often took place at the Nanking, and when questioned, councilmen explained that Quin's cook prepared "excellent Chinese food."

In 1934 there was an anti-corruption clean sweep of city government, and in 1935 Quin was arrested in a surprise gambling raid by then—district attorney Thomas Whelan.

The Chinese Social Service Center, just across the street from where Ah Quin's home stood, now receives money from the United Fund and the federal government's Revenue Sharing programs. The center shares space at 428 Third with the Chinese Benevolent Association. The house used to be the head-quarters for the Gee Goon tong, which was organized to help plot Sun Yat Sen's

The lady who is now

revolution in 1912.

director of the Social Service Center, Mrs. Kathy Tsung, is not a long-time resident herself. She migrated to the U.S. in the late 1940s.

"Fifty years ago there used to be a Chinatown here," she pours a cup of Chinese tea in a Styrofoam cup. "Used to be 700 Chinese living here. Now about 200, though there are 3000 to 4000 living in San Diego County. The Woo Chee Chong grocery store, it was here. Now it moved up to 16th Street. The Gin Wing Co., an herb shop up the

street," she points up the street from the balcony overlooking Third Avenue, "the husband and wife passed away. The son, who used to own Chinaland, he moved to Spring Valley...There's the Bin Kong Tong, an association of Chinese, on the

corner." She points to a row of tiny yellow houses on Third and Island. "There's Ying On, used to be a merchant's association up the street; now it's a drop-in center for elderly Chinese."

Determined to help me find someone who has

grown up in San Diego, Mrs. Tsung tries to collar one of the Chinese elderly who drop in on the Social Service Center itself. She tries to get the old man in the back of the room to talk to us, but he is too shy. Finally, we are introduced to him, a Mr.

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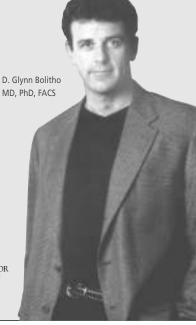


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Hom. No, he's not Tom Hom's father. As it turns out, just as San Francisco is full of Mr. Lees, San Diego is full of Homs. Most of the Chinese who came here during the big migration periods came from one of four villages outside of Canton, and the Homs were the leading family in the migration. This Mr. Hom says he came "on a ship from Formosa" that took 31 days. He worked in a laundry, he worked in a restaurant, he was a truck driver for a produce company, and now he owns "a lotta restaurants," including the Chinese Tea Gardens in Clairemont Mesa. Though pretty reticent to talk, Mr. Hom attributes the flight of second-generation Chinese to suburban San Diego after World War II to the automobile. "After war, family got car. One family got two or three cars."

Though Mrs. Tsung claims that there's a resurgence of interest in China by 2nd- and 3rd-generation Chinese ("My two daughters come home from college and want to eat Chi-



Ah Quin

nese food and speak Chinese"), a young secretary at the center doesn't completely confirm this. "Yeah, I grew up in Salt Lake City and moved here about a year and a half ago. My dad had operated a restaurant in the mining area near Park City. I'd never move downtown here, though; it's too dangerous at night. I live in Mission Beach."

Most of the Chinese here before World War II, and especially during the 19th Century, were single men. Occasionally, as in the case of Ah Quin, a Chinese could

find a wife. And more and more, Chinese men would make a visit to China to find a wife. But most of the Chinese women here during the early period were special cases. One of the cases was a girl bought in San Francisco for \$500 and brought here for the popular prostitution business. A young Chinese laundryman named Ah Che, who was employed at the Horton House, absconded with her and they were married in 1872. A group of friendly white citizens helped put them on a steamer out of town. But the girl was captured and murdered by the owner and his friends in San Francisco three months later.

Another young woman, an employee at department store-founder George P. Marston's house, was taken away by Los Angeles police because she had been used as security on a loan by her owner. The San Diego populace, spurred on by the local press, expressed its outrage at the act. A local judge later ordered her returned, and the town cel-

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Hom is a good example of what happened to old Chinatown. He went to Lincoln and Sherman Elementary Schools, Memorial San Diego High School. He attended "Chinese school" for three hours each day after school hours but stopped going after three or four years. "My parents made us go, but we hated it. It was really strict, and it was tough after being in school all day."

of-the-century flavor.

Hom's family moved away from Chinatown to 16th and K, but their social activities continue to revolve around the Chinese Community Church, a Christian church founded by the Presbyterians. Hom met his wife there. She had moved here from Hawaii. "Even the newer immigrants, even though they're dispersed around town, look to the Chinese Church (now moved from Chinatown to 47th and Federal) for social activities. Even those that aren't Christian."

The Horton Redevelopment looks to be a little sluggish because of the sluggish economy and hence the Gaslamp restoration may be longer in coming than originally planned. But Hom, as he looks from his real estate office in North Park, is optimistic about reviving Chinatown. With restaurants, stores with Chinese goods and foodstuffs, and so on. And he sees the same sort of technique that the Horton developers use (tax increments, eminent domain), as being the way to bring back an era gone by.■

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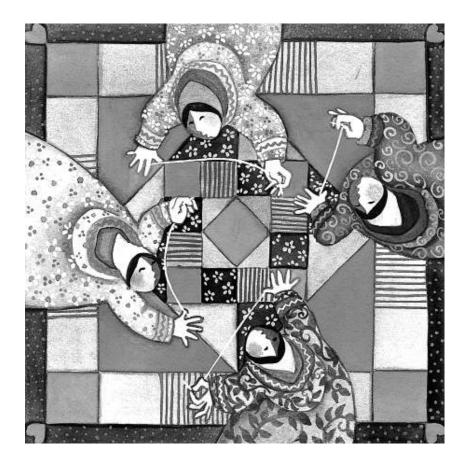
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n 19th-century photographs, it is women who sit around quilts pulled taut like animal skins. Men don't appear in these gray photographs unless they're the subject of the quilt itself, represented by bowlegged cowboys, white-capped sailors, Biblical prophets, or the 21 white calico planes that glide over a saffron sea in the Charles Lindbergh Commemorative quilt. In the 19th century, there was also a class of quilts made especially for men: the freedom quilt given to bachelors at 21, the age when a man was no longer the legal property of his family or his master. Freedom quilts were stored until the wedding day, as though men might be honored by quilts but certainly couldn't appreciate them like a wife.

In the Fallbrook Quilt Guild, membership 81, one member is a man: Reginald Gideon Sauls IV, who goes by Reggie. Reggie has been quilting since 1984, which means he took it up at age 58. A retired Marine trained in amphibious warfare and a former center for the Michigan State football team, he has an amiable, mustached face and the big, gesturing hands of a dramatist. Reggie is also the only deaf member of the Fallbrook Quilt Guild.



"During my experiences in the Marine Corps," he says, "I think I got too close to too many shells, and it was kind of a progressive thing like that. It wasn't a one-time occurrence and it wasn't a disease. It was just a matter of too many noises." He looks

out the sliding glass door of his workroom, which holds a sewing machine, a little table for cutting, a pile of denim scraps, and a dozen or so plaques awarded for Boy Scout service. "It started with a high-frequency loss," he says, "and then suddenly, while I

was serving in Vietnam, it turned off one day even though I had a hearing aid on. It was just like someone turned my hearing aid off. So then I had to come home. That was in '68 or '69. I retired in '70, so I've been out 25 years now. My family was in Fallbrook while I was in Vietnam."

Fallbrook is close enough to Camp Pendleton to lie in the path of its helicopters, and one moves overhead with a faint chugging sound that only I notice. Reggie looks out at the rain-soaked lawn, the light blue swimming pool, the fleet of yellow moving trucks in the parking lot beyond the hill, and turns to Willie, his old black dachshund, who waits by the sliding glass door. "Willie, come on," he says. "You want to go out."

There are six or eight finished applique blocks pinned up by the door, and in the dim, rainy light it's hard to guess at the hours of labor. Applique is the gourmet field of quilting and is done locally according to the English paper method, which means the fabric is sewn around a paper pattern that is extracted afterwards. The cutting and hemming of tiny leaves and circles is painstaking work and is only the first stage of a quilt; the quilting itself — the stitches that bind

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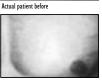
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two layers of fabric to a layer of batting—has not begun. Applique quilts of the 19th Century were so lavishly decorated that they were used only for guests or special occasions, when the curtains of the room would be drawn against the sun.

Reggie's phone is connected to a teletype machine that receives and transmits typed messages to operators in Sacramento, who relay the message to the caller on the line. The system, called California Relay, was mandated by the Civil Disabilities Act three years ago and is financed by a .3 percent charge on phone bills, which on my last bill amounted to 11 cents. The surcharge funds the 600 operators who work in shifts 24 hours a day to provide the same hours of phone service to the deaf as to the hearing.

"I use the relay because we have it now," Reggie says, "but until three years ago, I could only talk to people who had TTYs. So my daughters and son have these at home, and my wife's father has one, so I can call them without the relay."

The tape that flows out of the teletype machine is

thin like a register receipt. The letters formed by blue computerized dots leave a transcript of every conversation Reggie has, a record that bears the marks of haste and seems, in its random punctuation and shorthand, like a message sent by code over long distances. The operator becomes an invisible translator who must insert, where she can, the sound of the other person's voice by means of words like "um" or "haha," or by putting in parentheses "smiling."

Things are necessarily simplified. "You" becomes "U" or "Yu." Pauses for a response are replaced by the explicit command, "go ahead," which in the transcript is shortened to "ga":

> hi reg sauls here gaC QA 675 WITH A CALL(F) HELLO ITS LAURA

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My house wasn't "ooded," of course, but flooded; operators don't have time to correct mistakes. No one in the conversation has time to correct mistakes. The message flies from a white phone in east Fallbrook to Sacramento to the register tape in west Fallbrook before I realize I've said "him" instead of "you." But Reggie says he doesn't mind the teletype.

"I'm comfortable with it," he says, "but other people aren't. If you know what I mean. It takes people a while to feel comfortable with it. They don't realize when they use the relay that they should just talk as if they're talking to me instead of saying, like you did the other day, 'Tell him this.'"

I hold the written evidence of my mistake, which turned him into a person outside ordinary speech.

"You just talk like you're talking to Reggie," he says, "because that's what you're doing. The lady or man on the line, they repeat everything you say. If you swear, they swear. If you laugh, they'll put in parentheses 'laugh." Reggie goes through the loop of paper in search of an example, and I show him the "haha" on my transcript. "Right," he says. "They try to convey the entire feel-

ing, and they do a really good job."

In mid-19th-century Wales, the tailor James Williams spent ten years making a quilt using a technique called inlay, which involves cutting shapes and patterns out of the main cloth and then replacing the exact shapes with different colors — the sewing equivalent of marquetry. Besides the mosaic of tiny diamonds and trapezoids and triangles around the border, Williams created 11 intricate tableaux. In one woolen corner, a sailboat with a striped hull and a red flag sails toward a bridge curators have identified as the Menai suspension Bridge

at Telford. The four-inch boat is white against a regimental gray sky and floats on currents represented by wavering strips of brown and white cloth. In the center, a bearded Adam with the white limbs of a paper Matisse embraces a tiger while a little dog jumps at his knee. Just above the deep blue sky of Eden, the white legs of Jonah poke out of a whale's mouth. The whale, the tiger, the ark, and the bridge were sewn entirely without the most useful tool of modern quilting: the electric light.

It's a tailor's shop that Reggie's workroom most resembles. It's dark, the threads of unraveled cloth stick to things, and in the clutter of fabric there is the sense that only the work matters. Neatness doesn't matter because neatness doesn't last. It's a room for cutting, piecing, and devising patterns. The hand quilting is done upstairs in the living room, where he has his wife Anne and both dachshunds for company.

"You want to know how I work..." he says. "I work in this corner." Nearly everything Reggie says is followed by some kind of boisterous laugh, apologetic or amused. He indicates the green armchair that sits facing the living room, the picture window at his back for light. "I sit down here and I work,"

he says, and he shrugs. An enormous gold and black Broken Star quilt is bundled by the chair with a wooden hoop. The white background of each star is to be stippled, a form of quilting so intricate and slow that even passionate quilters shake their heads at the work. Ordinary quilting secures fabric to batting by rows and patterns stitched an inch or a half-inch apart, but stippling is a tactile form of pointillism. The demarcation of rows is invisible, so close and so tiny are the stitches. They render areas of the quilt almost flat, a surface as delicate as a page of braille. To stipple an area about the size of my palm

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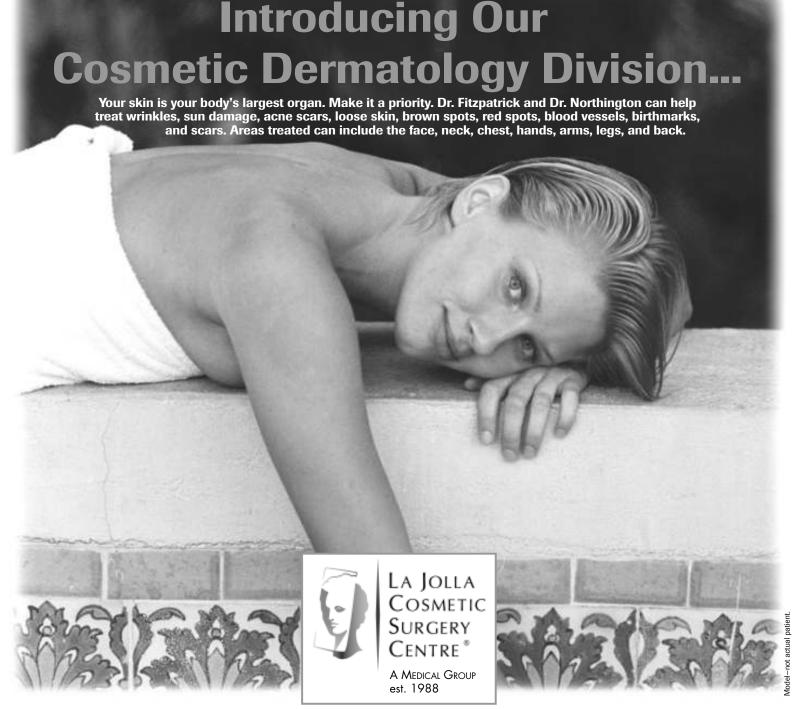
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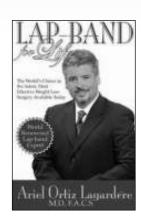
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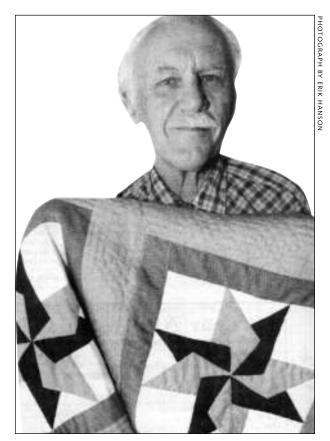
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takes me two hours, but the expert in the field of stippling and trapunto, the one who taught Reggie and me the stitches, is probably faster. He's a man from Montana named John Flynn, and he used to design bridges when he was an industrial engineer.

The names of quilts are like children's games that are played with a loop of string: Feathered World without End, Hands All Around, Courthouse Steps, Tumbling Blocks, Joseph's Coat. Some quilters, including Reggie, know the names at a glance, but after quilting for seven years, I know maybe eight by name. The variations are subtle and various, the Bear Paw turning into Cross and Crown by the shading of a triangle. In the manipulation of the nine patch, which starts as a tic-tac-toe grid, comes Shoo-Fly, Irish Chain, Puss in a Corner, and The Tail of Benjamin's Kite. Like folktales, the names vary from region to region and were once passed along orally, not set down in books. Time and history have had their

effect, turning Jacob's Ladder into the Underground Railroad and Rocky Mountain Road into New York Beauty. Log Cabin variations are among the most numerous, using the thinnest pieces of material and thus the smallest scraps: Court House Steps, Barn Raising, Streak of Lightning, Straight Furrows, Roman Stripe, and Pineapple.

Voteless women quilted Garfield's Monument, Clay's Choice, Lincoln's Platform, and Burgoyne Surrounded, an arrangement of tiny, crisscrossing squares said by American quilters to represent the battle plan and formation of American soldiers in the Revolutionary War, when General Burgoyne's British soldiers were forced to surrender at Saratoga on the 17th of October, 1777. A British pattern book, however, refers simply to "an incident" from the war, in which the English are surrounded by American "irregulars." American women also sewed a pattern derived from the Whig Rose and the Democrat



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Rose. When Whig candidate Henry Clay lost the presidential election in 1844, the pattern was called, either with resignation or smugness, Whig's Defeat. Made of chrome yellow, turkey

red, cotton white, and moss green, an homage to Whig's Defeat outlasted the Whigs and survived the Civil war, crossing the ocean to hang on a museum wall in London.

In London there also hangs an English quilt called Military Patchwork, c. 1870. It is attributed to a man because many like it were exhibited by soldiers at the 1890 Royal Military Exhibition at the Chelsea Hospital in London. The 25 squares in the body of the quilt, cut from regimental uniforms, are composed of 38,620 half-inch diamonds. The border, made of 14,448 half-inch diamonds, is fringed by thousands of triangles. The date of the quilt was determined by the prevalence of scarlet. The Infantry used not scarlet but white, yellow, green, and navy blue after 1881, and there is no green in this quilt, in which each square mosaic flickers scarlet, orange, chrome yellow, black, turquoise, tan, and lavender, the colors of soldiers 120 years ago. It seems a quilt made in long confinement, like the quilts of the Pennsylvania Dutch women who were not permitted to read or write.

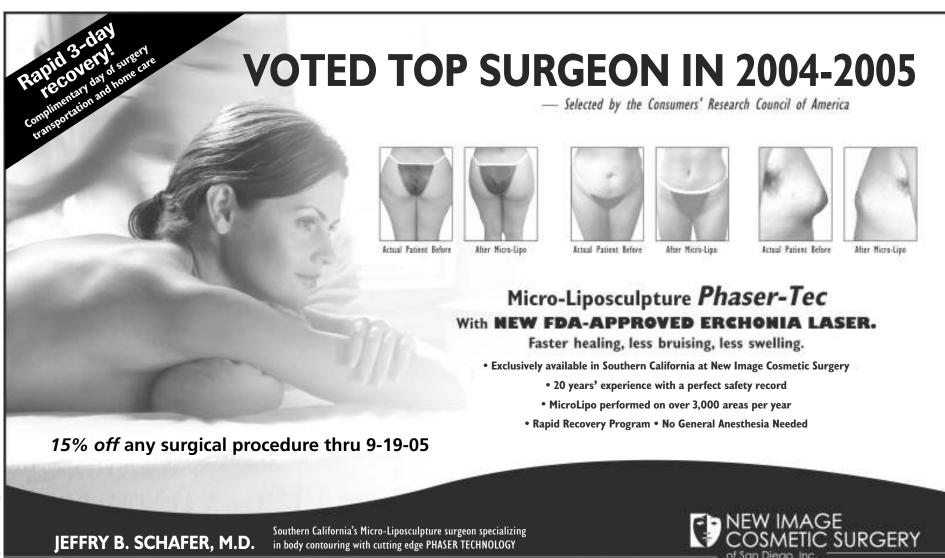
Outside Reggie's living room window, birds fly to a cylin-

der of food. They hover and land, then hover again, pecking at the food in the feeder and on the railing of the deck. Now and then they burst up and away, startled by some movement in the house.

"My daughter made a summer trip one year to the Appalachians. After that trip, she decided she wanted to build a quilt. She designed the quilt, and she cut out all the pieces, the little squares and everything. I saw her working on those squares and at Christmastime I said, 'Why don't I help you — I'd like to make a square if you're going to do all that.' My daughter finished school, and she went to work in Santa Barbara, and she never got around to finishing it. In the meantime, I pieced together these squares, sitting in this chair, working.

"It was just about that time that the Fallbrook Quilt Guild started. I read in the Enterprise that they were forming a quilt guild, so I said, 'Okay, I'm going to go to the meeting.' But the first meeting the guild had was

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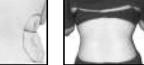
















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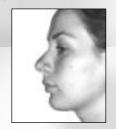
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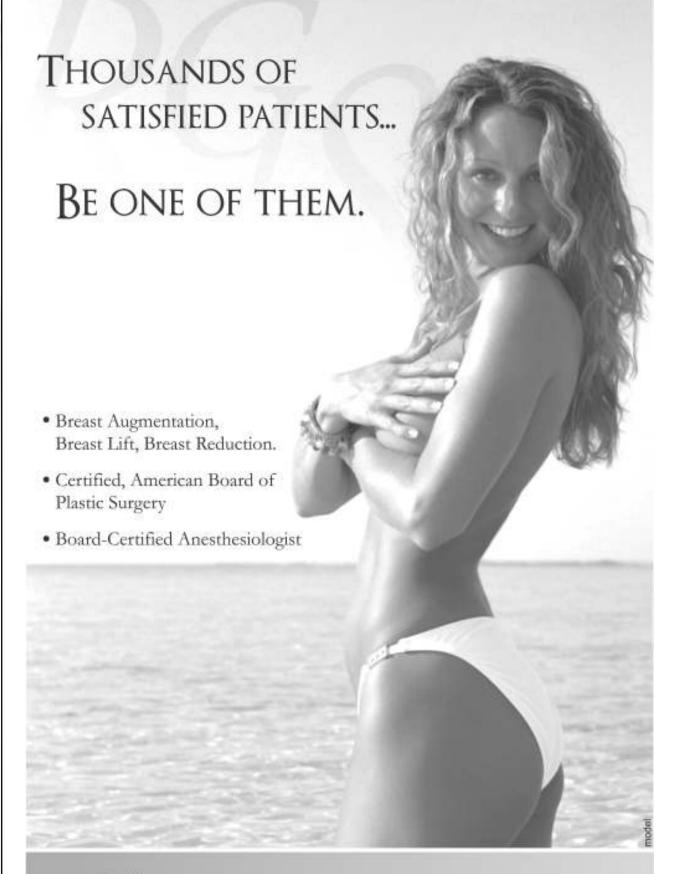






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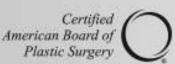
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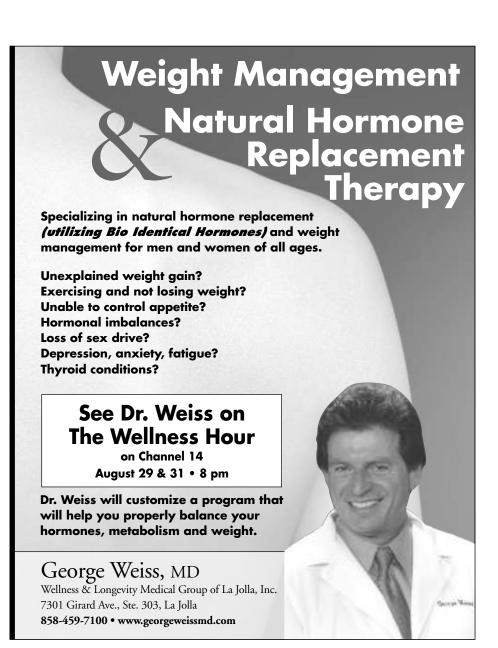
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in September. At that time, in September, I went to our camp up in Maine with our family, and I wasn't able to make the meeting. But I made the very next meeting, and then I joined the guild. I'm not a charter member, but I've always considered myself a charter member because I had intentions to go to the first meeting, and I was out of town. Once I made that quilt and joined the guild, I got the bug, you might say.

"My wife and I have been married a long time and the kids are gone now. She suffers from Parkinson's so she needs some tender loving care, so I had to back off from my Boy Scout work and quilting gives me an opportunity to get close to her and stay at home."

On the wall above a massive claw-footed buffet, there are two oil portraits, one of Anne Stewart Sauls and one of Reggie. Anne is a young woman there. Her hair is dark above her bare shoulders, and she is looking away from the artist at something she seems not

to see. Reggie's portrait was done later and looks like he does now: white mustache, a comfortable sweater. It was done when he went to his 40th high school reunion in Florida.

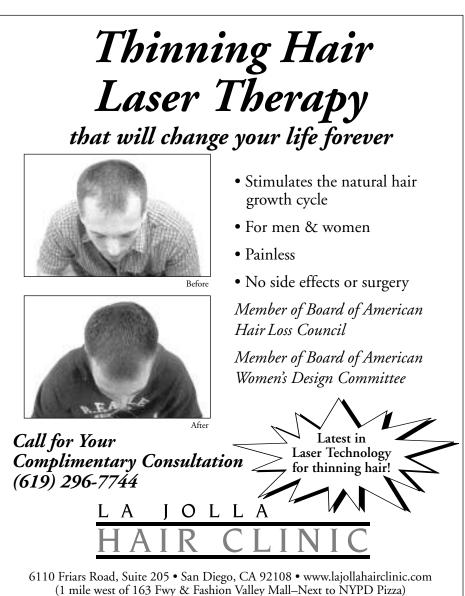
"I'm not sure I have many pictures of myself," he says when I ask, using pen and paper, if he has photographs from college or childhood. "I might have. I don't have much of my family history because my father died in Florida and my mother died just before I went to Vietnam. I was supposed to go to Vietnam, and my mother died, so I got emergency leave and I went back to take care of my mother's affairs the best I could and I was in a hurry. So I let her second husband have almost everything and kind of left things to him, to the spouse, you see. I grabbed a few things, but I didn't end up with much from my family."

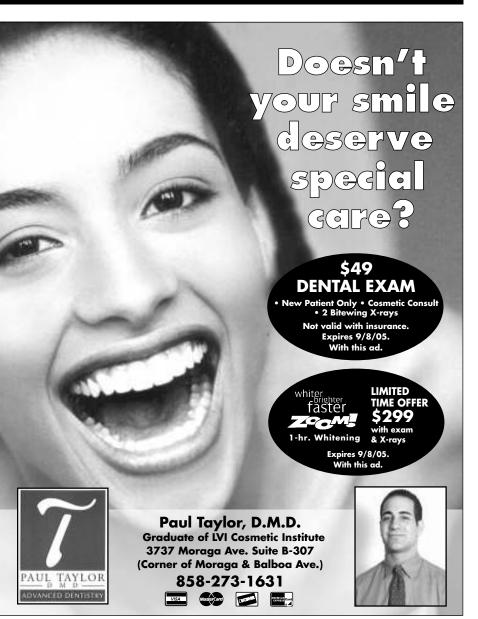
On the couch, Reggie holds out a book of photographs and notes. The photographs are of quilts, and the first page of the binder

gives his name, his birth date, the names of his quilts, and their recipients, who are his children, his grandchildren, and the Fallbrook hospital, which gives out quilts as part of a prenatal care program. "So, this is a documentation," Reggie says. "I kept a record or tried to keep a record of all my different quilts and things. This is my youngest daughter." He points to a color photograph that has the blurry, liquid quality of high-gloss prints. "She makes music and makes glass. I'll show you a window that she did it's in the house here."

Reggie knows one other man in Fallbrook who quilts. "He was in the scout troop with me and I never knew he was a quilter until I went over to talk to one of his sons one day, and I looked in the back room, and he was working on a grandmother's garden — you know — grandmother's flower garden. All those little tiny pieces — he was doing it all by hand. His wife's a nurse and they both work at the Fallbrook hos-

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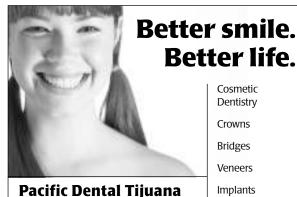
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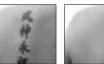


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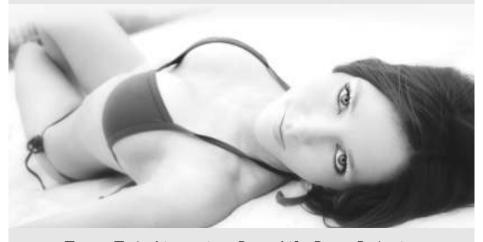
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pital now. He's a retired marine too."

The birds swarm over seeds that fall from the feeder, and the ones in flight knock more to the ground with their beaks. Behind them, the clouds are still dark gray at the edges, like fur.

Reggie was born in Detroit, and he finished high school in Florida while his father fought in World War II. Upon graduation, he joined the Marines. "The Marine Corps sent me to officer's training during the war and that's how I ended up in Michigan. I flunked out of Michigan because I was trying to play football and the war was over and they wanted me to study engineering, and I wanted to study education and be a teacher. We had a conflict, you know. I finally graduated and I got my master's degree in Michigan, too, eventually. I got that while I was on my tour, but I did most of the work before I left — the Marine Corps called me back on active duty for Korea."

There are quilts that seek to tell stories, and they use a form of sign language that is pictorial. Pictorial quilts, like those primitive American paintings in which human figures seem flat against a flatter landscape, tell mostly epic stories about war and God because those are the stories that need the least elaboration. One quilt from 1867, the year freed slaves were given the right to vote, cheats a little in its use of pictures to tell the tale. In the space between a white man on horseback and a black man who towers over him on foot, the quilter embroidered, "Master I Am Free."

In 1926, a bridal quilt was made for the wedding of two prominent Philadelphia families, and no explanation is embroidered there, as though the meaning were obvious. The usual symbols for a bridal quilt are the symbols of union and happiness, but this quilt depicts a naked and tortured Eve in the arms of Adam; they are watched by a pleased Cheshire snake. Enormous

calico birds and butterflies swoop over them, and higher still, in a deep blue sky, ringed planets orbit a red sun. The apple lies where it has fallen, and yet a lamb sits on the feet of a lion. What meaning were the newlyweds to derive from this, sleeping under their wedding gift? Should they sleep in comfort or

Coffins, eagles, and American flags are the crude alphabet of quilts, along with the black darts of death, the oak leaf of fertility, the pineapple of hospitality, and the heart and clover, which together signify luck in love. To those who know the names, the symbols are clearest: Star of Bethlehem, Devil's Claw, Mariner's Compass, Dove at the Window, Crown of Thorns.

The American Manual Alphabet, another alphabet of signs, consists of 26 hand positions, the fingerspelling signs I knew by rote in eighth grade, when it became a fad among my friends. The Zslashing down like Zorro, the subtle difference of the

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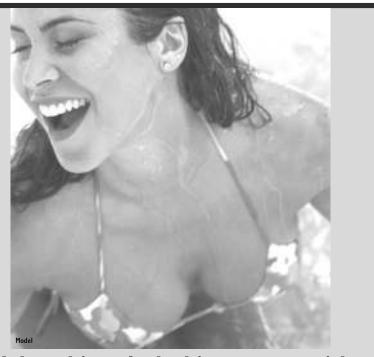


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thumb in making A or S, were familiar to me then, like the first five ballet positions. Fingerspelling is sometimes pictorial, as in the J, where the pinkie makes a swoop in the air, or the V_i which looks like the peace symbol. There is something instinctive about sign language, perhaps because gestures already help us speak: the sign of the cross, the sign for quiet, the sign for goodbye or come back. It is language as action, a conversation for the eyes and the body, not the invisible ear.

But this is the view of a tourist among the deaf; it's easy to be charmed by a country you're visiting temporarily. Sign language teacher Louie J. Fant describes the acquisition of English by the deaf with the following metaphor: "Suppose, for example, you were in a soundproof glass booth, equipped only with a pad and pencil. Outside the booth is your instructor, who speaks, reads, and writes only Japanese. How long would it take you to learn Japanese?" Reggie entered the glass booth at age 42, and since then, the people outside it have been moving their lips. Sometimes

they clap their hands to get his attention, as though clapping were louder than a voice. They do not, by and large, speak sign language, and thus it is a language Reggie rarely gets to practice.

Via the relay operator in Sacramento, Reggie types, "If I had to go to Sign Land, I'd probably starve. Both my wife and I attended a couple of classes at Palomar, and we picked up enough to get over small hurdles in our own way, but I'm really lost when I have to try to use sign language with an occasional deaf friend who's proficient."

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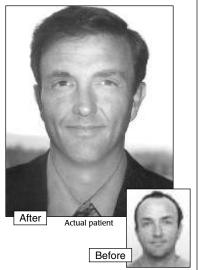
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He does read lips, and he says that's what makes sign language difficult for him. "I rely on my lip-reading ability to try to get by, and when people sign, I watch the lips and not their fingers. I'm able to read lips with some of my friends on an eye-to-eye basis, and some have to rely on pen and paper —that approach."

Learning to read lips, he types, was a matter of survival. "Some of the credit goes to the Navy — they gave me a quickie course in communication, an approach to lip-reading, while on a visit to a Naval Hospital at Oakland prior to my separation from the service."

Lip-reading has a romantic reputation because it seems like the perfect way to spy, or for the deaf to become "normal" again. To understand a few words in this way is as misleading as speaking a little bit of Spanish; the native speaker may assume comprehension, and talk rapidly. In Carson McCullers' novel, *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, a deaf man named

John Singer reads lips and so becomes the confidante of three outsiders who come to his rented room and talk about their problems. He seems to sympathize, like a priest who gives no penance, but in truth, he understands only part of what they say, and the rest is just lips in frantic motion.

Facial expression and context become extremely important, and for Reggie, women's lips are the easiest to read. "I find it easier to talk to women, but I suppose that's probably because they don't have facial hair like many of my friends and myself, and they also outline their lips. And women have a better understanding of looking at the person they're talking to, I think."

Talking to his wife grows more difficult because Parkinson's Disease, a brain disorder that causes muscle tremors, has affected her mouth. The change is not visible to me when I watch her speak, but I rely on my ears, not my eyes. "Lately I've been having trouble with her more than

ever," Reggie types into the teletype. "So, it's almost like a new game to me to follow her and we end up using the pad more than we used to."

Quilting among guild members is often done before the television set, and Reggie also works with the TV on. His TV has a box below it that sends captions up the screen, white letters on black bands — no lip-reading required. "I do most of my quilting in front of the tube, but I manage to make most of my headway during commercials — when I'm not running to the bathroom." The operator laughs at this, and the transcript, which Reggie saves for me, reads "haha" for his laugh and "HAHA" for mine.

Since losing his hearing, Reggie has learned to quilt, to read lips, and he has stopped drinking. "We're both recovered alcoholics," he says, referring to Anne and himself. "I quit in Vietnam and when I came back Annie had just been in the hospital from a serious bout, and her dad was out here,

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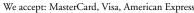
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and in essence, the last 25 years we've been..." He pauses.

"Annie started going to AA and AA helped her here," he says. "I never went to AA because I can't hear, you know what I mean, it's like going to school."

I picture, for a moment, sitting for hours in a class-room where the teacher moves her lips and her arms, or watching an instructive video with the sound off.

"I was working on my doctorate while I was out here," Reggie continues, "and after I got out of the Marine Corps. Finally I convinced myself, it's silly. I'm just going to end up overqualified and I can't end up teaching anyway 'cause I'm having trouble in the classroom, you know, I'm lucky to be able to get anything out of the classroom.

"But the quilt guild, the ladies are all so nice to me and I try to sit next to someone who takes notes, so that helps, and a lot of the stuff is so visual that even if I—they talk, that's what I'm saying."

On the pad I write, "So you never got to teach school."

"Well, I taught school

while I was in grad school but you know that was only practice teaching and working. But, my work with the Boy Scouts, I think my professional training worked into that. I think I was planning on teaching high school — I wanted to teach and coach. But I never regretted the Marine Corps career that I had. There were some things that didn't work out for me but that's true with everybody. A lot of people are mad about Vietnam."

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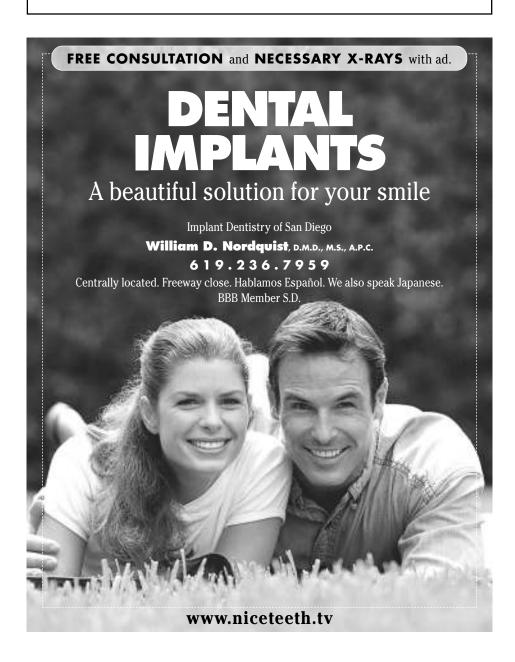
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family. So, I don't know. I never made Lieutenant Colonel or anything beyond that. What else can I say. I still thought that when I got out I could get back in the classroom. I finally decided I was wasting my time. Particularly when my daughter Mary started making noises about going to Stanford. I said I can't afford to spend money on me when I'm going nowhere if she's going to go to Stanford."

All guild meetings start with The Pledge of Allegiance. Every first Thursday at the Senior Citizens Center, there is the pledge and the gavel and a guest speaker and an adult version of show and tell. Because people usually quilt alone now, on their laps instead of at a quilting bee, holding up a quilt on Thursday night is a way of joining a community again. If the quilt is especially good, people stand up to see better, and there are waves of applause.

Twice a month or so, there are smaller gatherings in living rooms. Instead of sitting around a quilting frame, people sit in chairs and work on their own projects, taking a stroll around the room now and then to see what everybody else is doing. At one such meeting, on a Wednesday morning, the black umbrellas lean on Anna Peterson's front porch. There is a small collection of shoes on the mat, and inside, where the smell of rain and oranges comes in with the opening door, Reggie sits with his hoop angled toward the window. The black, gold, and white quilt flows over his lap onto the floor. Some of the women are busy with their own work, chatting as they go, a murmur of conversations that Reggie can't hear. One by one, the women lean over Reggie's hoop, where a grid of stitches is pulled taut and a stippled surface emerges one centimeter at a time.

I know why he likes it, why he can stand such tedious work. Beyond the shapes and the colors, the patterns and the pictures, there is something about fusing three layers into one. It's almost impossible to remove

quilting stitches, which sink into the fabric and must be pulled like teeth. Stippling is even more permanent since you can't tell which direction the thread leads. Tight stitches will hold until the whole quilt is in shreds, until it has worn away to rags, which happens only if you sleep with the quilt, if you hold it next to you for years and years. Otherwise, protected from light and skin, quilts last for centuries, a history of patience.

In the pale light of a cloudy morning, Reggie makes his 26th quilt in colors his wife chose. His needle moves in and out of the white fabric while the women lean over and say, "Such small stitches, such tiny stitches," and run their fingers over the rows. ■

— Laura McNeal

The 19th-century quilts described here appear in Threads of Time, by Nancy J. Martin (published in 1990 by That Patchwork Place) and Quilts by Ljiljana Baird, c. 1994, by Museum Quilts Publications.





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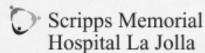


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Ballpark Dirt

I believe my activist friend Mel Shapiro is wrong in saying "'seems funny' that a police [service] garage would be part of a library's cost." ("This Isn't a Free Library," "City Lights," August 18.)

I believe in this instance the police-service-garage costs must be added to the main library cost because it wouldn't need to move without the push to create space for a new library. As a naturist/environmentalist, I believe it is many times best to leave contaminated soils

where they are at if possible and to continue hazardouschemical-use properties where they are until the business is phased out. Moving these soils endangers many more citizens in moving, storage (piles), and transporting to landfills than if they're left alone. Especially if use is moved somewhere else. I believe the cost of remediation is why John Moores and the Padres balked at completing the ballpark. Moores had financial difficulties at the time with the Peregrine stock crash and construction costs of office complexes in the northern part of San Diego. When the bill came, Moores said, "I can't afford this," to the City of San Diego. My theory is that is why Murphy changed the emphasis of the ballpark redevelopment district and reworked the deal. I also believe the Redevelopment Agency

took control of soil remedi-

ation, or at least paid for it.

To find out the facts of the

ballpark soil-remediation

costs would be impossible

without the force of a media

organization's attorney pressing for public record requests. I believe the ballpark soil was much dirtier than we were led to believe, as was the whole ballpark redevelopment project.

If you want to see Mel's suggestion of "edifice complex," just look at the background in the photo in the article. Those condos weren't there when the main library site was proposed and dedicated. And just wait until we dig up the soils south of the gasoline/fuel storage tanks at Spanos's stadium.

> Daniel Beeman Clairemont

Ambivalent

I found the recent interview with David Plotz ("Anything Is Possible," "City Lights," August 18) to be both fascinating and confusing. It might be — as the article implied — because I, too, am an Escondido resident, but this was an issue I found impossible to come down on. Should I be fascinated by the unusual application of medical science or horrified to hear of a child raised beneath the shadow of geniuses?

I thank Mr. Grimm for his excellent interview. Though I haven't had the pleasure of reading The Genius Factory, there's little doubt in my mind that I soon will.

> Jessie Dummer Escondido

Pit Ignorance

In the August 18 Reader you have a series of stories of various adolescents when they went to some sort of concert ("Smelly, Sweaty Strangers"). For the benefit of someone who grew up in the late '30s, '40s, early '50s, would you please explain what is a mosh pit. What does it mean? What's the derivation? The music I listened to was Patti Page, Dinah Shore, Kay Kaiser, Glenn Miller, Hank Snow, Hank Williams, Ernest Tubb, Kitty Wells.

Name Withheld

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th edition, defines "mosh pit" as "an area in front of a stage where very physical and rough dancing takes places [sic] at a rock concert." The earliest recorded use in English is 1988. The earliest recorded use of "mosh" is 1983, and Webster's explanation of its etymology is "perh. alter. of mash or mush." — Editor

Prole Skill

How quaint that Barbarella seems to equate what I can only assume is the majority of her reading audience with what was considered the lowest class of people in England, forced to sell their labor because they had no other trade of which to speak ("Diary of a Diva," August 18). From her current "Diary of a Diva" article, "The word 'paint' can be replaced with 'move,' 'clean,' 'cook,' or anything else that sounds either domestic or proletarian in any way." Here's a thought — why don't you hire a writer who speaks to the people as opposed to condescending to them? Now, that would be some skill. But then again, what do I know? I'm just a member of that lowly proletarian mass who cooks. cleans, and, yes, paints for herself.

> Name Withheld via e-mail

Aural Faves

This missive was inspired by your rambling article of August 11 ("Soundtrack"), in which your luminaries described their desert-island music.

The article covered a range of writing styles, by turns maudlin, poignant, and amusing. Certain choices were obvious: Bach, Beethoven, the Who. But others were a bit more esoteric. So allow me to throw my dime into the pot.

Favorite lyrics: Down at the ocean / Lies a body in the sand / Big woman sit beside, head in hand / With heat from her skin, and fire from her breath / She blows hot, she blows deep / In the mouth of death. — Peter Gabriel.

My bent tends toward instrumental music, mostly because those who sing can't sing. Exceptions: Gabriel, Joni Mitchell, Ronnie James Dio, Nat King Cole, Louis Armstrong.

So on a desert island, I'd bring along my collection of Tangerine Dream, mostly because they don't sing, and

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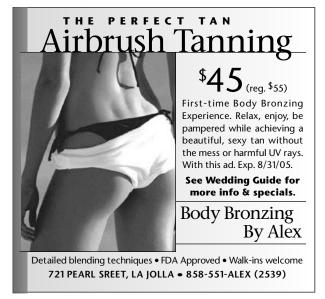
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> Mark Oceanside

Death Energy

Reading your article in last week's "City Lights" called "Food Servers Ride the Bull" (August 11), I was deeply disturbed to find out that ephedrine-based products are now back on the market after being taken off the market last year, for the second or third time.

After a horrible neardeath experience from taking an "all natural" diet product myself, I shudder to think that they are once again available for a possible deathly ingestion. I don't think many people really realize how deadly the different forms of ephedrine and ma huang can be. You only need to look at the death toll on the FDA list of reported adverse effects to find many hundreds of reasons as to why one should not hesitate to shun this herbal supplement. Among the hundreds of complaints the FDA has on record are risks of heart attack, stroke, psychotic and manic episodes, and death. If you dig deep enough into the depths of what and who

are behind the usage of ephedrine and why it got back on the market, you might just find a senator from Utah, who might just happen to be closely related to some manufacturers of the product, and isn't it odd that it was in Utah that this product was once again okayed for consumption by a district court judge.

Is there something someone would like to tell everyone, or should we all just sit back and watch while people get rich selling legal crystal meth to unknowing individuals? Because that's what this stuff is. If you look at the chemical makeup of methamphetamine versus ephedrine, they are but one chemical strand different from one another. So if you would hesitate to try methamphetamine, perhaps you should think twice about ephedrine and all its other herbal brothers and sisters that can now be found in these diet and energy supplements.

> Alison Howard via e-mail

I Have Proof

I am writing in regards to Joe Deegan's article, "His Eyes Were Red and Glassy" ("City Lights," August 11). Unfortunately, I have met Richard Dennis Huffman II

(a.k.a. Dick) and am the worse

About 11 years ago, Dick was the prosecuting attorney for my DUI trial in El Cajon. Even though he had less evidence in my trial than the city attorney had against him, the county saw fit to pursue not just one trial but two. The first of my trials was deadlocked 6-6. Instead of dropping the charges, the county and Dick decided in the MADD-friendly town of El Cajon to swing for the fences and go for another trial. Well, they guessed right and hit the homerun. For the second trial, when the jury was sent to deliberate, they did not go over the evidence; they wanted to vote right away. The first vote was 11–1; the dissenter was the jury foreman, who happened to be a criminal defense attorney and wanted to go back over the evidence. After seeing the first vote, he decided not to fight it and switched his vote to convict.

I am not writing to proclaim my innocence but to ask a question. In my case, blood alcohol level was not an issue for evidence; my attorney and I agreed that I was under the influence. In Dick's case, it is an obvious point of evidence. In my case, there was no eyewitness to testify they saw me operating the vehicle in question; I was awakened in my house and arrested. With Dick, the CHP officer caught him operating his motorcycle. At my arrest, there were no roadside sobriety tests submitted as evidence. In Dick's arrest, there were. So how come the city attorney's office, which had more evidence to convict, did not voraciously prosecute Dick as the county did me? With that much evidence, I could get a conviction against Dick in one trial.

Dick did what any of us would do when confronted with this situation. He used his sphere of influence to help get him out of trouble. What is upsetting is that the city attorney's office allowed this to happen. Guess they were so busy blinding themselves from the pension scandal that this happened to slip by. Whatever the reason, I find it inexcusable, and I will look into this matter further. To borrow one of Dick's lousy metaphors, we know that green men did not go swimming in the pool, but we found Dick with a wet bathing suit, so Dick must have been swimming, and thanks to Joe Deegan I have

the proof. Thank you to all the staff on the San Diego Reader for always providing news without the Copley whitewash.

Michael (a.k.a. Tony) Yacuzzo Lemon Grove

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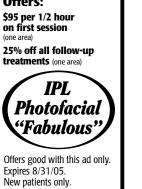
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browbeating concerning reverse osmosis or his disdain for others' labeling habits. It's whether or not Randall will ever make a decent bottle of wine.

Regarding your July 28 article

"Bad Blood," the article was

good, but the cover picture

was bad. The firefighters and

paramedics are not at fault,

but by the photo cover they

are implicated. A better cover

Faulty Pic

gust 25, 2005

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Don Nuzzo via e-mail

I Wouldn't Lie

over their innocent victims with one doctor's hand held out and maybe one or two in business suits.

R. Gardner

I joined the San Diego Police Department in 1962, four years before Norm Stamper ("Fear Tracer," "City Lights," July 7), and retired after 28 years, in 1989, as a captain. After my rookie years, I worked patrol,

pic would be a gaggle of traffic, motors, communicadoctors in smocks hovering tions, field lieutenant, a few other places, and finally, commanding officer of the Southeast Division.

Norm Stamper's a smart guy. He was the only guy in the department with a Ph.D., and he had a lot of good ideas. He was progressive, and I was one of his biggest supporters. Unfortunately, as the years slipped by, I found that he was self-aggrandizing and rather pompous. His field police experience was limited, and although he held ranking positions, I found him to be a poor leader, as evidenced by his performance in Seattle.

Let me be specific regarding his leadership talent.

Norm was an assistant chief, and I was a captain in charge of the Southeast Division. He was my boss at the time of the famous Sagon Penn incident that resulted in an officer shot and killed, an officer critically wounded, and a female civilian ridealong shot in the stomach. The officers and ride-along were white; the shooter, Sagon Penn, was black. The incident quickly accelerated

into a racial mess, and the department was scrambling to make sure tensions were not blown out of proportion.

I and my supervisors were churning and burning, talking to community leaders and groups to keep the facts straight. Police officers were given the facts and reminded of their duty. My executive lieutenant, second in command, took a leadership role to this end.

About a week later, Stamper visited me and told me he was going to transfer the exec to traffic. Surprised by the decision, since the exec was doing an outstanding job, I asked why.

Stamper said that he was too white. He was blond, blue-eyed, with pink cheeks, and Stamper felt he would antagonize the black community.

After I recovered from my shock, I explained that the lieutenant was an excellent exec. He was in the office. not the field, and volunteered without compensation to go to the many community meetings I attended. He mixed very well with the community. I enjoyed a reputation in the area of being fair and sensitive to community problems, and the lieutenant was viewed the same

The discussion continued for about a half hour. with Norm getting frustrated and telling me that he would leave the decision to me. I thanked him and said that the lieutenant would stay in Southeast.

The next day, I was told to report to the chief's office, where I met with the chief and Stamper. As soon as I sat down, Stamper, sitting about five feet opposite me, leaned forward and informed me that he was transferring the lieutenant. I reminded him that yesterday he said he would leave the decision to me. He said he changed his mind. I turned to the chief and asked him if the decision was final. He said it was. I informed Stamper that I expected the lieutenant to ask why, and I would be obliged to tell him the truth. Stamper blew his top, yelled at me, saying I would do no such thing. I would tell him we needed a good lieutenant in traffic and he was chosen.

This wouldn't fly. The lieutenant was recently assigned to my division as exec. It was considered a plum job, and one he had been working for. A transfer to traffic was a demotion.

I informed Stamper and the chief that I would sell it as best I could, being sure to emphasize that it was "our" decision and "we" thought it would be in the best interest of the department to make the transfer. But I would tell him the truth.

Stamper, red in the face, ordered me to tell the lieutenant his version of the transfer. I repeated that I would present the transfer in the most positive vein possible, but I wouldn't lie to him. If he, Stamper, wanted to lie to a loyal 22-year employee, he would have to do it.

That is poor lecadership,

Needless to say, he was livid, and the chief had to step in. The chief told me to take care of it, saying he was confident I would handle it properly.

George (Jim) Malloy SDPD Captain/Retired





Grunt Work

Global Championship Wrestling

lot of people call it 'fake.' It's fixed, but it's not fake. A slap in the face is a slap in the face, and if I tell you it's going to come, it still doesn't make it any less painful. The mat is very unforgiving," says Ernie Dorado, head booker for Global Championship Wrestling, which will be making its West Coast debut on Saturday at the Lakeside VFW Hall.

In addition to putting this event together, which he has titled "Monopolize This!," Dorado performs as one half of the Dynamics, also known as "Ric and Vic Dynamic." The other half of the duo is his

LOCAL EVENTS

identical twin brother, Steven Dorado, or "Vic." Also performing will be Alkatrazz, Shawn Riddick, B-Boy, and

Joey Ryan. "These names are known throughout Southern California," says Dorado. Some of the featured wrestlers are known for their "dark matches," or those matches put on prior to the rolling of the cameras at local events for shows like *Raw* and *Smackdown* on the World Wrestling Entertainment channel. "Alkatrazz has been on WWE television, and Shawn Riddick participated for WWE, formerly known as WWF [World Wrestling Federation]."

"Our job is to go out there and make paying customers happy or angry or sad just wanting more," Dorado says. Sometimes it costs them their lives. Mike DiBiase, "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase's stepfather, died of a heart attack while in the ring. More recently, Quick Draw Rick McGraw was pronounced dead shortly after a wrestling match with Roddy Piper. Though many believe it was the match that killed him, officials reported the death as a result of a heart attack attributed to years of steroid abuse.

"I've never been around or had any association with the [famous television wrestlers], but you hear in circles that a lot of them use pain relievers," says Dorado, acknowledging that drugs like Vicodin and Percocet are likely among those used by the pros. "In the independent scene, there's not a whole lot of pain relievers."

The local wrestlers with whom Dorado works do not wrestle for a living. "Independent wrestling is...just something that we use [to] entertain ourselves, but it is definitely not a way to make money," says Dorado. Dorado's regular life includes spending time with his family and working as a store director for Sav-on Drugs. On match nights, he dons aqua blue tights to become Ric Dynamic.

"We get together and go to the Mission Beach Hooters to watch wrestling on payper-view, because we're all still fans," Dorado says of his wrestling buddies. "We wouldn't be in the business if we weren't fans." The guys (there are no females in Global Championship Wrestling) work out at their local 24 Hour Fitness and in training facilities located in Irvine and Vista.

Dorado describes his signature move known as the Dynamic Drop. "We throw an opponent through the rope, and as he bounces off, my brother lifts him into the air. As [the opponent] glides through the air, I jump and grab [the opponent's] neck, and as we all come down I come down with [our opponent's] neck in my arm." Many

wrestlers, people that don't learn their craft, people that just watch tapes and go and practice with their friends and aren't trained by a professional at a professional school, are doing a disservice to themselves and the sport," he says. "They like to get together and hold events, thus bringing in fans and doing insane stuff like smashing lightbulbs on their heads and jumping off

roofs. "When they do it they don't do it well," Dorado continues. "A lot of them get injured, and a lot of them don't understand what the business is about." The worst part about "back yarders," however, is not that they injure themselves. "Mr. Wonderful used the 'pile driver' as his finishing move, and if he hit you with that you were down. Now people get hit with a pile driver and jump right back up, totally discrediting the move. They're discrediting what that move is supposed to mean because they are not taught properly to respect the people that came before them. That's why back yarders will do every move in the book that most people use to finish an opponent off. It is ruining the

— Barbarella

Monopolize This! Global Championship Wrestling Saturday, August 27

7 p.m. Lakeside VFW 12650 Lindo Lane Lakeside Cost: \$5 Info: 619-429-9387

called a "finishing move."

There are some wrestlers

Dorado does not approve of. "Back-yard

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BAJA

"Espejo Equivocado" book reading and signing by Daniel Leyva, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Tributes to Astor Piazzola, Orchestra of Baja California performs Thursday, August 25, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600.

Orchestra convenes again on Saturday, August 27, 8 p.m., at Museo de Sitio, Campo Alaska, La Rumorosa (on Tijuana-Mexicali free-road). Tickets for either concert: \$15.011-52-664-687-9636. (TUJUANA)

Ballet Gala by Ballet Cámara de la Frontera, Friday, August 26, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina

CELEBRATE DANCE

Eveoke Dance Theatre Festival on four stages in Balboa Park, August 26–28.

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Street, Zona Río). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Jazzteca, Friday, August 26, 9:30 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Tattoo Expo 2005 — showcasing artists from México, U.S., Japan, and Europe — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, at Cortijo San José. 011-52-664-630-1825. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Tecate Off-Road Challenge 2005, Saturday, August 27, 11 a.m. Children's three-mile circuit motocross race, nine-mile motorcycle race. Fees for competitors, routs: 011-52-664-654-0339.

"Baja Xtreme 8 Hours," extreme sports competition Saturday, August 27, at La Misión del Descanso (along Tijuana-Ensenada free road), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information: 619-656-1897.

Baja Norte Luau, Hawaiianstyle fiesta with barbecue, raffles, and entertainment, 1–4 p.m., Saturday, August 27, Cy Mazatlán #256, Fraccionamiento Acapulco. \$6 U.S. 011-52-646-177-5116.

Wines of Valle de Guadalupe enjoyed when Five Star Tours hosts outing Saturday, August 27. Event includes outdoor lunch and tastings at two wineries in Valle de Guadalupe. \$75 fee includes lunch, transportation. Reservations: 619-232-5040. (ENSENADA)

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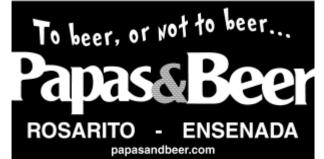


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"Defendiendo al Cavernicola." comedic play by César Bono at Tiiuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río), Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30 and 31, with shows at 7 and 9:30 p.m. \$20...\$30 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Diversity and Religious Conflicts in Chiapas," Dr. Miguel Lisbona Guillén gives lecture Wednesday, August 31, 7 p.m. at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636.

Tijuana Fair continues through Sunday, September 18, with food, music, arts and crafts, entertainment at Parque Morelos (on Boulevard Insurgentes). Performance by Axe Bahía, Thursday, August 25, 8 p.m.; Ramón Ayala on Saturday, August 27, 8 p.m. At the Palenque: Dulce and Tres de Copas on Saturday, August 27, 11 p.m., and Mascabrothers on Wednesday, August 31, 11 p.m. Admission: \$4.50 for adults, \$1 for children. 011-52-664-684-0481. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

San Diego's Warmest Weather, on average, should be occurring right now, according to statistics

compiled from several decades of measurements taken near the San Diego International Airport. In an average year, coastal residents enjoy an average daily temperature of 70°, which compares favorably (depend-

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ROAM-()-RAMA

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



he 12-mile, one-way hiking traverse from the Laguna Mountains to Cuyamaca Rancho State Park isn't what it used to be, on account of the October 2003 Cedar Fire, Still, it's nice to see the recovery effort staged by Mother Nature, particularly the effects of the most recent wet season, which saw 60 inches or more of precipitation falling on a landscape that usually gets only about 30 inches. Many of the black oaks and coast live oaks that were seemingly completely charred in the immediate aftermath of the fire are now showing plenty of new green foliage sprouting exuberantly from their remaining limbs.

With a little help with transportation from your friends, you can enjoy a leisurely, mostly downhill day trip from Laguna to

Cuvamaca, Arrange to be dropped off at the Penny Pines trailhead at mile 27.3 on Sunrise Highway in the Laguna Mountains (north of the village of Mount Laguna). Plan to get picked up, perhaps six or seven hours later, at the

Sweetwater River bridge parking area (mile 4.9 on Highway 79, north of Interstate 8) in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

Start walking west on a scenic stretch of the Noble Canyon Trail. After 2.4 miles, turn right on the Indian Creek Trail and descend 0.8 mile to a crossing of the possibly still trickling Indian Creek. The trail turns northwest and you climb in earnest along a chaparral-clothed hillside toward a summit called Champagne Pass (elevation 5440 feet). There, your gaze takes in the western foothills and perhaps a slice of Pacific Ocean freckled with the Coronado Islands.

The descent that follows takes you to Deer Park Road (the half-way point of the hike). Cross the road and continue west 100 yards to join an old remnant of East Mesa Fire Road at the east boundary of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Now you face the second major climb, uphill

On the clearest days, you look across wind-rippled grass to spy Point Loma and the ocean horizon.

Harvey Moore Trail

LAGUNA TO CUYAMACA

Hike from the Laguna Mountain crest to Cuyamaca's Sweetwater River, and learn how the local mountains are recovering from the Cedar Fire.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 60 miles Hiking length: 12 miles Hiking difficulty: moderately strenuous

along a sunny, scrub-covered slope. Widely scattered black paks provide some small patches of shade on the way up.

Fast Mesa Fire Road finally levels out at about 5000 feet, then begins a long and gradual descent

soon comes in from the right (north). Keep left and follow the route of the well-trod Harvey Moore Trail, downhill nearly all the way, to Highway 79 and the large parking lot at the Sweetwater River

bridge.

Hootin' with the Owls, owl presentation with live owl and refreshments followed by owl search in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, Saturday, August 27, 5:45 p.m. Find reserve on Espola Road, onehalf mile north of Lake Poway Road. Free. Required reservations: 858-668-4781. (POWAY)

ocean beaches. Some have just ar-

rived from the north; others are ju-

veniles that have bred locally. You'll find sanderlings and willets

scurrying along the wet sand on

the beaches. Several other mem-

bers of the sandpiper family can be

found in mudflat areas such as the

Tijuana River Estuary, the south

end of San Diego Bay, the San

Diego River flood channel near Sea

World, and the margins of most

Jasmine's Thick, Sweet Odor

wafts on the night breezes this time

of year, especially throughout the

older, well-landscaped neighbor-

hoods of San Diego. The exotic

odor is produced by the flowers of

true jasmines (genus Jasminum),

as opposed to the so-called "star

jasmine" (genus Trachelosper-

mum), which blooms in the late

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urday, August 27, 9 a.m. Meet on

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spring and early summer.

(PACIFIC BEACH)

North County lagoons.

"Dog Days of Summer," hike along Lake Hodges with (leashed) canine friends, Saturday, August 27, 7:30 a.m. Bring enough water for you and your dog; meet at Lake Hodges at Sunset Drive (off Via Rancho Parkway and I-15). Free. 858-674-2275, x5. (ESCONDIDO)

Expert Birder from Audubon Society leads a bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek



ing on your viewpoint) with the January average daily temperature of 55°. The range between the high and low is typically 10° or less this time of

year. August's warm, semitropical weather should soon give way to September's and October's slightly cooler days interspersed with occasional heat waves brought on by Santa Ana conditions — dry, hot winds that sweep down the mountain slopes from the interior.

Various Sandpipers are now being seen in considerable numbers within San Diego County's coastal wetland habitats and along the













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in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, August 27, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drink-858-581-9944. water.

Trekking the Refuges, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, August 27, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Spring Gives Way to Summer, and biologist/naturalist Carol Stanford leads easy to moderate discovery hike examining how plants and animals adapt during transition from spring to summer, Sunday, August 28. Hike starts at 3 p.m. in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). Bring water and hiking boots. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hike around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, August 28, 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Venus and Jupiter, the two brightest starlike objects in the sky, approach within one degree of each other on the evening of Thursday, September 1. This will be a compelling sight over the west horizon

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starting about 15 minutes after sunset. The pair of planets will sink to the horizon about one hour later, gradually fading as their light passes through ever-greater amounts of the Earth's atmosphere.

DANCE

Celebrate Dance Festival claims four stages throughout Balboa Park August 26–28. Diverse range of dances by over 50 groups presented by Eveoke Dance The-

atre. Performances from 6-10 p.m.

on Friday; noon-10 p.m. on Sat-

urday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on Sunday. Free, 619-238-1153, (BALBOA PARK)

"International Dance Festival." final installment of summer festival features McCaleb Dance in La Rumorosa and Ni Wayan Ekarini in dances from Bali, Friday, August 26, at City Heights Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue), 6 p.m. Free. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Spanish Waltz Quadrille taught during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, August 26, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. Free. All ages, singles, partners. 619-583-9956, (BALBOA PARK)

Guitaras 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 benefit San Pasqual Academy Alumni Zonta House. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Salsa Dancing to live music, Saturday, August 27, 6:30 p.m., at Recital Hall. Dance instruction for first hour. Hors d'oeuvres, no-host bar. Tickets: \$30 per person, \$50 per couple, benefiting Young Audiences organization. 619-282-7599. (BALBOA PARK)

African Drum and Dance Fest, join Tam Tam Mandingue on Saturday, August 27, 11 a.m., at Moonlight Beach volleyball court (at end of Encinitas Boulevard and Highway 101). Free. 619-295-9550. (ENCINITAS)

Contradance in Hawaiian Shirts and Skirts to tunes by Jump Fingers and calling by Steve Barlow, Saturday, August 27, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes; dress Hawaiian for prizes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Sing and Dance at the Same

Time when Nur Ozkan leads "An Hour of Turkish Song," Saturday, August 27, at Folk Dance Center, 7:30 p.m. Dance follows. \$6.

"Îsraeli Partner Dance with Dalya," easy partner dances and classic oldies, Sunday, August 28, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. \$6.

Folk Dance Center is located at 4569 30th Street. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Rumba Dance Workshop led by Cal and Clara Senechal Sunday, August 28, 3 p.m. at Cheek2Cheek, 909 Grand Avenue, Suite 3. \$10. 858-270-7100. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Bellydance with Middle-Earth Sunday, August 28, 3 p.m. at Turquoise Café Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Avenue, \$5, 858-488-4200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Instructors are Janet Arnold and Tyge Legier on August 28. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per

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Scottish Country Dancing lessons offered by San Diego Royal Scottish Country Dance Association. Free introductory class Monday, August 29, 7:30 p.m. in room 203 of Casa del Prado, 858-453-8286, (BALBOA PARK)

FILM

Audrey Hepburn Plays Holly Golightly in Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961), the classic film featured for Cinema under the Stars, Thursday through Sunday, August 25-28, 8:30 p.m. Find cabaret at 4040 Goldfinch Street. \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

Bush Administration Scrutiny in the documentary Hijacking Catastrophe 9/11, Fear and the Selling of American Empire, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m. at Four Points Sheraton (8110 Aero Drive). Donation. 619-840-1945.

Carrillo Ranch Friday Night Film Festival continues with another showing of Leo Carrillo in Viva Villa, Friday, August 26, 7 p.m., at Leo Carrillo Ranch Park (6200 Flying LC Lane). Donations welcome, 760-476-1042, (CARLSBAD)

Mars Society of San Diego presents H.G. Wells' War of the Worlds starring C. Thomas Howell, Peter Greene, and Jake Busev, with discussion about making the film Friday, August 26, 7 p.m., in the Art Union Building parking lot (2323 Broadway). Free. 619-723-3456. (DOWNTOWN)

DISCOUNT

Stranger Than Love presents "Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, August 28, 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)

"Girl With a Pearl Earring" screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series on Wednesday, August 31, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"Hardwood" shares director Hubert Davis's perspective on growing up in an interracial family. Davis's father is Harlem Globetrotter Mel Davis, who fell in love with - but did not marry — his white mother. Screens for Film Forum at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 31, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Screen on the Green" series continues with Tim Burton's talltale Big Fish on Thursday, September 1. Screen is set up behind Casa del Prado courtyard, with seating on lawns in front of Botanical Building at 8 p.m. Bring blankets for seating. Free. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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Summer came. Each tree On my street had its own Scheherazade. My nights Were a part of their wild

Storytelling. We were Entering dark houses, Always more dark houses, Hushed and abandoned.

There was someone with eyes closed On the upper floors. The fear of it, and the wonder, Kept me sleepless.

The truth is bald and cold. Said the woman

Who always wore white. She didn't leave her room.

The sun pointed to one or two Things that had survived The long night intact. The simplest things,

Difficult in their obviousness. They made no noise It was the kind of day People described as "perfect."

Gods disguising themselves As black hairpins, a hand-mirror, A comb with a tooth missing? No! That wasn't it.

Just things as they are, Unblinking, lying mute In that bright light — And the trees waiting for the night.

— Charles Simic

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619-435-9111. (MISSION VALLEY)

Hope for Genoas! Panel of experts leads discussion and answers questions on the nearly 100 figs (Ficus carica) grown locally when California Rare Fruit Growers convene, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Fruit tasting follows. Free. 619-866-0575. (BALBOA PARK)

Women's Equality Day commemorated when Congresswoman Maxine Waters speaks for United Nations Association on Friday, August 26, 11:45 a.m., at Ioan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Waters followed by report on women's activism, locally and globally; forum on female candidates from all po-

Tempura Class led by Miho Ishida on Saturday, August 27, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. \$25. Reservations: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK) Scrapbook Discovery Day, scrapbooking and card-making



Current Issues of Peace and Justice discussed, actions considered, when Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meets on Saturday, August 27, 11 a.m., in Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Virginia Fraco will speak for San Diego Coalition to Defend Social Security. Free. 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

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"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)

The (No) Border Encuentro, day of border resistance strategizing through panels, workshops, and cross-border community building, Sunday, August 28, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Sherman Heights Community Center (2258 Island Avenue). Workshops, panels on migration, border disturbance art, and "zapatismo and solidarity with migrant people." Presenters include Ashanit Alston, Ricardo Dominguez, Mart Frausto, Free, 619-994-3078. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

Sunday Painting Paint a "meditative skyscape" following talk by Byron Kim for Sunday Painting series, 10 a.m., Sunday, August 28, at San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art, 700 Prospect Street. \$25. Registration: 858-454-3541 x151. (LA JOLLA)

Longtime Atheist Activist Bart Aikens speaks for Atheist Coalition of San Diego, Tuesday, August 30,

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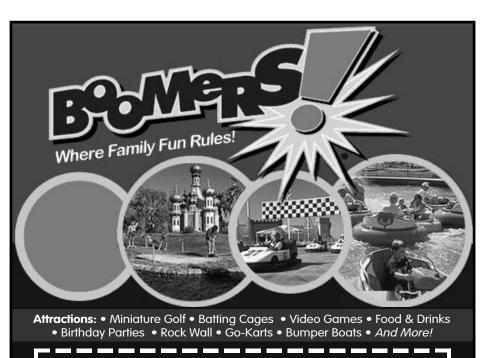
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Public Law Library (1105 Front Street). 877-534-2524. (DOWNTOWN)

"Iraq Exit Strategies," gather and talk on Wednesday, August 31, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Artist Stephen C. Wagner speaks for Professional Artist Lecture Series, Wednesday, August 31, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). 619-236-0011. \$8. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

Glatter/Hubbard Percussion Duo "reexamines the idea of acoustics and environment" on Thursday, August 25, 8 p.m. at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). \$5. 619-235-9815, (EAST VILLAGE)

Plays in the Park, see A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum when Patio Playhouse performs Friday through Sunday, August 26-28, 8 p.m., at Kit Carson

Park amphitheater (3333 Bear Valley Parkway). Tickets: \$12.50-\$17. 760-489-2496. (ESCONDIDO)

Thelma Houston and the Spinners join San Diego Symphony for a "Salute to Motown" during Summer Pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27. 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)

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)

TGIF Jazz in the Parks series continues with New Orleans traditional jazz by Kermit Ruffins on Friday, August 26, 6 p.m., in Calavera Hills Park (at Carlsbad Village Drive and Glasgow Street). Parking shuttles operate from Hope School (3010 Tamarack), 5 to 9 p.m. 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

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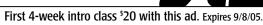
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Tommy Price and the Stilettos perform under the gazebo in concert on Friday, August 26, 5 to 7 p.m. at corner of Main Street and Indiana Avenue. Free. 760-414-9391. (VISTA)

Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) features rock and roll by the Corvettes on August 26, 5 p.m. Series continues on Fridays through September 30. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Noted Author Tony Eprile, winner of 2005 Koret Jewish Award for fiction, reads from his novel The Persistence of Memory, Saturday, August 27, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue; 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)

John Wesley Harding & the Love Hall Tryst, along with guest artists Kelly Hogan, Brian Lohmann, and Robert Lloyd, perform for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Saturday, August 27, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). David Olney performs Sunday, August 28. Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176, (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Beats Against Borders, ${\rm live}$ "radical music," Saturday, August 27, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Roy San Filipo from Bring the Ruckus presents "reflections on anti-racist organizing," followed by music by Entarte Kunst, Boomerang Politick, Dias Tristes. Donation: \$5-\$10. 619-994-3078. (EAST VILLAGE)

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Heloise Love performs in concert for San Diego Folk Heritage at San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Saturday, August 27, 7:30 p.m. Randy Sterling opens. \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

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Open-Mike Poetry Reading hosted by Sunset Poets, Sunday, August 28, 3 p.m., at Flying Bridge Restaurant (1105 North Coast Highway). Listen, or read a favorite poem by you or someone else. Featured poet is Steve Kowit, poetry teacher at Southwestern College. Free. 760-758-2410.

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La Jolla Concerts by the Sea showcase Yavaz on Sunday, August 28, 2 p.m., in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove (at foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. Free. (LA JOLLA)

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117 West plays bluegrass music for First Thursday Concert on September 1, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239

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Music, Spoken Word, Activism abound during Siren open-mike night, Thursday, September 1, at Korova Coffee Bar (4496 Park Boulevard). Joanie Mendenhall, San Diego Music Award "Best Local Recording" nominee, will perform. Free. 619-260-1917. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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Kayak La Jolla's Calm Waters during outing hosted by Birch

Aquarium-Museum, Sunday, August 28, 8 to 11 a.m. Scripps naturalists team with instructors from Ocean Enterprises Express to guide paddlers from La Jolla Shores to caves at La Jolla Cove. Beginners welcome. \$60. Reservations: 858-534-7336, (LA JOLLA)

USPA Rossmore Cup Finals Sunday, August 28, 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)

Group Ride to Miramar Lake with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, Tuesday, August 30. 45-mile ride starts at 9:15 a.m. from south parking lot of Mission Bay visitors' center. Free. 619-583-5652. (MISSION BAY)

Tuesday Night Bicycle Racing continues through September 27 at San Diego Velodrome, 6:20 to 8:30 p.m. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 760-703-6280. (BALBOA PARK)

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.

Reggae Festival during racing on Saturday, August 27, followed

Reading

The Trudeau Vector



FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Viking, 2005; 402 pages; \$24.95

By Juris Jurievics

As the international team of scientists at the spectacular Trudeau Research Center prepares for six months of unrelenting Arctic winter, three of their colleagues are found dead, their pupils missing, and their bodies contorted in ghastly, unnatural positions. An American epidemiologist, the talented and unconventional Dr. Jessica Hanley, is summoned to investigate the medical riddle posed by these grisly deaths. At the same time, a decorated Russian admi-

ral in Moscow is assigned a top-secret mission to locate and retrieve a Russian submarine that has suddenly and inexplicably vanished from central command's radar.

The die is cast. Their lives will cross in Jurjevics's engrossing debut thriller, brilliant and terrifying in its medical and historical accuracy. Hanley's inquiry and Admiral Rudenko's quest bring them up against hazards much bigger than microbes – scientific megalomania, lingering cold war tensions, world-threatening environmental toxins, all unfolding in the unforgiving extremes of the Arctic.

A thriller that superbly depicts the precarious, volatile area where science and global politics can clash with disastrous results, The Trudeau Vector is reminiscent of the classic suspense of Frederick Forsyth's The Day of the Jackal and the terrifying realism of Michael Crichton's The Andromeda Strain. With its disquieting and revelatory authenticity, readers cannot help but fall under its spell and ask themselves, "Could this really happen?"

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Publishers Weekly: Soho Press cofounder and publisher Jurievics gives a knowing nod to apocalyptic plot expectations for biohazard thrillers, but the real passion of his debut lies in presenting difficult science clearly, creating complex characters, and playing Cassandra on the environment. Four members of Arctic Research Station Trudeau go missing: three of them turn up, still in their cold-weather suits, twisted into positions of inexplicably grotesque and agonizing death; the fourth lays nearby, naked and frozen solid.... Jurjevics's debut will lure those with a taste for deep science, medical intricacies, and a plot that twists and shines like the aurora borealis.

Kirkus Reviews: Jurjevics

weaves his great fondness for the fragile, seductive, polar environment with carefully researched viral lore.... Offshore-educated M.D. Jessica Hanley, famous for her intuitive epidemiological solutions, draws the short stick when the call comes from the Trudeau Research Center, which houses a collection of scientists way up at the top of Canada.... Parachuted in at the last possible moment before the Center becomes unreachable in the months-long arctic night. Hanley deputizes a couple of assistants and starts sorting through every last personal belonging of the departed, looking for what must either be a very vicious bacterium, or a virus... Hanley is one busy epidemiologist. But a good one. She has the culprit identified just as some very dashing Russians return to clean up the mess left by their dead colleague.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Juris Jurjevics was born in 1943 in Latvia and emigrated to the United States. He served in Vietnam and is the cofounder and publisher of Soho Press. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife. His daughter, Rosa, is in her last year of college.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE **AUTHOR:**

Four dedicatees are named in The Trudeau Vector, I asked Mr. Jurjevics who these gentlemen are.

The first one is my godfather, whom I never met. He died in 1948 in Latvia, under an assumed name, hiding from the communists who had seized the country. The next three also are gentlemen I've not met - Russian whistleblowers. They helped document and describe the irresponsible way their government disposed of nuclear waste, by scuttling ships with liquid waste aboard, by sinking obsolete subs with reactors intact, and so on.

"Russia has pretty much ignored any kind of restrictions or reasonable measures in dealing with their radioactive leftovers. They have steadily and secretly been dumping since the 1950s.

Retween 1964 and 1986 some 7000 tons of solid radioactive waste and 1600 cubic meters of liquid waste was pitched into the Kara and Barents Seas from the base in Murmasnk, which serviced the Soviet fleet of nuclearpowered naval and merchant ships. Likewise, nuclear reactors from at least 18 nuclear submarines and icebreakers were dumped in the Barents Sea, and an entire nuclear sub was deliberately sunk after an accident in May 1968. Another nuclear submarine, the Komsomolets, sank 300 miles off Norway with the loss of 42 sailors. It went down with two nuclear warheads. Finally, the Russians were dumping unprocessed nuclear waste into the Sea of Japan. As late as October 1993, the Russians confirmed that one of their ships discharged 900 tons of radioactive water from scrapped nuclear submarines. They simply fill up ships and barges with radioactive materials and sink them in the oceans, or discharge nuclear wastes into major rivers. They

"Russia has pretty much ignored any kind of restrictions or reasonable measures in dealing with their radioactive leftovers."

by concert by Ziggy Marley and Common Sense at 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)

SPECIAL

Rocks, Beads, Crystals, Silver and, of course, gems at Gem Faire, August 26-28. Over 100 exhibitors at two locations: Sheraton Hotel (1433 Camindo del Rio South) and Scottish Rite Center (1895 Camino del Rio South). Hours: noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$5 weekend pass. 760-390-3599. (MISSION VALLEY)

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society on Friday, August 26, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, onleash dogs to socialize with other canines. Dog-friendly trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (MISSION VALLEY)

Army Tug Boat Museum Tours, explore 1951 Korean-era tug boat every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, across from the County Administration building. Free. 619-200-7417, (EMBARCADERO)

Familienfest: Car show, swap meet, music, food, kiddie carnival, camper and bike displays all rolled into one giant Volkswagen show Saturday, August 27, at Rancho Guajome Adobe House (2210 North Santa Fe Avenue). Gates open at 9 a.m. 619-741-2484. \$7; 13 and under free. (VISTA)

Hui o Hawaii Luau offers dinner and entertainment along Mission Bay (2606 N. Mission Bay Drive), Saturday, August 27. Entertainment begins at 1 p.m., dinner at 3 p.m. \$28 adults, \$10 kids 5-10. 619-426-1953, (MISSION BAY)

Puppets, Wine, Cheese, Icarus Puppet Company's wine and cheese party celebrates "over 15 years of creating exciting, theatrical plays with puppets," 4 p.m., Saturday, August 27, at Southwestern Yacht Club (2702 Qualtrough Street), \$30, 619-563-5252. (POINT LOMA)

Grape Stomp, Orfila Vineyards and Winery (13455 San Pasqual Road) holds tours, dinner, dancing, and traditional grape stomping 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, August 27. For space availability call 760-738-6500 x22. \$50. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Ukulele Festival at Ferry Landing (1335 1st Street) August 27 and 28 includes workshops, vendors, and concerts. Saturday (kids' day), 10 a.m. to

5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$25 adults; kids \$1 per year of age.

619-692-1251. (CORONADO) **Book Lovers Beckoned** to take San Diego independent bookstore 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. 858-454-0347 or 626-793-8435, (LA JOLLA)

The "Salute to American Flyers'

runs through Monday, September 5, with vintage operating A.C. Gilbert original American Flyer trains dating back to 1940s and 1950s, at San Diego Model Railroad Museum. The S-gauge two-rail track features moving accessories such as log and cattle "loaders." Museum is downstairs in Casa de Balboa building. \$5 adults, free for those under 15. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

House of Panama presents lawn program at International Cottages,

Sunday, August 28, 2 p.m. Regional foods offered for sale. Admission free, 619-239-0512, (BALBOA PARK)

Alison Moritsugu Leads Log-Painting workshop during Lux Family Day, Sunday, August 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. Celebration with artists, music, and refreshments previews the future sight of the Lux Art Institute at 1550 South El Camino Real. Free. 760-436-6611. (ENCINITAS)

Chili Cookoff during Hot Summer Nights festivities in Fallbrook on Sunday, August 28. Find event on Main Street, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. 760-723-1799. (FALLBROOK)

The Backgammon Club of San Diego holds weekly tournaments every Tuesday, 6 p.m., at Coast Cafe (in Embassy Suites Hotel,

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Reading

dump nuclear reactors with rods intact. They've abandoned sunken subs with nuclear missiles carrying plutonium warheads, ignoring the danger of its leaking out. Container drums with radioactive waste are pried open to help them sink. Tens of thousands of such have been tossed into the sea. Often in waters less than 3000 meters deep, meaning sea life may become polluted by the wastes and contaminated.

The Arctic Ocean is a particularly favored spot for dumping, but the Sea of Japan, the North Sea, the Norwegian Sea, the Kara, the White Sea, even the Baltic have been subjected to these disposals. In 1990 six million starfish, shellfish, seals, and porpoises washed up dead on the shores of the White Sea. Three years later seals in the White Sea and the Barents suffered outbreaks of blood cancers. So the contamination seems to be moving up the food chain. The three Russian dedicatees provided information about these activities, probably thinking it acceptable, given the new attitudes in their homeland toward openness. All three were imprisoned and charged with treason.

The last one, Sutyagin, is still imprisoned, serving a 15-year sentence for no more than doing research. His trials were a travesty. You can make donations to support his family on PayPal from www. sutyagin.org/eng."

"When were the men arrested?"

"Alexander Nikitin was arrested in 1996, Grigory Pasko in 1997. Igor Sutyagin received the heaviest penalty. He was arrested in 2001 and remains in prison."

"Do you contribute support?"

"Yes, and sign the letters to the Russian president, protesting, pleading.... So that's who the dedicatees are."

"What is the current state of these cases?"

"The first two men are out: one acquitted, the other released after two and one half years. Both have gotten their passports back; both have won journalism awards. Sutyagin, however, is still jailed, still suffering. Not being a journalist probably doesn't help him to gain attention and support from outside Russia."

"A word is like a sparrow.
Once set free, you cannot catch
it again. How did you happen
upon that for an epigram?"

"It was something a Russian general said. He ran part of Russia's secret biological warfare production. He was interviewed for an academic book entitled Anthrax that reviewed a 1979 outbreak in the Soviet Union. The authorities blamed the outbreak on bad meat sold by black marketers, whom they arrested and dealt with severely. By the way, the dynamic governor of the region who oversaw the cover-up was Boris Yeltsin. But the truth was that someone had failed to replace a filter in a plant producing weaponized anthrax. Inhalational anthrax is rare and terribly deadly (and doesn't originate in spoiled meat). And so the filter wasn't there, and wind carried the lethal microbes out to the population. The carrier, the vector, in that instance was the wind. Sleeping citizens downwind inhaled the organisms, and a great many died. Inhaled anthrax is particularly vile and lethal. We've had one or two cases in the U.S., and

tating for the rest of one's life."
"When people ask you what
makes a book a thriller, what do
you tell them?"

if it's not fatal it's utterly debili-

"Plot. I think it's primarily story. The thrillers that are enticing, the ones that are real classics, seem to also have some kernel of cosmic truth and a lot of unrecorded history — things we haven't been told, things that will never be proven. Like LeCarre's

novels, Len Deighton's. Theses novels were psychologically and literally very realistic.

"Neville Shute's On the Beach is another exemplary thriller. It's almost perfect. It's so slight and utterly amazing how much it attempts, how efficient it is; what an impact it delivers."

"How long have there been thrillers?"

"Most people say it goes back to the Cold War era, but there are thrillers set before that. For a while the British almost had a monopoly on the great ones. There are thrillers set throughout the Second World War era. Something covert, something hidden, is what a thriller is about.

"Structurally, a thriller has elements you'd also find in mystery or suspense fiction. Plot points, for instance, the bits of business that create a dramatic pace, the twists and turns and revelations—the dynamics of secrets. But the end isn't finding who done it as much as what the secret is."

Most of *The Trudeau Vector* takes place within the walls of the Trudeau Research Center. The center is almost Edenic. Everything civilized man or woman might want is there — laboratory equipment, books, music, comfortable beds, perfect food, and the latest in exercise equipment. How-

ever, deep inside this Arctic Eden a bad seed hides.

"The station was inspired by Skinner's Walden II," Mr. Jurjevics explained. "It was about a utopia. Mine is full of gadgets and researchers and scientists. Amazingly, the Canadians froze a ship into the ice last year that is a floating laboratory, similar in aspirations to Arctic Research Station Trudeau. Fiction come to life."

"As I read *Trudeau Vector*, I began to think that you began with a utopia that became an ectopia."

"Yeah, exactly right. It's totally dedicated to good, to knowledge. It has attracted the finest people in their fields, and unbeknownst to them it includes an unknown problem they weren't aware of. It's not of their doing, but it's acting upon them, changing their idealistic paradise, changing their lives."

"Trudeau Vector is also a Genesis story – the Fall of Adam, and all that goes with that."

"Right. Yes, it echoes through myths and kid stories we learn about in the course of the book and in the various cultures the story touches on, whether Inuit or Russian or American. It's in the main story too. They've created this perfect and spectacular place in a frozen hell, where they want only to do good.

"Most societies drive toward some ideal. I've always been fascinated with how the Nazis were so idealistic. The communists less so, but the dedicated among them believed as mightily as did the Nazis. Beyond the immediate borders of the Workers' Paradise, their utopia had perhaps an even greater romantic appeal. The democracies have great idealism at their cores as well, even in militaristic times. Idealism is part of every ideology's engine. It's common even to rival ideologies that have been bested and proven bankrupt. Too often, though, it's window dressing that's meant to mesmerize and sell the product. That's the danger in *The Trudeau* Vector. Because you can, with all the good intention in the world – as history keeps demonstrating wind up producing quite a mess, regardless of sincerity."

The victims of the Trudeau vector have lost the iris in their eyes. I asked how Mr. Jurjevics came up with this.

"I needed something to demonstrate how vicious and effective the killing agent was. As I did my research, I came across an unusual red tide that was found and studied by two scientists who employed microscopes, naturally enough. The organism turned out to be particularly devastating. It

4550 La Jolla Village Drive). \$20 entry, \$10 reentry. 858-342-5533.

Contemporary Art Auction,

Wednesday, August 31, 7 p.m. at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

FOR KIDS

Explore Comical, Magical Ventriloquism when Lynn Trimble entertains through Sunday, August 28, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Cinderella by Puppet Express and Weaver's Tales, August 31–September 4.

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)

"Art at Jazz," kids learn about aspects of visual art such as color, line, shape, pattern, and more during workshop at TGIF Jazz in the Park concert on Friday, August 26, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in Calavera Hills Park (at Carlsbad Village Drive and Glasgow Street). Parking shuttles operate from Hope School (3010 Tamarack), 5 to 9 p.m. 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Model Railroad Kids' Club for ages 7–12, 9 a.m., Saturday, August 27, at San Diego Model Railroad Museum. Museum is downstairs in Casa de Balboa building. \$5 adults,

free for those under 15. Registration: 619-460-7635. (BALBOA PARK)

Swedish Crafts, Lynn Ely teaches crafts from Sweden during Passport to the World program on Saturday, August 27, 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.

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.

Barona Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

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

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

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migra-

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)

tory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic

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 in-

cluded, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

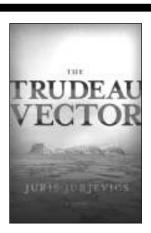
Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. 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.

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades







attacked their eyes, blinded them first, gained entry that way, and eventually killed them both, slowly. I was very struck by their story and thought a variation on it would be effective in the story. I also wanted it as an example of the risks these scientists run and what they are prepared to sacrifice for their research."

"How did you replicate so perfectly the cold that a person reading this feels cold?"

"I'd experienced extraordinarily cold situations a couple of times, and quite often in the mountains in the Adirondacks, where my parents lived, where in winter it's not unusual for the temperature to fall to 40 below. Of course, you're dothed and protected, but

you soon notice you've started drooling from the dryness, and if you expose any skin it becomes instantly numbed and then painful. If there's any wind it's nearly debilitating. You almost can't make your muscles work to walk forward if you are inadequately clothed. The pain is paralyzing. The cold will absolutely render pain over large parts of your body very, very quickly. And there's not room for a thought in your head, just a primal scream to escape the cold. It's like drowning. All you want is out."

"Why did you want to set the book in such an extreme place?"

"I thought, given my day job and parenting, it would take me a long time to write. So I needed a static location. I'd always been interested in the Arctic. So I thought, 'Well, this is one place that isn't going to change. I won't have to worry about the setting moving around on me."

on me."

"You worked on this off and on for 25 years?"

"For 20, yes. And then intensely for the last three. But the Arctic refused to stay dormant. I woke up one day to discover a little fact floating up on the airwaves — that the arctic had 'lost 40 percent of its volume.' Interesting way to put it. I thought, 'What can that mean?' Naturally, it meant

exactly what they were saying, however obliquely, was that the Arctic Ocean ice that was ten feet thick when I started the novel was now six feet thick."

"How did you decide upon Jessie, your female 'lead?"

It wasn't Jessie to begin with. The leads were two males at first. They didn't work and I killed off one and kept the funny one and wrote it all again. That was swell except he didn't work either. I tried a female finally. That worked. So I wrote it out a third time, with Jessie Hanley. She was a cross between Beatrix Potter and a woman I met for probably a whole hour one afternoon some years ago.

"I gave her sort of a rocky educational background. Made her not very gentrified or well credentialed. Given that, she just has to be very practical and directed when she goes to work on solving a problem. She's from the wrong side of the river, wrong side of the tracks. And she's fought her way through. She's very good at her job. That's what she relies on.

"She thinks fast, she's had to. She's a loner, which in most work situations is not so good, but in this case is perfect. Instead of having the usual lab resources and colleagues to fall back on, this

time she has to go it alone. She has to get to the Arctic and deal with the threat to this world-class facility."

"She's also funny."

"Yeah, she's a wise ass. She's not polished and not terribly well turned out. What you see is what you get with her, which is a slowly impressive medical sleuth."

"How did you become interested in the Inuit?"

"I am sure it's because I come originally from a group so small that it is an endangered people, like the Inuit. I'm from Latvia. Except for a brief period of independence after WWI, it was always in the thrall of larger outside forces in the guise of occupying armies and their philosophies, or comparatively gigantic neighbors. So I'm very aware of the psychology of the small group living in the shadow of the enormous power that knew best for the natives. The last folks in Latvia were the Soviets. They made a concerted effort to permanently remove and liquidate Latvians and replace them with their own citizens. Tens of thousands of Letts were shipped off in cattle cars into the bowels of Russia, or killed outright.

"Allegedly the Russians (and every other nearby nation in the

region) were after Latvia's warmwater ports in the Baltic. The Russians didn't really have any ports that weren't frozen solid for most of the winter. That's the purported reason. More likely, Latvia was a heavily forested, appealing place they wanted for themselves. I don't think it's been that big a factor in Russian strategic needs for a long time. I think it was more that they simply could have it, so why not."

"Who did the Latvians who were your parents' age dislike more, the Germans or the Rus-

"I don't think they disliked either nationality more. In fact, they probably identified with both. They, as kids, had fled with their families into Tsarist Russia to avoid the effects of the First World War (and there had been a violent dress rehearsal for the Revolution in 1905 before that).

"So as little kids of ten or so, they were taken into Russia with their families, to get out of the way of what was coming. Little did they know they would live through the Russian Revolution instead. The Russians had always been welcoming and receptive to the Latvians. Being young kids, my parents quickly learned the language. They both became fluent. But the Latvians had been

held for centuries under a feudal system by the Germans. So the manor owners, the great local landholders, were German. And my parents spoke German as well, just as fluently.

They didn't have any feelings against either group really. They knew both intimately. My great-grandfather was a German baron. He fathered five girls with my great-grandmother but never married. He was a German aristocrat and she just a Latvian peasant. With each child, though, he gave her land, and so my greatgrandmother had quite a holding after a while. Still, given all that and a lifetime together, when he died, family legend has it that she wasn't even permitted at his funeral. Anyway, the Latvians are a tiny group and very experienced at invisibility. The first time I heard about Inuit standing motionless for hours on ice floes, by breathing holes for hours, hunting, I thought of Latvians. They also practiced a kind of elimination of their aged who could no longer make their own way."

"Latvia is small."

"Very. It's tiny. According to the CIA's World Fact Book, it's a little larger than West Virginia. The population is 2.3 million, but just a little over half are Latvian.

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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 artified 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, potbellied 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 at-

tack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet sim-





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Reading

The second-largest group are Russian. Two-thirds of the capital city is populated by Russians."

What was the population when you were born?

"Nearly the same. This is not a place history has encouraged to produce a lot of progeny."

"And you left Latvia when you were?"

"A year old. As political options, neither the Germans nor the Russians appealed. One was as lethal as the other. And those were the only choices, other than flight. You were for or against or gone. We got out on a German hospital ship. I had pictured the boat crammed with civilians and wounded. But only two families managed to get on. The port was in flames. The war ended about six months later. We were displaced persons – a nice term for homeless - waiting for emigration quotas in camps in Germany."

The family – Mr. Jurjevics, his mother, father, and sister – arrived in the United States seven years later, in 1950. "We came straight to New York. To the Bronx. And later in beautiful South Bronx, then Pelham Bay. I went to public school until high school. It was in a little town north of New York - in Westchester County, a Lutheran prep school called Concordia. And then I went, briefly and unsuccessfully, to a Lutheran college in the Midwest. Then bummed through four or five more colleges. I liked the English courses and nothing much else."

In 1966 Mr. Jurjevics was drafted. In 1967 he was sent to Vietnam. "I trained in the South, in Georgia, for half a year, and then went to Vietnam. We arrived on Valentine's Day of 1967. Gun-toting jeeps circled us on the tarmac. My friend, Jimmy Pearson, said, 'Just in time for the Massacre.' He was disappointed: Vietnam looked like Georgia, red clay and all."

How long was he in Vietnam?

"Fourteen months, 11 days, two hours. And then back to New York, where I lucked into a publishing job. I was hired by a terrific guy who was a Yippie. He was pale and long-haired. I was the color of toast and short haired I typed contracts and filed copyright claims at a venerable publishing company, a mainline house — Harper and Row, It's now called HarperCollins; it's about 175 years old."

"When you were a child,

did your parents read to you?"

"Very little. We had few books. We were living in camps; there was very little printed material. One of my father's cobbledtogether jobs was to show films on the sides of walls in the summer in these large courtyards. And he would hang up a sheet and run a movie. American films were probably my first entertainment. And one unforgettable stage performance in Latvian of Twelfth Night. But aside from a couple of American comic books provided by the American soldiers, there really wasn't much to read. I think there was one copy of Gone With the Wind and an occasional scary story. There were some fairy tales, some of them typically morbid and frightening. I have loathed the grim Brothers Grimm ever since.

"I didn't really experience children's books until I had my own child, when I finally got to savor Winnie the Pooh and Beatrix Potter (partially a model for the heroine in The Trudeau Vector, by the way)."

"When did you first start reading in English?"

"Dick and Jane. I vividly recall Dick and Jane and their extraordinary neighborhood, but most of all I remember Zeke. Zeke was the guy who raked the leaves. And then, when he had great mounds of them, he would set fire to the piles. Afterward, he would rake out potatoes hidden in the ashes, and the kids and Zeke would feast on the potatoes. Being half-starved for my first seven years and foodobsessed, that spoke to me much more than Dick and Jane themselves might. I never forgot Zeke. I dreamt about charred potatoes for a long

"In grade school at someone's suggestion I started reading Hemingway. I'd had my Ivanhoe era and read the Black Knight, Black Arrow, Count of Monte Cristo, and I had a wooden sword that I practiced my Scaramouche moves with, and then I'd read some of the early mystery writers. I remember cutting wooden dowels into cigarette lengths and practicing smoking like they did in black-and-white movies. In the States, we went to shows every week: serials, triple features. By Saturday afternoon, every kid in the neighborhood was cross-eyed. Occasionally I'd get invited to somebody's house to watch television. The first thing I saw on our very own first TV set was the McCarthy hearings. I was allowed to stay home from school to watch them. I was absolutely mesmerized."

"The hearings would have

been important to your parents, wouldn't they have?"

'Yes, I never knew which side they were on, McCarthy's or the other forces. I suspect McCarthy's. I think they were so traumatized and paranoid at having been pursued by Nazis and Chekists and all the air forces of the world, and every other kind of instant arbiter of one's life, that they were easily swayed by the suggestion of Reds under beds. Uniforms shook them, the red Christmas decorations in Macy's stunned them."

"What do you hope that people, when they finish your book, will think or feel?"

"I want them to realize that this black-and-white Arctic world is not so black-and-white or clear. that it's not what those from outside it think it is. I want readers to realize that the Arctic world is complicated and convoluted and rich, and that's exactly what makes it so splendid. Maybe that's the message: that you can't define the world so easily using your superior knowledge and technology. That it doesn't tame so easily.'

"After the first few pages, there begins to set in a great sense of endangerment."

"Yes, the utopia comes apart very fast. Not only have three people perished mysteriously,

the fourth victim seems to have removed all of his protective attire before dying and no one can really explain why. As for that fourth person, it took forever to collect all I needed to understand to get a sense of how this superbly trained person would experience his own demise under those conditions.

"That took some work. Sometimes I felt like I was dealing with one of those children's games of pick-up sticks. The pieces had to fit together undisturbed, and so exactly, given the nature of the station and its occu-

"It must seem odd, having published so many books, finally to be published."

Oh, utterly. And in ten countries, too. I've been fantasizing this since I was a teenager, and to have it visited upon me all at once at this late stage has made it great fun."

"I think people who have kept up on their Cold War history will find that the story is in many ways not fiction at all."

"It mostly isn't. There is so much fact in the novel: it is nearly nonfiction, yes. I wanted what my successful predecessors created in their books: a sense of reality, of secrets finally revealed."

– Judith Moore

ulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600.

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad, 619-474-4400. (NA-TIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Mu-

seum, the "Salute to American Flyers" continues through Monday, September 5, with vintage operating A.C. Gilbert original American Flyer trains dating back to 1940s and 1950s. The S-gauge two-rail track features moving accessories such as log and cattle "loaders."

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 scalemodel 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" 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 California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diwildlands."

"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. Cur-

rent "giant-screen films" include Ocean Oasis and Bugs! 619-232-3821.

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" ex-

plores 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.

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McConcerto, pianist Andrew Shapiro, renowned for offering New Yorkers a "fine dining experience," performs two concerts at McDonald's (929 Broadway Circle) on Thursday, August 25. First performance at noon; second at 3 p.m. Free. 619-296-0605. (DOWNTOWN)

Thelma Houston and the Spinners join San Diego Symphony for a "Salute to Motown" during Summer Pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27. 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)

Schantz Summer Series Organ Concert features organist Janice Stewart playing compositions by Bach, Saint-Saens, Messiaen, Franck, Marie-Widor, Russell, and Dupre. Concert starts at 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 28, at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Offering, 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS)

"The Young Organist" performs in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, August 28, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Burt Bacharach unites with San Diego Symphony during Summer Pops concerts on Sunday, August 28; performance concludes with fireworks.

Concert begins 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)

18th Annual International Summer Organ Festival concludes Monday, August 29, when civic organist Carol Williams performs with San Diego Master Chorale at 7:30 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Also Known as the "Burping Bedposts," the Geisel Library Bassoon Quartet will perform for Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series on Wednesday, August 31, 12:30 p.m., on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Admission is free, parking is not. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

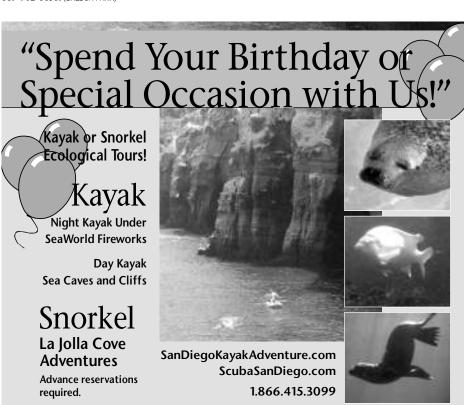


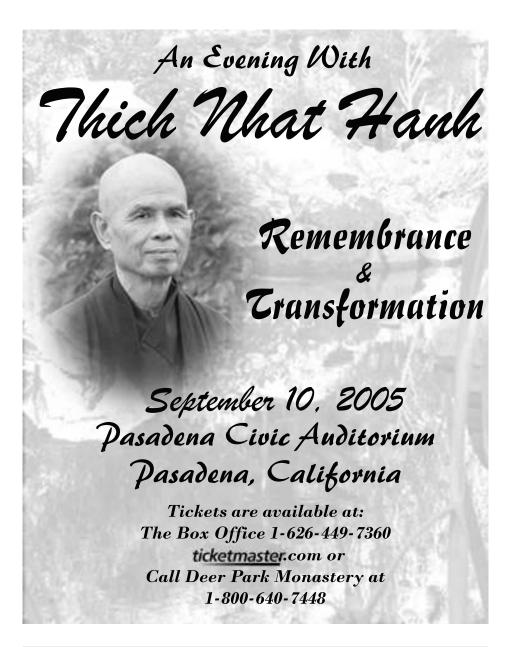
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"You press the button, we do the rest."

he first box camera made by George Eastman in 1888 came already loaded with a 100-exposure roll of film. You shot the roll, returned it to Eastman's processing plant, and they sent back the prints. The Kodak was a pop-

ulist image-making instrument. Middle class folks could easily afford one, and anyone could learn to use it. No expertise or training required. (The Kodak's slogan:

"You press the button, we do the rest.") The earliest box cameras didn't have viewfinders, so those first mass-produced photographic images were "snap shots," like wild pistol shots. You pointed the lens at your desired object, the one you wanted to both remember and possess, snapped the shutter, and made a wish.

The snapshot became a souvenir for the masses, a little shrine to our presence in the world, something done on the run but personalized: a picture of a person or object — people seldom took pictures of empty spaces or landscapes — was a safe conduct pass to the country of another self or world. Snapshots were portable and traveled along in wallets, purses, shoeboxes, and albums. They're sexualized, too: when we're smitten, we swap pictures with the one we're wooing. Content matters more than style. We snap pictures (these days with a cell phone) not really to make an image, as real photographers do, but to own something or someone or take possession (we think) of time in its speed-freaky passing. They materialize our fantasy of arrested time. I was surprised to learn from a cozy, endearing exhibition currently at the Museum of Photographic Arts, Snapshot Photographs: A Snapshot of Your Life, that the snapshot has actually become a mania for collectors and that major exhibitions have been dedicated to this

> unassuming but precious object. I've taken it for granted that most snaps are candid, but collectors have determined that maybe three percent of them are truly so.

Snapshots are evidence — authentic, cooked. or planted. When we know we're being photographed we fashion a version of self for the lens. Because they're hard evidence of our existence. we're inclined to jury-rig them. We costume ourselves, wear two (or more) identities at once. Kids in front of a camera feel safe dressed as cowgirls or hula dancers. Adults dress to assert a chosen identity or cross boundaries, like men posing in women's hats and vice versa. Some pictures have a sneaky ambiguity. One of the first images in the exhibition, from 1935, is of a young blonde girl carried piggyback by her black nanny. We're not told we're in the Jim Crow South — we're as likely to be in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as in Philadelphia, Mississippi — but the image implies the historical passage that created the fine fracture lines of racism that still vein our culture. The woman seems content to be bearing her burden. Close to that image is another, a comic one about shared cultural foolery, a hula hoop contest, among male adults, in suits.

We must be born with instincts for composition or pattern-finding. A few years ago I saw a show of pictures by kids in a homeless shelter who had never handled a camera. A professional on a grant gave them cameras, taught them the mechanics, and then set them loose. Even the gag shots had a visual punch that comes from getting the balance of elements right, and while the kids clearly had some sense of their out-ofthe-ordinary surroundings, their pictures didn't plead for admiration or pity. Instinctively, they wanted first of all to have fun, but they also wanted to put on record certain details about their shared shelter culture and the privacies of kids' antics.

Snapshot Photographs puts a variety of cultures — public and private, usually familial on view. The subjects know they're being photographed, which gives so many of these pictures an aching sweetness, and the compositional instincts behind the camera are deadon. In one stunt shot of a guy doing a hand stand in a onepiece bathing suit (snapshots are couture's archeological evidence): he arcs in one direction while in the back-

ground, across the river behind him, a tree arcs identically the opposite way. We're all camera conscious, and one bunch of pictures captioned "Performing Ourselves" shows off that self-consciousness without giving up surprising



Snapshot Photographs: A Snapshot of Your Life is on exhibition at the Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park until September 18.

intimacies. My favorite has an offhanded sensuousness that knocked me out: one woman washes another's hair outdoors in a small tub. In others we see nearly the entire range of human touches. Is any image as sexy as that of a couple kissing on



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a beach? The seashore couple we see wrapped around each other may not have the animal force of Burt Lancaster and Deborah Kerr bedded by surf in From Here to Eternity, but it's plenty hot. I said "nearly" because we don't see violent gestures, nor is there much sadness or rage or sourness on view. We smile for the camera, and the camera corroborates our little lies. I once saw a photograph of handsome parents and their several gorgeous children posed joyously hand in hand on an hillside, though I knew the family was torn by different sorts of abuse. So when we see the many pictures in this exhibition of smiling, grinning kids, one can be pardoned for wondering about the fragilities, psychological lesions, physical bruises, and night terrors perhaps masked by those smiles.

Serial, family-album snaps offer interesting evidence of communal bonds and rituals. There are thumbnail photo-essays of gay male and lesbian groups, which suggest that what older generations would have judged a degenerate, secret society is normalized when photographed and thus recorded as a social actuality. The group titled "Roger and Frank and Friends" (1947-1956) represents a communal life as "normal" (and loving





and content) as that of the Stankard clan, with their rather cloying log of events composed of baby pictures, yearbook photos, film-booth strips, and shots of the family dog. Amateur photographers are drawn to rituals of communal bonding: baseball games, Christmas celebrations, picnics, birthday parties. Their pictures assert self-display as self-fashioning,

sometimes comic. In addition to several cheesecake and beefcake snaps on view, there's a lardcake pic of tubby guys mocking muscleman poses. Some of these anonymous photographers were compelled to capture forces of nature: a double rainbow (matched by smoke bowing up and away from a smokestack), a dust storm, a sinkhole. There are

hardly any landscapes in this show (a landscape can't fake its identity), but one stands out for its homely, small-voiced celebration. In what looks to be a Midwestern scene, a Chinese elm is just coming into leaf, and in the upper corner of the image is written in smudged ballpoint: "Spring

A commonplace of art pho-

tography now is the shadow of the image-maker falling on the field of vision. Lee Friedlander has made stunning, phantasmal "self-portraits" of this kind. (For San Diegans interested in photography and visiting New York this summer, the Friedlander retrospective at MoMA is essential viewing.) Amateurs, even before Friedlander, following their instincts for composition, produced the same sort of picture. The long narrow shadow of the photographer appears in a whole series of images. In the best of them it's clearly no accident that the woman behind the camera photographed her own shadow stretched on the ground alongside her young son posing in a cowpuncher get-up. To judge by the frequency of these pictures, the instinct to stamp or impress our own anonymous identities on pictures has run in our bloodstream since Paleolithic artists 20,000 years ago left their handprints around pictures of deer and bison.

Seeing this show is a little like finding a lost billfold iammed with crimped or ragged snapshots in sepia or dishwater or foggy yellowish tones, pictures of total strangers whose poses, however, we recognize as those we ourselves once struck. It may be an image of a nude lover, or of a car. It's amazing how

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many snapshots are of proud auto owners posing next to their prize beauties. In that billfold perhaps we happen on a socioeconomic class strange or repugnant to us, or secrets never meant to be shared with strangers, meant only to be the private preserve of the owner and his or her loved ones. Then again, the exhibition sometimes offers a choice bit of lagniappe. Watch for the nuns, caught unawares, gearing up for a snowball fight. ■

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"Neal Preston's Music Selects Vol. 1," Neal Preston shares "his most poignant and memorable music images" in exhibit at Morrison Hotel Gallery (1230 Prospect Street; 858-551-0835) through Wednesday, September 21. Preston has toured with Led Zeppelin, Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, and Queen. Opening reception Friday, August 26. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Two- and Three-Dimensional Art featured in San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild show through Friday, September 23. Opening reception 4:30 p.m., Saturday, August 27, in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road), 760-744-1150 x 2304. (SAN MARCOS)

"Reverse Psychology 101," group art show promises "exciting night of confusion and weirdness during opening reception Saturday, August 27, 7 p.m. at Morena Club Lounge and Art Gallery (1319 Morena Boulevard). Show runs through Friday, September 16. Free. 619-276-1620. (CLAIREMONT)

"Frida's Childhood/Setting for One," mixed-media art of Lupita Shahbazi and Susan Yamagata on display through Saturday, September 24, at Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech Street). Opens with reception Saturday, August 27, 5 p.m. 619-233-6679. (SOUTH PARK)

Herbert Old's "Works," a selection of his paintings and drawings on display through Thursday, September 15, at Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive; 619-644-7299). Reception opens show on Tuesday, August 30, 7 p.m. 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

"One Artist Several Hearts," Cynthia Colis shares new collection during reception Wednesday, August 31, 6 p.m., at Adorn (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 105). 619-794-2729. Exhibit can be seen August 26–31, (LITTLE ITALY)

ART MUSEUMS

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Illuminations: The Neon Sculpture of Brian Coleman and David Svenson" showcases neon taken to new dimensions. The artists "manipulate the technique of glass-bending with the noble gases into a dynamic and vibrant sculptural medium." Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way: 760-721-2787. Closes Sunday, August 21. (OCEANSIDE)

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 "Ningyô: The Art of the Japanese Doll." As cultural artifacts, ningyô embody the customs, tastes, fashions, and politics of the time. Through Sunday, January 8, 2006.

"Kazuo Kadonaga — Elemental Materials in Contemporary Art," on exhibit through Sunday, October 2, showcases sculptures fashioned from glass, wood, paper, and bamboo. Kadonaga's art makes visible "the hidden life of seemingly inanimate matter."

"In the Grain — The Art of the Woodworking" boasts work by George Nakashima, his daughter Mira Nakashima-Yarnall, California craftsman Sam Maloof, seats from Africa, and a Japanese tansu. Continuing.

"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household 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)

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.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 'Threshold: Byron Kim, 1990-2004" focuses on the artist's significant body of easel paintings, presenting four major bodies of paintings. Color, "as signifier and as metaphor," dominates Kim's work, and "he has maintained a steadfast commitment to exploring the potential content of abstract painting."

"Location, Location, Location" highlights architectural drawings and photographs from architects and landscape architects, as well as painters and photographers who focus on aspects of the built environment from the 1950s to the present. Exhibit includes works by Richard Neutra, Frank Gehry, Robert Irwin, and Lawrence Halprin.

Both exhibitions close on Sunday, September 4. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Graham Flint: American Panoramas at 1000 Megapixels" showcases the physicist and photographer's project bringing "together the cutting edges of photographic optics, film technology, and digital processing, creating landscape photographs which contain an unprecedented detail and resolution." Through Sunday, September 18.

"Snapshot: From Box Brownies to Camera Phones," also closing on September 18, examines the way family photographs taken by amateur photographers over the past 100 years contribute to the history of photography. Exhibit includes historic snapshots from 1920s-1960s, along with "live feed" of camera phone images.

"Steve McCurry: Photographs of Asia" highlights history and faces of places the artist has visited as National Geographic photographer. McCurry is most famous for Afghan Girl, the portrait of a refugee that appeared on magazine's cover in 1985. View the images through Sunday, September 25.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art, more than 80 works on offer in Maxfield Parrish, Master of Make-Believe." Exhibit boasts many of Parrish's most recogniz-

able 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.

"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.

"Farsites: Urban Crisis and Domestic Symptoms in Recent Contemporary Art," binational exhibition opening Saturday, August 27, shares diverse collection of work by nearly 50 artists with Centro Cultural de Tijuana (CECUT) through Sunday, November 13.

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"I would rather have a a column on 1000 refrigerator doors than a Pulitzer."

IFFF SMITH

he Old Globe Theatre has staged a series of biographies about artists and writers: Himself and Nora, a musical about James Joyce and his wife; Vincent at Brixton, a portrait of Van Gogh as a young man; Moonlight and Magnolias,

about the making of Gone with the Wind. Motifs about the creative process and sources of inspiration run through the series. But the Joyce and Van Gogh bios offer

paltry insights, and Moonlight should have a FAB warning: Funders of the Arts, Beware — what you are watching perpetuates the screwball stereotype that creative people are just giddy tykes in a sandlot and unworthy of support.

The Globe's latest bio, The Lady with All the Answers, has similar problems. This time it's Ann Landers, who wrote advice columns for 47 years and educated millions of readers (and herself) as she went along.

She's a fascinating subject. Forty years before sit-on-the-couch-and-spew-your-guts TV, before Oprah and the psychologically sanctimonious Dr. Phil, before Dr. Ruth and Jerry What's-His-Name, Landers gave moral and ethical counsel in a public format. Most of it was common sense, tutored by experts she consulted. But she broke ground as new, in its way, as Hugh Hefner did with the sexual revolution. He advocated liberation and experiment; Landers, most of whose readers remained locked in the '50s long after, taught that sex actually existed.

She wrote for the people who wouldn't get the joke about the two women having lunch: "Do you and your husband have mutual climax?" one asks. "Oh no," replies the other, "State Farm."

Along with which way toilet paper should hang, she also turned out columns about cancer, pornography, alcoholism, masturbation, drugs, homosexuality, and suicide. People read her who never

heard of Kinsey or David Reisman, and she knew it: "I would rather have a column on 1000 refrigerator doors than a Pulitzer.

She called herself the "general manager of the world" and was also famous for telling untoward letter writers, "Watch it, bub."

Born Esther Pauline "Eppie" Friedman in 1918, she became "Ann Landers" in 1955, when the Chicago Sun-Times' original Ann Landers died. Her identical twin sister Pauline took the idea and became Abigail Van Buren and wrote a competing column, "Dear Abby." For years rumors abounded that Eppie and Pauline weren't

Like so much else about Eppie's life, The Lady with All the Answers finesses the sisters' relationship. Eppie alludes to difficulties, even makes an analogy about keeping clear of porcupines. But during the play they chat on the phone, lovingly, and friction gets glossed over.

In I Am My Own Wife, at the La Jolla Playhouse, the playwright learns to present his subject



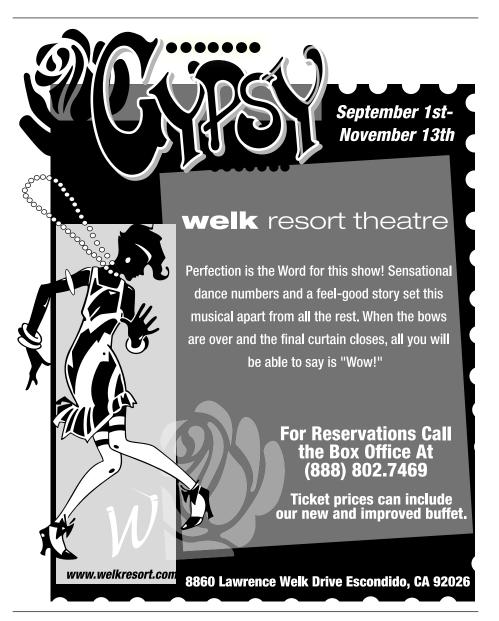
Randy Graff in The Lady with All the Answers

The Lady with All the Answers, by David Rambo

Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park Directed by Tom Moore; cast: Randy Graff; scenic design, Ralph Funicello; costumes, Robert Blackman lighting, Chris Rynne; sound, Paul Peterson

Playing through September 11; Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 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

as is, contradictions and all. Answers takes the opposite tack. It has the earmarks of an approved biography. Image not only rules, it gets polished. But where is Eppie's anger? — at her sister's rivalry; and at her husband Jules Lederer, who after 36 years of marital perfection (at least that's how she describes it) dumps her for a woman younger than their daughter. Shouldn't she, I don't know, react? There are calms before storms, but Eppie's suspiciously calm during them.





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The play's crux: should she announce her divorce in a column? It would make the split real and scoop the voracious media. Should the "ladv with all the answers" dare to be vulnerable? Should she tarnish an image as neatly tucked in place as her bouffant-helmet of hair?

Not much to hang a play on, especially a two-acter. And it wasn't even the most important decision she made. When diagnosed with multiple myeloma (bone marrow cancer), the 83-year-old Eppie took pain-killers and kept working. "She had a great life," writes Sun-Times columnist Michael Sneed, "and I think she just wanted to live the last months as best she could rather than perhaps mutilated by treatment." Now that would have been a play!

The script, mostly readings of old advice columns to the audience - Ann Landers' Greatest Hits — is paper thin: just the facts. Randy Graff, remarkably, gives those facts life. Dressed in blushing pinks, talking with a pronounced she-CAW-go accent, making everyone feel at home (even though she's on deadline, for ciminey's sake!), Graff enchants and, as best she can, thickens the playwright's sketch.

In effect, Graff plays host to an audience-participation event. She takes polls (how many have done housework naked?) and even sprays the room, at one point, with Chanel #5. Excellent timing and rapport grant her permission, like Landers, to delve into intimate matters — ours, it turns out, if not hers.

Ralph Funicello's set's as detailed as the play isn't: tan IBM Selectric atop a handsome escritoire, sepia-toned newspaper columns on the walls, plastic and porcelain owls standing guard; all watched over by a sprawling chandelier, and tinted by Chris Rynne's wee hours lighting.

Like the Globe's other artistic biographies, Answers is based on a foregone conclusion: will the Irish flake write Ulysses; will the repressed stickin-the-mud become Van Gogh? Will Eppie write that revealing column? Of course she will. Otherwise, why are we here? And the certainty eliminates tension. We merely mark time with audience-participation until she does. This flimsy play isn't the thing. Randy Graff's engaging performance, however, is. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box

The Attempted Murder of Peggy Sweetwater

Broadway Players present John Rustin and Frank Semarano's Monty Python-esque 1930s potboiler. Three "bumbling upperclass twits" try to solve several attempted murders. Nathanael Siegel

BROADWAY PLAYERS, 402 FAST WASH-INGTON AVENUE, EL CAJON, THROUGH AUGUST 27; SATURDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-507-7765.

Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Moonlight Stage Productions presents the popular musical, based on Mark Twain's novel, about Huck, Jim, and that "river in the rain." Kirby Ward directed and choreographed.

MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE, 1200 VALE TERRACE DRIVE, VISTA, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.



The Comedy of Errors

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 AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH SEPTEM-BER 7; MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 4:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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 Tresniak 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 wellbut on opening night the acting was technical, not felt. You could sense that performances would grow, however. Plus, having Charles Janasz (as bedraggled Egeon) and Kandis Chappell (the Lady Abbess as a force of nature) guarantees quality. As do Liam Craig and Evan Zes as the dual Dromios: played as a cross between Charlie Chaplin and the Cantinflas of Around the World in 80 Days,

their slapstick antics guarantee laughs. Then there's the conjuration dance. When Dr. Pinch tries to exorcise Ephesean demons, his conjuration makes everyone weirder. They flop into a snaky, ritualized Bollywood dance that, while Pinch's spell lasts, is a hoot. Worth a try.

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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.

ST. CECILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-245-4958

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42nd Street

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Worth a try.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH AUGUST 28; THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE THURSDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448

Fritz Blitz: 2005 Festival of New Plays by California Playwrights

I want to plug this enterprise sight unseen. For 12 years the Fritz Theatre has presented world-premiere works by California authors. This year savvy local directors - Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, Duane

Daniels, Katie Rodda, Tim West among them — stage ten new plays selected from over 100 entrants. The four-week festival offers a different program each week, and a zodiac of genres, from comedy to drama to experimental pieces that otherwise might never find a hearing. The Blitz has become a cauldron for the creative process. It also showcases local actors and designers and, quite possibly, future voices of the American theater. Worth a try.

LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 29: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR LISTS OF INDIVIDUAL PLAYS, PLAYWRIGHTS, AND TIMES, CALL 619-544-1000.

Grease

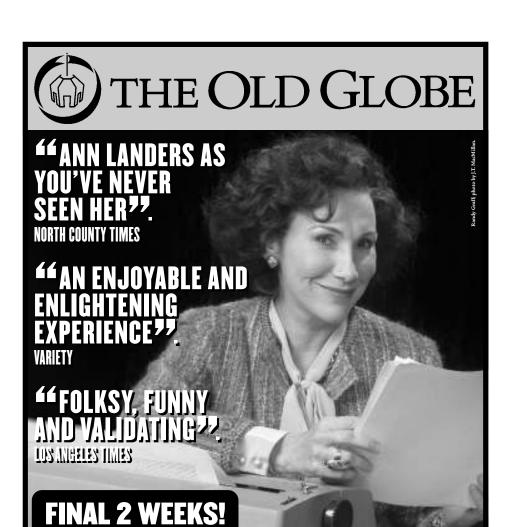
Is the word. Star Theatre Company presents the popular musical tribute to "high school life" (which many would argue is an oxymoron) of the '50s. STAR THEATRE, 402 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE, THROUGH AU-GUST 28; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-721-9983.

I Am My Own Wife

Charlotte von Mahlsdorf not only survived the Russian blitzkrieg of Berlin, somehow she also lived through Nazi Germany and the communist occupation. Hounded by the SS and the Stasi, she was often told she shouldn't exist because "she" was born a "he" in 1928. In Doug Wright's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, Charlotte gives a guided tour of the Mahlsdorf mansion, a museum specializing in the handcrafted Grunderzeit style (1870–1900). It's soon clear that she's the real museum. There are creators and destroyers, of course. But there are also preservers. Charlotte made the latter a life work. One of the stunning features of Jefferson Mays' outstanding performance as Charlotte: the eerie calm at her core. Mays also convinces, in his piercing 1000-yard stare and unflinching, things-as-they-were recollections, that Charlotte has seen humankind at its absolute worst and can say with her uncle, "Who knows what's still to come?" Mays has etched a rich, detailed, unforgettable (and Tony Awardwinning) portrait. And he plays everyone else: more than 30 others including the author, who learns to accept the "nicks and cuts" on an







THE LADY WITH ALL THE ANSWERS

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I Do, or Die: The Motherin-Law of All Weddings

For its summer show, onboard the sternwheeler William D. Evans, Mystery Cafe presents one of its most popular productions: the best array of credible suspects, and also the funniest of those I've seen at the Imperial House. Patricia "Patti" Peccarino (Emily Anne Smith), heir to the Peccarino cheese fortune ("The Cheese Stands Alone"), is about to marry Wilhelm "Willie" Schmeterlinck (Ben Gilbert), last of the Schmeterlincks (who, some allege, invented Cheez Whiz) and a groom given to quoting Shakespeare ("To wed, or not to wed"). There's a death. Then another. Was the murderer "the Bavarian Battleaxe," Gretchen Schmeterlinck (Ellyn Hae)? Or Patti's mother, Theresa Rodham Peccarino (Bonnie Stone)? Both exude insidious intent. Or was it lactose-intolerant Patti, who lost 17 minutes of her life at age nine? Or one of several other candidates. each eager to make a hostile takeover — of anything — and each living proof that "cousins shouldn't marry"? Authors James Pascarella and the late Will Roberson set the piece in the 1950s (yet are somehow able to make numerous topical references to today?). It's a consistently fun, good noggin-scratching evening of interactive theater.

Worth a try.

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The Invention of Love

Cygnet Theatre stages the Southern California premiere of Tom Stoppard's dreamlike piece about the life of poet A.E. Housman. Sean Murray directed. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525, X3.

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The Lady With All The Answers

Reviewed this issue CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS BALBOA PARK 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.

Little Women

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Macbeth

Double, double, toil and trouble? No. Something tasteful this way comes. Paul Mullins has directed a safe, formalist Macheth, substituting stage pictures for substance. Instead of the Macbeths' insatiable frenzy, fed by "slaughterhouse thoughts," we get choreographed, often mathematically precise visuals. Some do catch the eye (whitefaced Weird Sisters in sleek, red, late-medieval chic; Macduff's spears poking through Balboa Park toward Dunsinane). But the Sisters are cupcakes. The slo-mo battles are aesthetic affairs. And the leads are lame. Tom Hammond's Macbeth's a thoughtful, perplexed guy who delivers his lines with slow, sculpted cadences that don't come near the lion's roar. As Lady M, Deirdre Lovejoy resorts to deep breathing to convey emotion and plays her scenes as set pieces, apart from other actors (when she sleepwalks, Lovejoy makes Lady M a batty, candlehypnotized Ophelia: an odd, albeit showy, choice). Worthy of note: what lighting designer York Kennedy does with darkness. It shrouds the stage like a fogbank. And since the rest of the production prefers the stately to the gritty and the tragic, Kennedy's shadings become the only place where evil gets to stake its claim. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 2: MACBETH RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH COMEDY OF ER-RORS AND THE WINTER'S TALE; FOR SPE-

CIFIC DAYS AND TIMES: 619-239-2255.

The Male Intellect:

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 guvs!' Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH SEPTEM-BER 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.

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The Musical

main the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, ĥowever, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MAROUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET. MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

The Nerd

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Coronado Plavhouse 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.

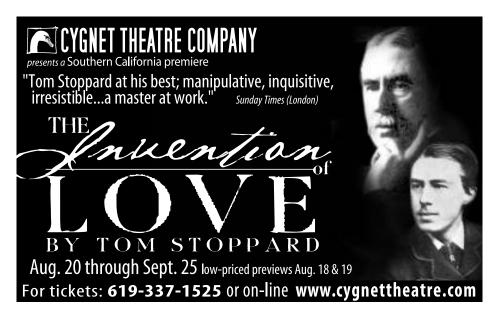
Pump Boys and Dinettes

MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Lamb's Players reprises its popular show, a down-home rockabilly musical revue and natural pleaser. Given the high quality of the production, it could run forever. Set at a gas station/diner off Highway 57, between Smyrna and Frog Level,







Pump Boys functions like its setting: a rest area from cares, concerns, and life's frenetic highways. You've pulled over for a fill-up and a bite to eat, and the musical takes it from there with simple country songs about universal troubles, which seem less insurmountable by show's end. No song is unforgettable, but the combination of ballads and uptempo rockers (plus the carefree, always forgiving attitude of the locals) is contagious. Stop off at L.M. & Jim's Service station (where gas costs 18 cents a gallon!) and the Double Cupp Diner for a pleasant, undemanding pit stop. It slows down the pace of the outside world and sends you back down the road refreshed. Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SAT-URDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Runaways

Americal International Theater presents a revival of Elizabeth Swados's Tony award-nominated musical about teenagers living on the street.

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DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN DAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud, Improv. making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru. Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE-VARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COL-LEGE AREA, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE "FAMILY" SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P.M. ("RATED PG-13"). 619-465-7469

The Sopranos' Last Supper

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Tale of the Allergist's Wife

Marjorie Taub lives in a \$900,000 NYC condo. Her husband of 32 years is an allergist/saint. And yet Marjorie hungers — because her therapist died recently? - "for meaning!" She's a "cultural poseur," which her kvetching mother complains about almost as much as her own digestive dysfunctions. In Charles Busch's overthe-top comedy-fable, the fortuitous arrival of Lee, a long-lost friend who has influenced four decades of cultural highpoints, from Kerouac to Warhol to Princess Di (and who may be a figment of the family's collective imagination), could change all three lives: if they let her. The

6th@Penn production's a mix of funny moments and overcooked attempts to force laughter. Much of the show is comedy- but should be character-driven; emphasis on the latter would help bridge Busch's leap from a whacko first act to near sobriety in the second. Lee Scaritt's Marjorie's appropriately (though often calculatedly) manic. As Frieda, Lee's mother, Carlyn Ames needs to vary jackhammering deliveries. Rhys Green and Fred Harlow blend humor and character effectively. And, too long absent from local stages, Glynn Bedington's terrific as the smiling, gentle - or is she a sinister, controlling Golem/monster? — Lee, the "terrorist of the heart" who infects the silver-striped, posh condo with the virus of liberation.

Worth a try.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH SEPTEM-BER 25: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND WEDNESDAY, AU-GUST 31) AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape." "Scandinavian Blizzard." or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" -

Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURS DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

The Winter's Tale

A "sad tale" may be best "for winter," as a character says, but the Old Globe's splendid Winter's Tale could become the hit of the summer. Although King Leontes has it loving wife pregnant with their second child, dear friends, sumptuous palace — for unaccountable reasons he goes absolutely nuts. Mad as Lear, bloodthirsty as Macbeth, Leontes breaks every bond he's ever known. Shake speare supplies causes (at least five) but is much more concerned with healing the effect: how do you, or

even can you, repair ultimate damage? How do you de-Hyde Dr. Jekyll? In Shakespeare's most amazing, openhearted statement about human nature, The Winter's Tale shows that a person can change, or change back, if given support, conviction, and time. The play jumps 16 years, and from winter to spring ("from things dying to things newborn") and tragedy to comedy. Directed by Darko Tresniak, the production's so adept at evoking the play's extreme atmospheres that when you're in the winter scenes, like being in the real dead of winter, it feels as if spring will never come. And, in the midst of chipper Act Four, scene four, vice versa. From Bruce Turk's solemn/loony Leontes, to Katie MacNichols forthright, aching, wonderful Hermione, through all the ensemble work, the acting is first-rate. As is the design work: Ralph Funicello's spare, stained-wood set, Linda Cho's solemn/celebratory costumes, York Kennedy's Rembrandt-like lighting, and Christopher Walker's subtle sound design. Go see this one! Treat yourself. Critic's pick.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 2. THE WINTER'S TALE RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH COMEDY OF ERRORS AND MACRETH: FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES: 619-239-2255.

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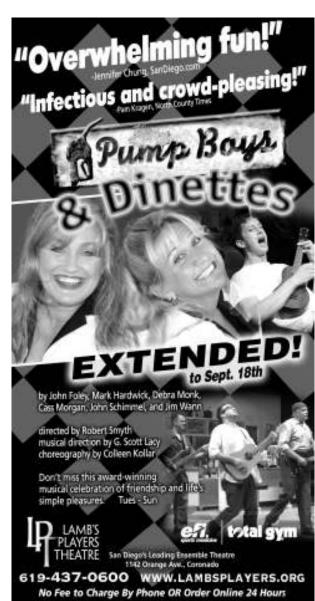
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In Memoriam... "She had no idea it was coming.' That's what one insider says about the firing of 91X DJ Robin Roth, who's known

Meat Leads to Murder

On June 13, a jury found Samuel Horn guilty of the August 7, 2004, murder of Paulette Valenzuela, singer of hard rock/metal band the Abuse. Last month, the judge sentenced the 22-year-old to life in prison without the possibility of parole, plus another 25 years to life to run

the inside track

for her black wardrobe and fondness for Goth artists such as Bauhaus and Sisters of Mercy. Roth worked at the station since 1986. A Patrick Henry High grad, she began in radio at UCSD's station, KSDT. She outlasted seven program directors and three owners. A fourth owner, Finest City Broadcasting, is set to take over 91X, Z90, and Magic 92.5 from Clear Channel in two months.

Incoming 91X program director Kevin Stapleford took responsibility for releasing Roth. "It was the most difficult decision I had to make," he says. "We want to bring 91X back to its position of market leader, and you can't expect better results by doing things as they have been done." He says Clear Channel has allowed Finest City to come in and run the stations even though Finest City does not yet exist as a company.

— Ken Leighton



VALENZUELA (RIGHT) AND FRIEND

consecutively.

According to prosecuting deputy district attorney Paul Kalivas, a friendly encounter led to Horn's shooting and killing Valenzuela.

"She was at a bar in Ocean Beach with some friends," Kalivas says. "After the bar closed — she was at Sunshine Company Limited — she was walking

home with a guy she had met there. On their way home to her place, they stopped at a 7-Eleven store to buy some water or cigarettes or something. There she ran into Horn and his two companions in a car in the parking lot. They just struck up a conversation. They had never met each other before. She found out they were looking for a place to go party and hang out. She invited them back to her house with the other guy she was with. They gave her a

Kalivas says the afterparty turned violent when Valenzuela caught Horn stealing food from her freezer.

ride back to her house."

"It was a steak," says Valenzuela's friend, Rachel Esguerra. "She and her neighbor were outside. When they came back in, a frozen steak had fallen out of his coat. She's the kind of girl that doesn't take any crap. She confronted him and said something like, 'Oh, my God, I can't believe what you're doing. Why would you do that?' He said, 'I was hungry." Basically it escalated into him saying, 'Fuck this. This is a robbery now,' and pulled out his gun."

Kalivas says police knew Horn's identity within hours of the shooting because witnesses (three of Valenzuela's neighbors who were partying at her apartment on the 4200 block of Voltaire Street) described a tattoo on the left side of Horn's neck that said "Snoopy.

Horn fled to Rosarito and stayed with an uncle until he was captured and deported to the U.S. Horn's mother tipped off both the Mexican

authorities and SDPD as to where her son was hiding.

One year after the murder, Valenzuela's friends and former bandmates organized an

August 10 memorial concert at 'Canes. Six Foot Deathtrap, Difficult Henry, Aghori, and Jenix played. Following the Abuse's disbandment, drummer Johnny Verbeek and bassist Derek

Waters joined Six Foot Deathtrap; guitarist Shaun Frude plays with Aghori.

- Larry Harmon

Idiotic Inspiration "I

was just interviewed for a biography on Green Day,' says drummer Chris Coté. His band, Kut-U-Up, spent the summer of 2002 opening every show of the Green Day/blink-182 U.S. tour. Kut-U-Up was the focus of a DVD called Riding in Vans with Boys, which documents their exploits on that tour. The DVD features Green Day front man Billy Joe Armstrong branding Coté's ass. Green Day said that tour inspired them to record the multiplatinum American

Riding in Vans with Boys was financed by a videoproduction company coowned by blink's Mark Hoppus and Tom DeLonge. Though blink is on hiatus, Coté says their co-owned businesses (including clothing company Atticus

and shoe company Macbeth) are thriving.

"A lot of times, when you have offshoot bands with different members like blink,



KUT-U-UP'S ASININE BEHAVIOR PAYS OFF

Boxcar Racer, and the Transplants, sometimes there is a lot of animosity."

Coté says a show this Saturday features three bands that share members. "We want to prove we all get along. This is a new way to deal with your friend cheating on you with another band."

"Musical Chairs," featuring Kut-U-Up, Yovee, and Years Around the Sun starts at 9 p.m. Saturday at the Encinitas Elks Club. All ages. Tickets are \$12 at Lou's Records.

— Ken Leighton

Bugs, Blood, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah While drinking after a show in Europe last year, Yeah Yeah Yeahs guitarist Nick Zinner and Blood Brother vocalist Jordan Blilie decided to start a thrash band. They drunkdialed mutual friend and Locust bassist Justin Pearson at 10 a.m. Pacific to see if he wanted to play - and maybe bring along Gabe Serbian to

play drums.

"I actually was just, like, 'Oh, yeah, cool. Whatever, not thinking that it would ever amount to anything, Pearson laughed during a recent interview. In January, Zinner, Blilie, Pearson, Serbian, and Blood Brother Cody Votolato met in San Diego to record what would become the debut Head Wound City EP, due out November 9.

Pearson says, "Cody had most of the riffs, so he and [drummer] Gabe were working on some part, and...he's, like, 'Gabe, you know, I think it's working out really well, but, uh, it's kinda sounding like sorta metal, and, like, maybe you shouldn't use the double kick.' Gabe just sat there staring straight at him. He



didn't say anything at all.... And then Cody's, like, 'Oh. Okay, well, uh, never mind.' And we just kept writing.'

Pearson says he gets drunk-dials all the time (but they don't result in seven songs of bombastic thrash).





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Instead, they come "mainly from people I don't know and who don't really like me. Those are the main drunkdials. People just call me and are, like, 'You fucking faggot.' I'm, like, 'Oh, that's cool. It's three in the morning. I appreciate it.'

— Jeremiah Griffey

A Dream, Perhaps?

When I moved to Ocean Beach two years ago, a friend told me, "There's a stripper bar a few blocks down. I've never checked it out."

He was talking about Dream Street, and when I went to investigate, it did have a feel and look of a Midway District skin joint: dark, with the smell of bleach, and drunk girls hanging out in front. Bad heavy metal screamed from the inside.

On a recent Wednesday, I walked by the establishment at 2228 Bacon Street and noticed new awnings and open windows instead of a blank wall. A smiling female greeter checked IDs, and the interior was well lit.

"Took about a year," says Billy Savino, owner of Dream Street Live, "but it's a whole new place.... We have a new soundboard, new bar, new pool tables, new carpet, and windows. I spent a lot of money, but it was well worth it."

It was "Metal Lounge" night when I dropped in, but no music played. I had a beer and felt comfortable, as if I was in a Gaslamp Quarter bar

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and not a place where I might get into a fistfight.

- Michael Hemmingson

Fresh for the Underground Chicagoborn Fifth (a.k.a. Derrick Stanton) moved to San Diego with his family a decade ago, settling in El Cajon and then Spring Valley. The 19-yearold rapper/producer is the latest addition to rap crew Digital Underground. Fifth met original members Shock-G and Money B three years ago at "Gutfest," a barbecue thrown by local Digital Underground fan club Da Noses (which refers to



FIFTH: IN HIGH GEAR

Shock's plastic-nosed alterego, Humpty Hump).

"We played football," Fifth recalls, "then I let them hear my music. They let me get onstage that night. It was a surreal experience. My first professional recording was with Shock-G on 'Cherry Flava'd Email' [from last year's Fear of a Mixed Planet]. was still 16."

Since then, the Mount Miguel High School grad has produced 11 songs for Money B's Sex and the Studio DVD series. "Drank-A-Lot," a Fifth-produced single, has been playing on BET's latenight video show Uncut. Fifth recently showed for the third annual Gutfest, which climaxed with DU's August

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12 performance at 'Canes. That night, Fifth delivered his own three-song set.

"[Money B] introduced me, 'This guy's from San Diego, you gotta love him.' I came up and did 'Down 'n Diego,' my big banger for San Diego, and everyone loved it. That was the song I originally played for Shock and Mon, so it was only right I

Fifth and DU are working on And Tomorrow. an upcoming 2pac album. Fifth, now living in L.A., plans to return to the area later this year to promote his asyet-unreleased debut, Treason.

started with that.

"We're still shopping for a deal, but we're going to release a single in San Diego, getting some airtime, giving it a

— Garrett Caples

Slashin' Statements

"Some fans who've followed me for years thought it was weird, having Slash on the record and in the video [for 'Street Child']," says Elan of her last album's guest

guitarist. "But I grew up on hard rock; the first rock concert I ever saw was Guns 'n' Roses in Guadalaiara, when I was, like, eight years old." Elan says the Velvet Revolver guitarist "definitely likes to drink beer, he's into it! He always had one in his hand." Self-written and recorded on Elan's Silverlight



WHERE'S SLASH?

Records ("a home studio in my apartment in La Jolla"), the Street Child CD (sung in English) earned the 22-yearold two Rolling Stone en Español awards in 2004.

With her new album, London Express, Elan gave fans another reason to cry "what the...?"; on the cover is a photo of her with her long blond mane shorn down to

jawline-length. "Some people act real upset. They say, 'How could you?'... I get insane fan mail. I got a letter about a pink jacket I wore to an awards show in Mexico, and it was practically a death threat if I ever wore it again. I don't want to get strangled over my fashion choices.'

— Jay Allen Sanford

"Ain't nobody **listening,"** says KPBS (89.5 FM) general manager Doug Myrland about the cancellation of Sounds Eclectic. The modern music program lasted a year. (The final show airs between 4 and 6 p.m. on Sunday.) Myrland says Arbitron ratings indicated reruns of Car Talk and A Prairie Home Companion had

more listeners. Sounds Eclectic is the syndicated version of the Morning Becomes Eclectic show carried by KCRW, Santa Monica. That show has been credited with breaking Norah Jones and Coldplay.

Last year, KPBS canceled The Lounge, the hour-long weeknight show that carried interviews and performances by local musicians. The only nod KPBS now gives to modern music is when Lou's Records manager Tony Vic is heard — once a month — on the These Days morning

Myrland says there are no plans to start a new music show with Vic or anyone else. "Every time we tried to do things with contemporary music, it hasn't worked.'

— Ken Leighton

Firewater for Coldplay

When Coldplay hit Coors Amphitheatre tomorrow. August 26, they expect their dressing room to be stocked with a bottle of vodka, two bottles of red wine, two bottles of dry white wine ("cold...not Chardonnay"), 48 continental lagers ("Becks or equivalent...not U.S. beers"), 24 cans of Red Bull and a "selection of nibbles (nuts, crisps, etc.)." They'd like six-packs of Marlboro Lights, eight stamped local postcards, a "bunch of flowers in a vase," and eight pairs of dark cotton socks ("size 9–11"). The band buses require four cases of beer, two cases of soft drinks, and enough "sandwiches and snacks" for 35 people. (From thesmokinggun.com.)

– Jay Allen Sanford

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HOUSE CONCERTS



Panic System

"I feel like a complete extraterrestrial."

t's all in the DJ and what he/she chooses to spin, right? Downtown's On Broadway has a regular duo with an eclectic collection: Morgan Young and Wendy call themselves the Vagabond DJs. The ambience? "A late-'70s punk/wave/rock vibe," says Morgan. "It's what Wendy and I are all about."

TRICKIEST PROBLEM LIVE? Morgan: "It's not the gear, ulti-

mately. I mean, the different setups can be aggravating, especially if there are bugs in the system. Every club has a level of how good their gear is and how well it's maintained...a fader that crackles, short circuits in cables, the basic bugs that you can generally troubleshoot. I suppose the other problem lies in meeting clubgoers' requests. I carry a lot of vinyl with me...people do re-

member when you've got something in your collection that they've requested, other than just how much they did — or by chance did not — enjoy what you played."

Wendy: "Technical difficulties or unfamiliar equipment. When you mainly spin at one venue, you become comfortable with the equipment. Then you go somewhere else and panic sets in: 'I have to get familiar with this system, and fast!'

LIST OF EQUIPMENT USED?

Morgan: "At On Broadway: two Technics 1200 turntables, Numark 1800 mixer, Denon DN2500F dual CD player. At the Zombie Lounge: two Tech-

nics 1200 turntables, Numark Matrix 3 Kanal mixer, and two Numark Axis 2 CD players. They do have a nice set up there."

Wendy: "Uh...ask Morgan."

WEIRDEST GIG?

Morgan: "My weekly at On Broadway has taken the cake for the most strange. On one hand I feel like a complete extraterres-

trial; on the other, a complete maverick because I'm probably the very first DJ to ever play artists like Mott the Hoople, Sweet, Motörhead, or even more peculiar, Sparks, in that club."

Wendy: "X-Fest, about eight years ago. The whole day was surreal."

WORST GIG?

Morgan: "Have not even come close...it'll happen, though. There's bumps in every road." **Wendy:** "Every wedding I've ever done, they've all ended in divorce."

BEST OR WORST BRUSH WITH SOMEONE FAMOUS?

Morgan: "In short my stint at the Viper Room in the 1990s...there was a rock-celebrity jam session I played a DJ set at. I really can't remember too much about who was onstage or whether or not it was charitable, but every actor, actress, model, musician with any credibility was in the house. Anyway, this guy comes up and requests

'Highway to Hell,' which I did have with me. That guy was Jerry Seinfeld. He then asked if he could look through my records, which of course I allowed him to. Why wouldn't I have? He then slipped me a ten spot and sent drinks over all night. Fuckin' Jerry, he's the best, and I'll never forget that night, ever. The worst, or most embarrassing...a private party at Sky Bar in L.A., where one Kelsey Grammer snapped on me because I didn't have Boston's 'More Than a Feeling' in my collection. His verbatim: 'Oh heaven's... what kind of a rock DI are you, then?'... I wanted to tell Frasier Crane to piss off!"

Wendy: "Vince Vaughn...in a ripped white T-shirt at the Onyx Room, knocking over chairs and pounding on the glass windows of the booth I was spinning in."

TOP FIVE END-OF-THE-WORLD CDs? Morgan:

1) Cheap Trick, self-titled first album.

2) David Bowie, The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars.

3) Sparks, Kimono My House.

4) Stevie Wonder, Songs in the Key of Life.

5) Japan, *Obscure Alternatives*. **Wendy:**



Morgan and Wendy

1) Burning Brides, Leave No Ashes.

2) The Pixies, Surfer Rosa.

3) The Rolling Stones, Some Girls.

4) The Briefs, Hit After Hit.

5) Tubeway Army, Replicas. ■



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Barrington Levy [751]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Puddle of Mudd: 4th & B, Thursday, August 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

America [533] and Pure Prairie League: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Dave Matthews Band [288]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

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.

SATURDAY

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.

SUNDAY

The Doobie Brothers [561]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

Maxi Priest: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, August 29, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The New York Dolls: House of Blues, Monday, August 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Johnny Clegg Band and Taj Mahal [958]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 29, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

Mark Broussard and Citizen Cope: House of Blues, Tuesday, August 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Destiny's Child: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, August 30, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

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.

Faith Evans: House of Blues, Wednesday, August 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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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UPCOMING CONCERTS

SEPTEMBER

Eric Benet: House of Blues, Thursday, September 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Susan Tedeschi and Blind Boys of Alabama (953): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Los Amigos Invisibles: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Sonic Youth: House of Blues, Friday, September 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

Living Colour: House of Blues, Tuesday, September 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

SHEDAISY: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Johnny Mathis: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Bebel Gilberto: House of Blues, Thursday, September 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Sound Tribe Sector Nine: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Marcia Ball [960]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Earth, Wind, and Fire and Chicago: "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





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Crosby, Stills, & Nash [572]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 13, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 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.

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.

Garbage: Soma, Wednesday, September 14, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-226-SOMA or 619-220-8497.

Oasis: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Aretha Franklin: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The O'Jays: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, September 15, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

George Thorogood [588]: House of Blues, Thursday, September 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos [523] and Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes [610]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter 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.

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Rodney Crowell: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Sunday, September 18, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Live: House of Blues, Monday, September 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Maceo Parker [687]: House of Blues, Tuesday, September 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Molotov [476]: House of Blues, Tuesday, September 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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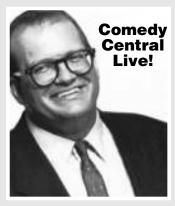
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Little Joe y la Familia [981]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, September 30, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380 or 619-220-8497.

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.

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.

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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.

Soulive [646]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497. **Trisha Yearwood:** California Center for the Arts, Wednesday, October 5, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 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.

Buddy Jewel: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, October 7, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380 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.

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Franz Ferdinand: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, October 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Devo: House of Blues, Sunday, October 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue,

Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Women: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Dropkick Murphys [481]: Soma, Tuesday, October 11, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Doves: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497

Santana *[566]*: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, October 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Dar Williams [813]: House of Blues, Thursday, October 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

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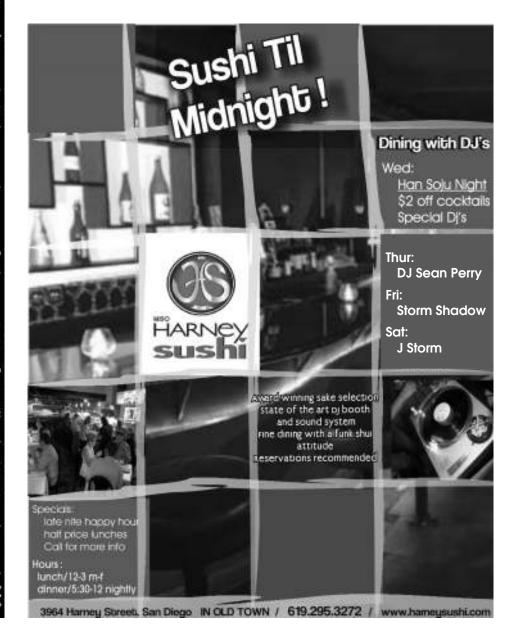
Aimee Mann [446]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, October 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Mariza: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Gwen Stefani: Cox Arena, Thursday, October 20, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Brooks & Dunn: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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In a trailer for the new movie *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, there's a scene where one man accuses another of being gay because he likes **Coldplay**. That's a silly joke (a sexist and homophobic one, too), but it's Standard Knock No. 1 against the popular British band: that they play chick music. Standard Knock No. 2 is that Coldplay is Radiohead Lite. Personally, I don't think No. 2 is a knock at all: If there's a band in the world that needs to lighten up, it's Radiohead.

I'm a little disturbed by Standard Knock No. 1. It's true that Coldplay specializes in

melodic ballads, and that women tend to like ballads more than men do. It's also true that Coldplay hit big-name status in the United States after singer **Chris Martin** married Gwyneth Paltrow, the sort of beautiful actress who is more admired by women than adored by men.

But Knock No. 1 is really more a knock on women than it is on Coldplay. It's related to Standard Knock No. 3, which is that Martin's lyrics are pseudo-profound poetry full of greeting-card clichés, the deep thoughts of people who are unaccustomed to thinking. I don't want to get

into the question of why many people find it easy to believe that women would fall for this stuff before men do, but I think Knock No. 3 has some merit. Some of Coldplay's fans have said the band is the new U2. Let's wait



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Keb' Mo': California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 29, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Vince Gill [784]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, October 30, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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The Roots [267]: House of Blues, Friday, November 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Dave Alvin [818]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, November 5, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Death Cab for Cutie [392]: Soma, Wednesday, November 9, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-226-SOMA or 619-220-8497.

B.B. King: 4th & B, Thursday, November 10, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Rolling Stones [529]: Petco Park, Friday, November 11, 100 Park Boulevard. 619-795-5401 or 619-220-8497. **Lou Rawls:** California Center for the Arts, Sunday, November 13, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Stryper: House of Blues, Tuesday, November 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

James Brown: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 15, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Eric Burdon & the New Animals [578]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, November 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Liz Phair: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497. **The Eagles:** Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 16, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Thomas: Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, November 17, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Poncho Sanchez [685]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, November 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Gerry O'Beirne [839]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, November 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Mel Tillis: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 19, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.



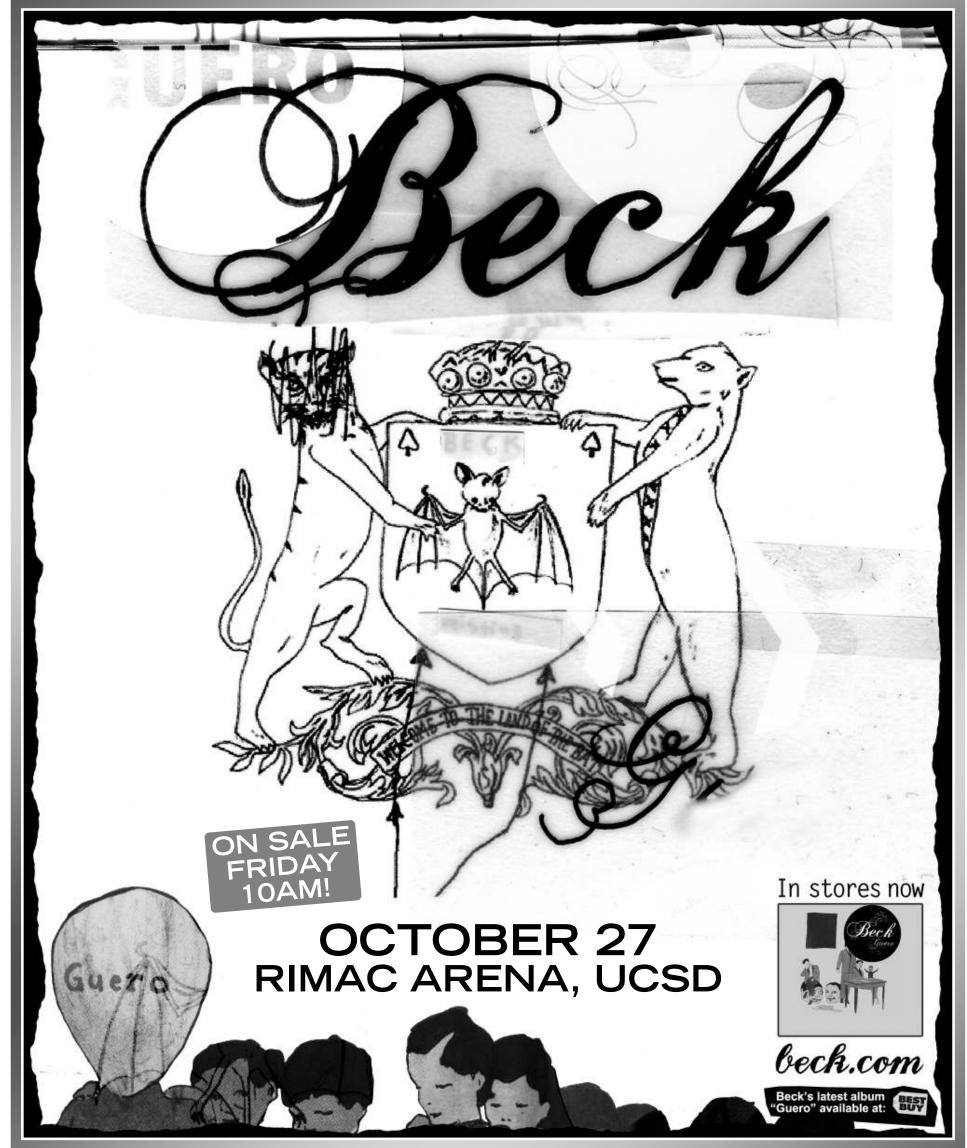
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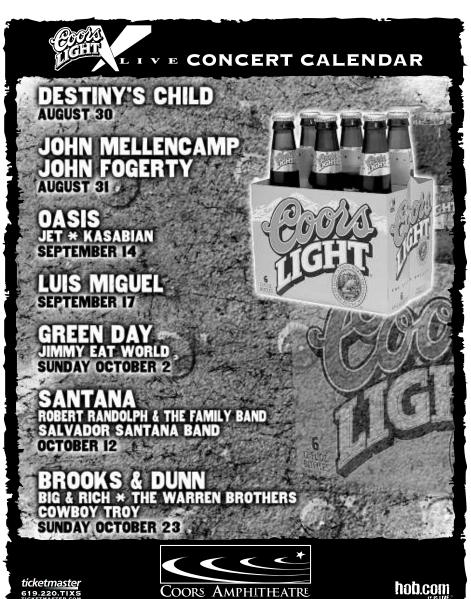




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Citizen Cope: House of Blues Conflict of Interest: Dreamstreet

Controlling the Famous: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

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Culture [484]: Belly Up Tavern Danger Kitty: Belly Up Tavern

D.O.S.: 'Canes The Ebola Music Orchestra: The

Empire Antonio: Dreamstreet

The Evergreens [297]: Lestat's

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Headtrip Superstar: Brick By Brick $\textbf{Helen Stellar:} \ The \ Kensington \ Club$

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Jack the Original: The Casbah Jane Likes Dick: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

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Kitten with a Whip [121]: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

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Anya Marina [118]: The Casbah, Lestat's Coffeehouse

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Superunloader [208]: Blind Melons, Belly Up Tavern Audrev Surface: O'Connell's Pub

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Bad Credit: 'Canes The Bandits [451]: Soma Benchmark: Crossroads Cafe &

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Yesterday's Rising: Soma

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The Big Daddy Orchestra [657]:

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo [636]: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Amelia Browning [684]: Turquoise The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet

John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet:

Jo Dark: The German-American

Fattburger [648]: Humphrey's Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

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John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del

Barbara Jamerson: Tio Leo's Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jazz Junkies: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

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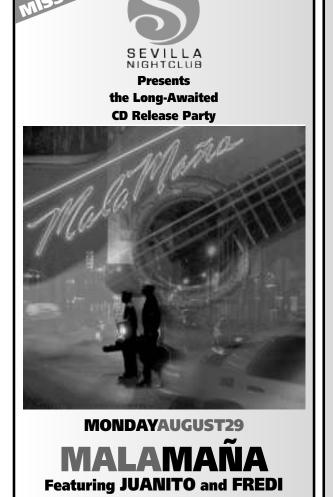
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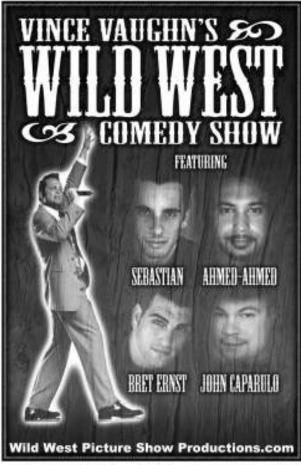
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The Stone Senses: Longshot

Stranger: Belly Up Tavern Vegitation [753]: The Blvd. (San Marcos), Pacific Beach Bar & Grill

Yellowman [746]: House of Blues

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

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ACOUSTIC / **FOLK**

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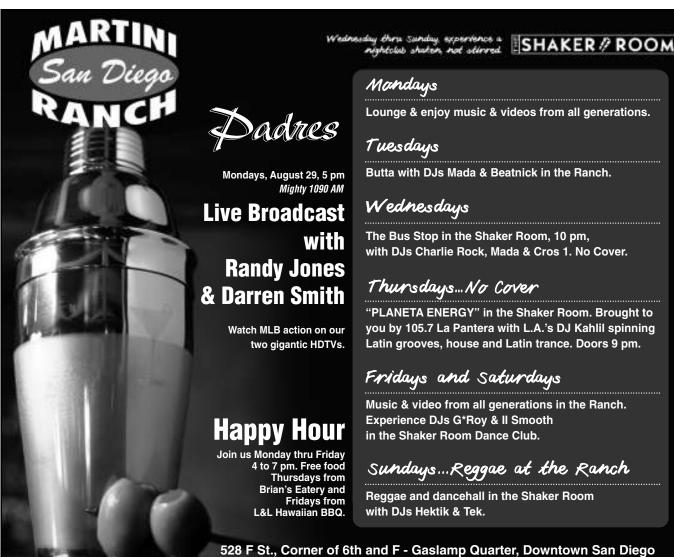
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Lady Dottie & the Diamonds:

Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak

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BY DAVE GOOD

I'd lost my copy of the New York Dolls' second album Too Much Too Soon, but I knew where I could get another. My friend Ben has forgotten more music than most people will ever hear. Our tastes sometimes differ, but we agree on one thing: that the Stooges, the MC5, the Velvet Underground, and the Dolls are the indisputable pinnacle of rock. For good measure, Ben also threw in a copy of Can's masterpiece Monster Movie. Can was a little-known Dolls-era Stones-ish band. "If you don't like the first track," he said, "you should have your ears cut off and fed to you.'

I have thus far outlived four of the Dolls: two drummers, the bass player, and Johnny Thunders, a marvelous guitarist also said to have been one of rock's most profligate hopheads. The surviving Dolls are David Johansen and Sylvain Sylvain. Johansen was the perfect reference point for the Dolls' androgynous glam-band appeal. The late critic Lester Bangs remembered him in the Village Voice: "Once, in 1975, I asked him for his phone number, and when I unfolded the piece of paper and looked at it later, he'd dotted the *i* in his name with a star, something I hadn't seen since girls in my high school with names like Trixie ran for class treasurer.

The Dolls survived their own toxic binges just long enough to release two albums. Their music has been called an imperfect mix of the Stones, the Stooges, and the Velvet Underground. But what I hear is Johnny Thunders leading the Dolls' girl-group pop into the darker recesses of vulgarity. They inspired a legion of cultish fans, some of whom would later start the first wave of punk. The Dolls officially ended in 1977. Last year, singer Morrissey invited the

NEW YORK DOLLS surviving members to reunite at the 2004

Meltdown Festival. They accepted, and despite the death of bassist Arthur Kane shortly after, the Dolls announced plans to record their first new material in over three

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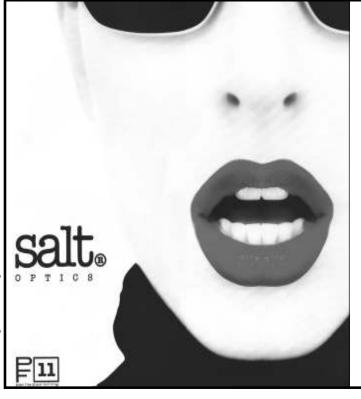
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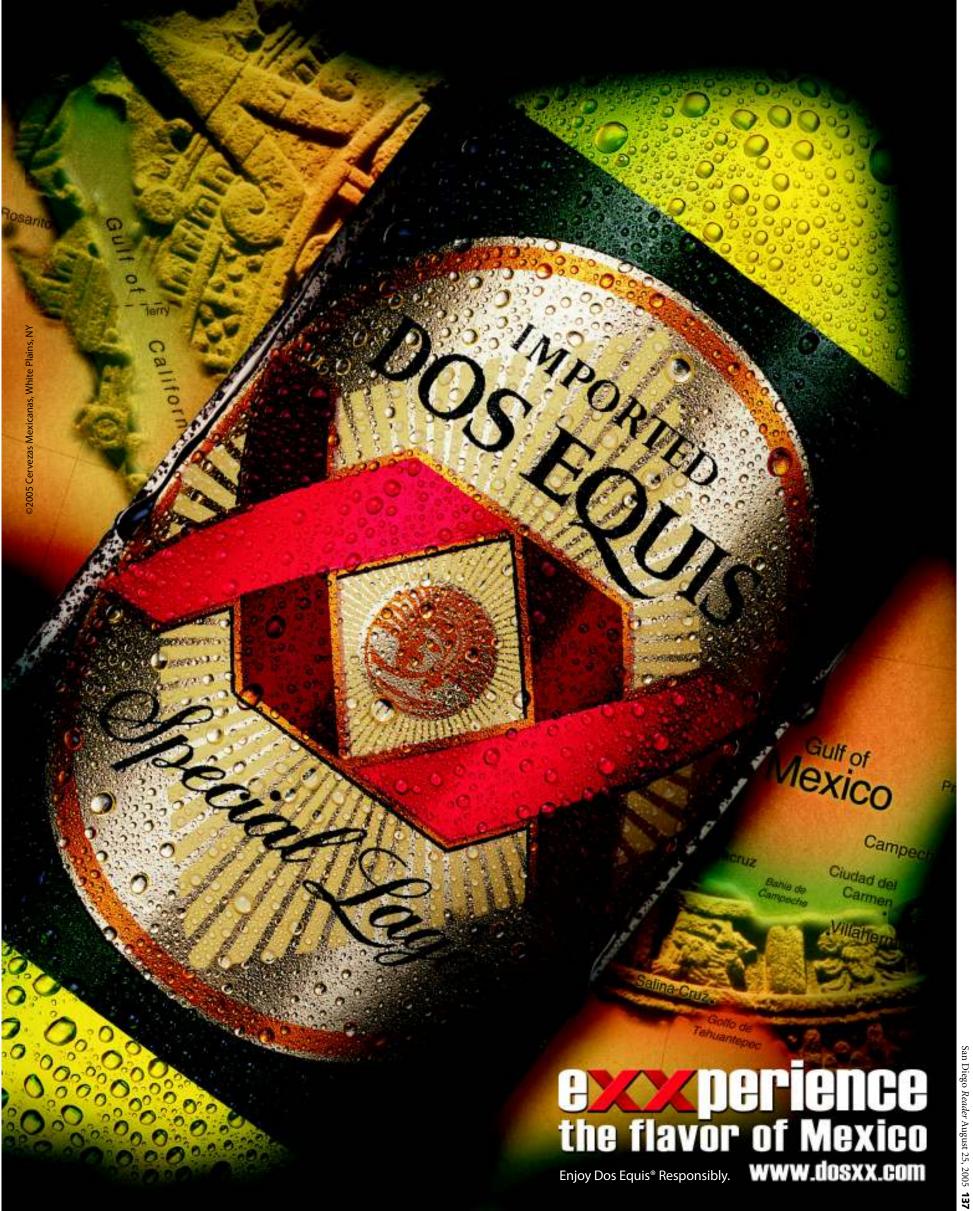
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La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Rick

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Mike Nelson, solo jazz guitar.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Thursday, dueling DJ's. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Vegitation*,

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, Nick Fiore, John Giulino, and Dave Scott, jazz.

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Sandbar Sports Grill, 718 Ventura Place, San Diego. 858-488-1274. Wednesday, *Your Favorite* Something and Dead Ringer,

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, the Nards, rock. Saturday, the Travel Agents, alternative. Sunday, Jimmy Lewis, acoustic. Wednesday, Danny Sandock.

Tropicoso, 1261 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-5100. Thursday, DJ Gaston Cazares and DJ Luis. Friday, Brazilian music.

Saturday, salsa/cumbia/merengue/Latin.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Thursday, *Amelia Browning* and *David* Owen, jazz. Saturday, Fred Heath & the Slidewinders, blues. Friday, Jazilla. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Banda Braza, Brazilian folk. Monday, Greek and Turkish music. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Tomcat Courtney & the

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822. Music is noted. Thursday, Ripple Groove and Brain Bucket, rock, Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Shoe String Strap*, bluegrass, 9:30 p.m., *Butane, Honey Bucket*, and Even Rude, alternative rock, Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Motus, rock, 9:30 p.m., Those Dang Robinsons and Israel Maldonado, rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Michele Lundeen,



Album name: Jumping In (2005)

Artist: Michael Tiernan Label: self-released

Songs: 1) Swim 2) Slow Down 3) Child on Your Floor 4) Song I Can't Remember 5) Born Again Contradiction 6) Don't Hold On 7) This One, Not That One 8) Plasticity 9) Pass on By 10) The Day I

Price/where available: cdbabv.com for \$13.99 Names of band members: Michael Tiernan (quitar. vocals), with guest musicians John Mears (drums), Sam Johnson (bass)

Tried to Live 11) Jumping In 12) The Other Side of the World

Extra info: Before Michael Tiernan moved to San Diego in 2001, he was attending seminary school in Rome, Italy, studying to become a Catholic priest.

Website: www.tiernantunes.com

"This moment is terror this moment is fake/ This moment has already been washed away. My life is not future, my life is not past/ My life is before words

even break the glass." Opening with "Swim," singer/songwriter Mike Tiernan renders a restrained set of moving folk rock.

This time around, the Del

Mar-based one-man act has revamped his mellow acoustic sound with the addition of a few jangle-pop melodies. Tiernan incorporates folk, rock, and bluegrass in 12 tracks that are all performed acoustically. The musicianship on the album is flawless, and the high production quality makes for a fairly slick commercial recording despite the unassuming backdrop of homey acoustics.

"Pass on By" and "Jumping In" showcase Tiernan's vocal range and knack for imbuing tracks with soulful grooves. The tenth cut, "The Day I Tried to Live" is a cover of Soundgarden's hit. Though heavier on the acoustics and sentimentality in this version, Chris Cornell's rendition is stronger.'

"And it's who I am that makes me want you/ And it's what I lack that makes me need you/ I don't give a damn

Michael Tiernay

if I can't feel you/ 'Cause I love you." Though Tiernan's lyrics are optimistically grandiose on a few songs, the excellent folk-soul tracks leave the greater impression. Whether folk, country, or pop, each composition features an accessible, simple melody.

(To hear a sample from Jumping In, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4883.)

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blues. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Tuesday, blues jam. Wednesday, call club for information.

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The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Tuesday, S.D. Blue, blues jam.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., *David Timothy*

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, live

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Chris & Harold, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, Allison Gill. Wednesday, call club for information

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buene Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unle otherwise noted. Thursday, Front Row for the Meltdown and Bella Swank. Friday, Foil, FM Revolver, and Melt. Saturday, Tall, Headtrip Superstar Long Live Logos, Ten Twenty Kill, Slewfoot, and the Wastrels.

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Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, the Fall of Troy, the Letters of Organize, Shots Fired, the Award Goes to..., and New Year's Day. Friday, Spread the Ashes, Burning Sendsea, Narsil, and

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Stampede Jam, classic rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Chet & the Committee*, blues/swing.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, Billy Watson,

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Harry's Bar & American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle–Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo.

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House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *Yellowman*. Friday, *the John* Butler Trio and Grace Potter, and the Nocturnals, rock Saturday, Heticat Monday, the New York Dolls, Tsar, and the Chelsea Smiles. Tuesday, Marc Broussard and Citizen Cope.

Wednesday, *Faith Evans*.
In the Restaurant: Friday, Salvation Army with DJ Impakt, blues/funk/infusion. Saturday, the After Party featuring Lady Dottie & the Diamonds, blues.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, 9:30 p.m., Jump Start, classic rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m., Plato Soul, high-energy dance. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Makai, disco/pop. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Jason Weber*, jazz. Monday, Chet Cannon. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Fattburger*, smooth jazz. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock.

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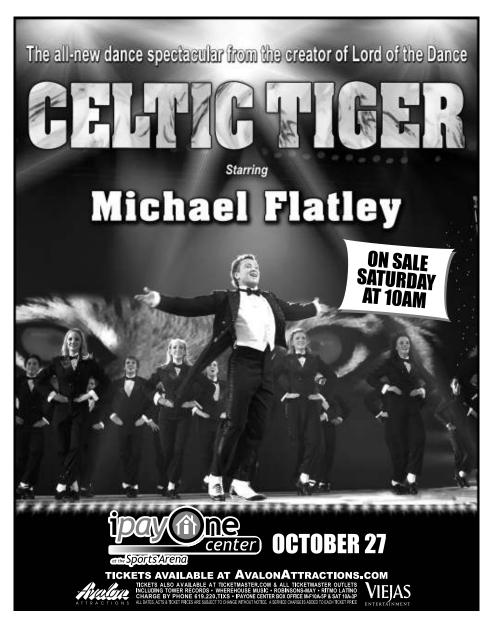
Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk only-82-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Friday, 9 p.m., Chasing Paper, indie rock. Saturday, Anya Marina, the Evergreens, and the Numskuls, alternative. Sunday, 9 p.m., Amber Rubarth and Robbie Shaeffer. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Kim DiVincenzo.

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Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road. San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock.

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Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, 3 Bad Jacks and Rip Carson, rockabilly. Friday, Big Daddy Orchestra, blues/swing. Saturday, Blue Rockit and Barbara Jamerson, blues/jazz. Monday, tango, Tuesday, zydeco Wednesday, 7 p.m., High Society Jazz

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CLIENTELE ➤ 21 and up only; make up of crowd depends on musical act (when I saw Steve Vai. 95% Caucasian: when I saw Bobby "Blue" Bland, 50% African-

COVER ➤ some comedy shows are free: Anva Marina, with Greg Laswell, the Vacation, and Dirty Sweet cost \$5: the most I've ever paid was \$35

HOURS ➤ open on nights of a performance (almost every day) at 7·30 p m

DRINKS ➤ no happy hour; five beers on tap, and drink prices are comparable to other clubs; there are a few different bars inside the club **FOOD** ➤ none available, and no restaurants next to the club **PARKING** ➤ pay lot on site (for

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DRESS ➤ casual; lots of shorts, ieans, and T-shirts ("Well behaved women rarely make history." "Mötlev Crüe," and "Nike")

DANCE FLOOR ➤ depends on the act; for concerts, usually seats occupy floor; for DJs, there is more **BATHROOMS** ➤ one for each gender, near the front door (and sometimes a line for bigger

room available for dancing

shows); men's has three urinals and two stalls: women's has three stalls: both have two sinks, with soap, paper towels, and are clean and graffiti-free

CAPACITY ➤ 1500

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ seating area upstairs: one bar area where you can't see the band, but you're able to talk: one section has a few couches and tables, but the interior is getting a facelift and I'm told they are going for more of a club look, instead of a concert venue **FURNISHINGS** ➤ some shows

offer seats next to the stage; band merchandise always set up by the front doors; ATM, pay phones, and Coke machines outside

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 108 when Greg Laswell did a song that sounded like the Beatles meet

4th & B is one of my favorite concert venues. I've seen at least 50 bands here, and the sound is always great; crisp for B.B. King, loud for Iggy Pop. I talked to a few of the sound guys, who told me that along with the remodeling they are doing, the club is putting a lot of money into the sound system and stage lights.

I couldn't pick the best concert I've seen here. There have been a lot of bizarre moments: Iggy Pop trying to rip down the curtain and a woman jumping onstage to hump his leg as he sang; Joe Jackson grabbing a mike stand and wanting to hit a guy that was taking pictures; Joe Walsh doing the solo of "Bolero" during his song "The

With House of Blues opening up and getting a lot of the national acts 4th & B used to get (such as Liz Phair whom I've seen here twice), I sure hope this place

- Josh Board

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Fat City, 2137 Pacific Highway, San Diego. 619-232-9303. Friday, 10 p.m., Rico Tumbao, salsa,

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4th & B. 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343. Thursday, *Puddle of Mudd* rock, and *El Vez*, Elvis tribute. Friday, Anya Marina, Greg Laswell, the Vacation, and the Dirty Sweet. Saturday, 10 p.m., Markus Shulz, Departure, and Moris MD. Sunday, 8 p.m., Michael Ward and the Jeanette Harris Band, smooth jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern, 708 Fourth Avenue (corner of Fourth and G), Gaslamp. 619-239-9991. Sunday, 4 p.m., the Velvet Smog, jazz.

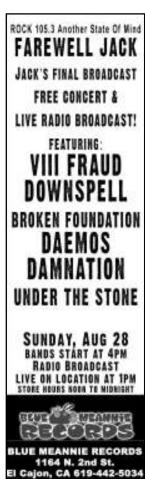
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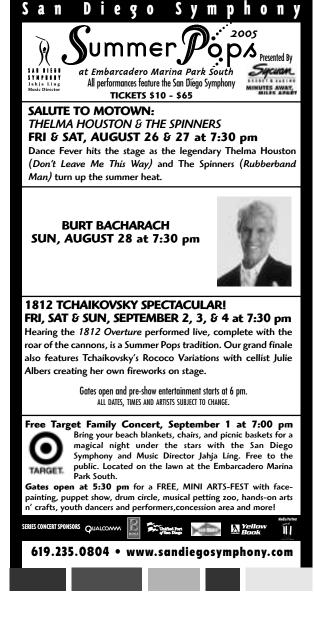
















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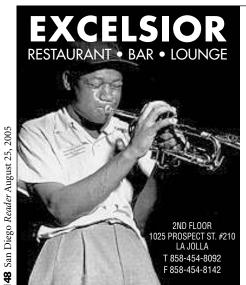
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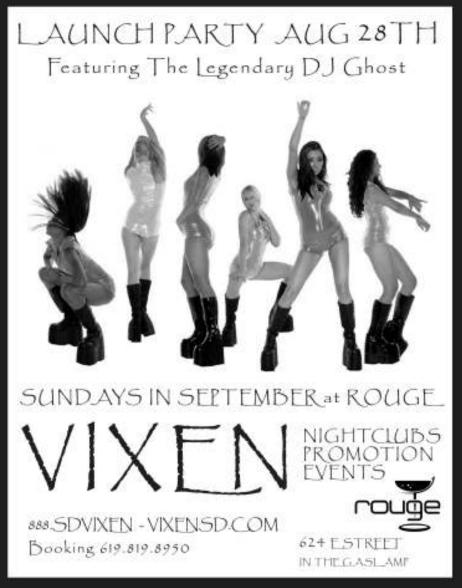
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The Real South

The restaurant is named after a funky neighborhood of Buenos Aires, an Italian district in the international port area. In our own Little Italy, Puerto La Boca isn't a bit funky. There's an awning-shaded sidewalk dining patio, its tables covered with white linen, where you can catch a close view — with full sound effects — of airplanes coming in for a landing at Lindbergh. The interior offers romantically dim lighting and closely spaced tables in front of an open kitchen, with a bar in an adjoining room. A pianist or guitarist plays background music on weekend nights; other evenings, the sound loop dances between tangos and Italian opera (sometimes played a little too loud).

Like the music, the menu is a typically Argentinean combination of Italian, Spanish, and native-grown traditions, plus a touch of England — which, in past centuries, stuck its imperial fingers deep into South America. (Remember the Falklands War?) Argentina's climate is mainly temperate, and unlike Mexico, the country had no major pre-Columbian civilizations to contribute to its culinary repertory. Its cuisine, then, is basically European, but with a "wild west" gaucho heartiness. It's adventurous but not exotic.

A restaurant's bread course often indicates its attention to hospitality. La Boca's is exceptional. A basket of warm sliced baguettes arrives with a silver-plated relish tray: one small bowl holds Kalamata olives swimming in a light herbal marinade; another contains *chimichurri*, a garlic- and parsley-laden vinaigrette with a touch of hot chilies — Argentina's favored sauce for grilled meats. There's also a ramekin of delectable flavored butter, salty and flecked with minced chives and red peppers.

Argentina's favorite snack is the empanada. Almost all cuisines have some version of a turnover; in this case, the savory "hot pockets" may have arisen as portable, one-handed lunches for gauchos riding the pampas, where there are no Whoppers anywhere in range. La Boca's small appetizer empanadas are baked in blistery, flaky wrappers with a choice of fillings. We especially liked the beef version, rich with stewed meat, onions, tomatoes, minced Kalamata olives, and chopped hard-cooked eggs. The corn filling was fun, too, its crisp-surfaced kernels of regular yellow corn (not a modern Supersweet variety)



REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

bathed in a thin, creamy sauce. Other choices are the ham and cheese (a great light lunch) and a rather mushy spinach and cheese. (Spinach is never at its best in midsummer.)

Matambre means "kill hunger," accurately in-

dicating an appetizer that's best shared if you also expect to address an entrée. A galantine of pounded-thin beef is wrapped around carrots, spinach, parsley,

and hard-cooked eggs, served chilled and thinly sliced. The colorful vegetable inlay makes a vivid eyeful, and La Boca adds a scattering of pickled Italian *giardinera* vegetables to liven up the flavors. In the center of the plate comes a mound of deli-style potato salad (called *Rusa*, "Russian salad") that's no different than any good *yanqui* version. Still, *matambre* is evidently a "developed taste," as my dinner partner found it bland. Better luck for me, to have enough left over for lunch. (You can, of course, ladle on the *chimichurri* to add more zing.)

Langostinos Santa María make a lighter opening (if you ignore the zillion fat calories), with four gently boiled, sweet-tasting tiger prawns set

atop a parfait of layered dips. Hearts of palm rounds and skinny celery stalks rest atop an inchdeep pond of South America's favorite dressing, salsa Americana — mayo with a hint of tomato, a.k.a. Russian dressing. Under that is a smooth

mousse of puréed avocado, covering more hearts of palm. "I'd rather have cocktail sauce," said my partner after a few dips of a shrimp. "This strikes me as tourist

food for gringos." Although the dish has way too much mayo for my taste, his comment made me smile nostalgically. I was remembering similar shellfish treatments at hotel restaurants in remote South American towns, where the travelers aren't tourists, and are very rarely gringos.

The soup changes nightly. One evening, a pumpkin soup was sweet and deep-flavored, if a trifle autumnal for August. To balance their meaty meals, every Argentine restaurant I've visited in the U.S. serves a showpiece salad. La Boca's "Quinquela" (for two), named after a famous hometown artist, features lettuce, hearts of palm, avocado, beets, carrots, hard-cooked egg, red onion, and potatoes in a balsamic vinaigrette.

Puerto La Boca

★★★ ½ (Very Good to Excellent)

2060 India Street (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900 www.puertolaboca.us

HOURS: Monday—Thursday 11:00 a.m.—10:15 p.m., Friday—Saturday until 11:15 p.m., Sunday noon—8:30 p.m. (Lunch menu weekdays until 5:00.)

PRICES: Appetizers and salads \$3–\$12.50; Pizzas and pastas \$12–\$17; Entrées \$17–\$29 (lunch \$10.50–\$12). *Parillada* (Argentine mixed grill) for two, \$34.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Authentic Argentine cuisine, emphasizing grilled beef, *milanese* (beef or chicken patties), pastas, pizzas. International and affordable choice of wines, adequate selection by the glass, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar.

PICK HITS: Beef or corn empanadas, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine), shrimp "La Boca," *parillada* (mixed grill), and steaks.

NEED TO KNOW: Not-too-hard street parking at dinner, several nearby \$5 lots. Vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*ñoquis*) served on the 29th of each month (following a Sicilian tradition). Live music (soloists) on weekend evenings. Beef is grass-fed, free-range meat.

Puerto La Boca is a lively, cosmopolitan restaurant serving the most authentic Argentine cooking in the San Diego area. On any given night, about 70 percent of the tables are occupied by well-educated South American expats who have adopted the restaurant for the same reason as I have: The food is the real thing. And happily, with such enthusiastic community support, it's likely to stay real.

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Alas, the tomato slices were pale-orange cotton, as though imported from wintry Patagonia.

The national dish is the *parillada*, a gaucho take on England's "mixed grill." I first tasted one in Comodoro Rivadávia, a Patagonian oil



port where, says Thomas Pynchon, "the real south begins." There, on a sizzling tabletop hibachi, a restaurant served an array that included steak, lamb chops, chicken, sausages, and a number of those interesting comestibles that American cookbooks demurely call "variety meats." Puerto La Boca doesn't provide a hibachi — they serve (equally authentically) on a footed speckled-enamel iron tray set over canned heat. To my delight, their rendition was remarkably close to the one at "The Commodore."

The dish is officially sized for two - meaning, four. If you're an adventurous carnivore, a full *parillada* is a grand treat. In Argentina, the array includes every part of the cow but the moo. Although you won't run into any really weird organs at Puerto La Boca, this version is as authentic as you're likely to find hereabouts. Argentineans cook their meats well done, but the servers here ask your preference. If you specify "very rare" you may get a rosy piece or two. The meats are seasoned with a lively marinade and include a skirt steak (fairly tough, as is its wont), flavorful chicken breast, and short ribs sliced perpendicular (rather than parallel) to the bone, so the bones form a small rack along one edge. (This clever butchery turns a "stewing cut" into meat suitable for a spin on the grill.) There are two types of sausage: Argentine-style beef chorizo (sweet and firm, with no resemblance to the fatty Mexican pork links of that name) and morcilla, a chubby blood sausage. (If you've ever eaten "Irish breakfast," you may have met its Gaelic cousin, discreetly named "black pudding." The lusher South American version has more varied textures and complex spicing.) Then there are those "variety meats," including sweetbreads and liver. My partner loved the liver. Normally I don't care for it—except in a parillada, where every item offers a change of flavor and texture.

In Latin America, the local accent alters every hundred miles or so, sometimes drastically. At our first meal, I asked about the contents of the house parillada — pronouncing it 'pah-ree-YAH-tha" in standard American Spanish. "Pari-JAH-da," the waiter corrected me. Recognizing the hard consonants from my travels, I said, "You must be from western Argentina or... "Uruguay," he answered. My partner and I returned on another night, girding ourselves to face the meatorama. "Una pari-JAH-da," I told the waitress. She looked bewildered for a moment. "Oh, of course — parillada," she answered in standard Spanish. She was Argentinean — but not from the west. Our third visit, a couple at the next table were eating the dish and discussing the cuisines of South America. The woman (who was refusing to taste the morcilla) looked and sounded Mexican, but I couldn't pin down the accent of her handsome companion. "Pardon me, but what's the name of that dish?" I asked, just to hear his pronunciation. 'It's the pari-ZHA-tha." He was, I discovered, Bolivian.

Grilled steaks — in numerous cuts — are another Argentine passion. In Argentina, the beef comes from grass-fed free-range cattle. Lean and hormone-free, it's healthier than our feed-lot beef and has a more mineral flavor.

Knowing that their South American clientele wouldn't settle for blander corn-fed American beef, the owners buy grass-fed Prime-grade beef from a small ranch in Texas, and have it cut along Argentinean lines (such as the short ribs described above). The restaurant offers steak as a New York cut, sirloin, skirt steak, rib-eye, or filet mignon (which comes with a choice of several different garnishes). I chose an unfamiliar cut called picana, a coulotte steak that's a favorite in northern Argentina (the menu says). It turned out to be the center cut of the tri-tip — "bottom sirloin" or "sirloin tip." By any name, it's not the tenderest piece on the steer. (Next time, I'll go for the ribeye.) It did have a delicious grill flavor, and came with a heap of greaseless French fries. I ordered it rare; it arrived medium-rare.

The secret may be to ask for your steak a step or two rarer than you actually want it. (Like it red? Try asking for *azul*, meaning "blue.")

But Argentina's cuisine isn't all meat. The South Atlantic runs alongside the coast until it merges with the Antarctic seas south of Tierra del Fuego - so the menu includes a number of seafood dishes. We especially liked camarones La Boca, a typically Argentinean blend of sophistication and heartiness: Tiger prawns are stuffed with Manchego cheese and red pepper, then wrapped with lean bacon and perfectly grilled, so the bacon's cooked to medium but the shrimp are still tender. Then, too, it's said that there are more Italians in Argentina than in Italy, so the menu includes numerous pastas, pizzas, and variations on "milanese," the beef or chicken patties that

are absolutely inescapable when you drive across Patagonia. (It's that or tagliarini noodles for dinner until you reach the coast.) We tried the ravioles "Mabel" (pronounce that "ma belle," like the Beatles' Michelle or the former telephone company.) The raviolis were large and thin-skinned, stuffed with a pleasing beefand-spinach mixture. The tomato sauce was so thoroughly normal that, if you closed your eyes, you'd think you were eating in Little Italy.

Much of the wine list is from Argentina, with the rest being primarily Chilean. Argentine wines tend to be big, muscular, high-alcohol mouthfuls (even the whites, which resemble Australian Chardonnays). If you like Zinfandel, you'd do well to try a Malbec, the country's native red. The Chilean bottlings are more delicate, and tucked into the list of whites is a Brancott Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough, New Zealand, a great choice with seafood (and a good buy at \$24). The servers are well briefed to help you pick out a bottle vou'll like. My partner, who prefers beer, was quite taken with Argentine-brewed Quilmes.

The classic Argentine dessert is *panqueques*, crêpes filled with *dulce de leche*. The crêpes are properly thin. The filling is a canned product from the homeland, fluffy, and not too different from Smucker's bottled caramel topping.

Tourism in San Diego is no great boon to ethnic restaurants: In heavily touristed areas, visitors wage a war of attrition against authenticity. In Old Town, for instance, a formerly promising Argentinean restaurant has largely suc-

cumbed to customer pressure for standard border-Mex food. (Isn't that what Old Town eateries are *supposed* to serve?) Only a few South American specialties remain on that menu, and most of those (including the *parillada*) have devolved into dismal Argie-Baja hybrids.

The owners and staff of

Puerto La Boca are resolved to stand firm. As food and beverage manager (and bartender) Gustavo Guerrero declares: "Our idea in opening Puerto La Boca here was to show the world - starting with Americans - how Argentine cooking tastes. We didn't want to do another Argentinean restaurant that Americanizes its food so they can sell more. This is how we Argentines eat, because of the customs of our immigrants, our flavors, our traditions. If you like it good! If you don't like it we're not going to change it." Me? I love it.

ABOUT PUERTO LA BOCA

Many of Puerto La Boca's regular patrons come from the large but scattered Argentinean community in Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, and La Jolla. Reef, a giant surf-apparel corporation headquartered in Kearny Mesa, was owned by Argentineans for 20 years until it was sold two months ago. "Those guys brought a lot of people [Argentineans] up there to work for them," says Gustavo. "The Argentineans who come to America have a little cultural background, college and so on, so we try to do something better than washing dishes.

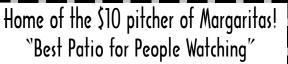
"The chef here is Argentinean, the owners are Argentinean, 80 percent of the staff is Argentinean. Like the owner said, 'We want to have a

little piece of Buenos Aires in San Diego.' There are two owners, Frank Sanchez [who put up most of the money] and Jose Alfred Ciccone, who has 42 years' experience in the restaurant business. This is his 14th restaurant. [He's sold the other 13.] The last one was in Tijuana. He owned that restaurant for five years and sold it two months ago because he was moving to the United States.

"This restaurant was under construction for a long time because of the codes. We wanted to do it the Argentinean way, but the building codes are different here. We did everything from scratch. It cost half a million dollars.

"We have the best line of Argentinean wines in the area. They cost from \$20 to \$125 we have nice prices. The way we work is Argentinean style. We want people to come back often. Instead of once a month and spend \$200, we'd like them to come four times a month and spend \$150. We like regulars, we like friends, we don't want people coming in once and you never see them again.' (Note: Our meals for this review averaged less than \$50 per person, including beverage, tip, and tax.)

"We get all our vegetables fresh almost every day. We have a tiny freezer, no walk-in. We get our beef from a meat processor who is used to working with Argentineans. It comes from a nice ranch in Texas. It is grass-fed like Argentinean beef, of course. We want that flavor, and it is healthier for people, too. We do our parillada with a lot of respect. We Argentineans look on the cow as our best friend, who feeds us all. So to go out to eat a parillada is something special for us." ■



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Downtown?" Even now, around 7:30, an army of yellow-shirted cab drivers awaits. Mixteco ladies lay out their silver necklaces on their carts. You can smell corn tortillas heating and meat grilling. Taco Row hawkers call, "Pása-le, pása-le!"

I cross the road to Plaza Viva Tijuana, the tourist trap, this side

of the river that has never really happened. "Aquí Empeza La Patria," says the sign. "Here begins the nation." It's Tijuana's official motto.

I head for "Mini Market Everything." This is why I'm here, to get cigarettes for my buddy Francisco. "They might recognize me, dude" is all he'll say about why he can't do it himself.

'Course I'm thinking of Number One, too. Another friend, Héctor, who lives down here, told me about what he's calling "the best torta this side of the border."

'Yeah, but where? Far in?"

"Listen, muchacho," Héctor said — this was on the phone — "You couldn't get closer to the line if you tried. Just ask around for Tortas Johnny.

But duty first. I pop into Mini Market Everything, buy Cisco's Delicados Ovalados (about 13, 14 bucks for a carton), and start heading back. Then I notice this bright yellow awning. "Café. Espresso. Cappuccinos, Frappucinos...

Oh man. Java arrives in TJ! Till now it's been the land of instant Nescafé and boiling water. I

make for the awning. Need coffee bad. I'm, like, sleepwalking, arms straight out. Huh. This little place has three tall metal tables under the translucent shade and a nice oasis of green grass. "Empanadas Locas," says the sign above the en-

trance. Inside's small but fresh. Cream tile floor, buttery-painted walls with glass-brick patches, blond wood tables, red chairs, and on the wall facing the counter, a bunch of crazy red clocks, each telling a different time.

'What's that all about?" I ask Oscar, the guy behind the counter.

"Well, this is Empanadas Locas," he says. "So the clocks are crazy, too. They're saying any time is coffee time." He leans across, as if he's gonna let me in on something hush-hush. "Especially good with empanadas, our secret-recipe puff-pastry stuffed breads."

Oh yeah. Empanadas. I remember now. Kind of popular down south. Think Argentina, Brazil. But Oscar says he comes from Mexico City, where they're a tradition. "Not up here so much," he says. "Partly because they're so hard to make. It's all in the pasta hojaldrada. The puff pastry. I learned it from my sin, who learned it from aunts and uncles. You won't find empanadas like these in any panaderias. You'd like one?"

Yeah, but first I've got to have that coffee. That's 85 cents, from pump-your-own pots, U.S.style. Then I look at Oscar's list. Every empanada on it is \$1.00. They have both sweet and savory versions. Oscar says La Chismosa ("The Gossip") is the most popular.

'Why 'The Gossip'?" I ask.

"You really have to be Mexican to understand.

It has rajas, strips of Poblano chili pepper, in it. Andrajas also can mean 'gossip.'

The names of all the empanadas have some nutty joke built in, from La Mentirosa ("The Liar") to La Suertuda ("Lucky One").

La Mentirosa has pineapple and cheese in it. "When someone's saying something that's not true, or completely wrong, you say that's "pura piña, total BS. La Suertuda has our secret caramel in it. Suerte means luck, and so does caieta ('caramel').

The only one that's straight is La Clásica, an empanada stuffed with tuna, because that's traditional food eaten during Lent, when people stick to fish.

I'm halfway through my second (free) coffee refill by the time I'm ready to order up a "gossip." Oscar says it's the most popular one. It's savory, but I also want La Popis (meaning "The Snob," because it has strawberries and cheese in it, and "strawberry" is Mexican slang for someone who is stuck up).

Wo-ho. The "gossip" is sure "hot gossip." That rajas pepper in there packs a punch. And "the snob" shows how well strawberry goes with Philadelphia cream cheese. The puff pastry is so light it could blow away. And with the coffee, it's perfecto, and that's no mentirosa.

"Any of these clocks tell the time, the right

time?" I ask.

"The center one," says Oscar. "That's Tijuana

Oh Lord. Half past eight. I'm late. By the time I get to the line, there's a line. A helluva line. Funnily enough, a big old food truck is parked right where the line ends. I'm standing beside the fold-up counter.

'Tortas Johnny," says this guy's T-shirt.

I don't skip a beat.

'Torta, please, Lomo,"

The lomo idea comes from Héctor. "Take the lomo," he told me on the phone. "Meat from the cow's back, shredded. The best.'

"And a coffee," I add.

It's 85 cents for the coffee, \$2.50 for the torta. As I wait I watch half a dozen Tortas Johnny runners dancing among the slow-moving cars, taking orders, leaping back over the concrete car-lane barriers, tracking the cars' progress as they wait for the orders to cook. Turns out Johnny's been here for 36 years. The older guy serving me is his brother. He and his two sons, Angel and Gustavo, run it now. I was lucky to catch them. They're here from midnight to 9:00 a.m.

Oh man, this torta is loaded: guacamole; punchy salsa; tender meat; wide, oval, crisp bun.

I chomp into it. I know. Greed, already eaten. But better than chomping at the bit — this is gonna be a long, slow line back to El Norteño. ■

The Place: Empanadas Locas, in Plaza Viva Tijuana, Avenida vía de la Juventud Oriente, No. 8800, Loc. 1402-B, 011.52.664-682-9789

Type of Food: Mexican

Prices: All empanadas \$1.00. Savory flavors include La Chismosa ("The Gossip"), with rajas (pepper strips) and cream cheese stuffing; La Porky (ham, bacon, cheese); La Clasica (tuna); sweet flavors include "Adam and Eve" (apple filling); La Popis (strawberry, cream cheese); La Mentirosa (pineapple, cream cheese)

The Place: Tortas Johnny, 200 yards south of San Ysidro crossing. No phone.

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"My background is on the front lines. I've had no formal training, but I've done a lot of tasting."

oon after John Clute met Allison, the woman who would become his wife, the two had a conversation. "We kind of knew that we should partner our energies and run a business together," he recalls, "and we asked,

'Should we do something in San Diego, try to raise the bar? Or should we go live in some city where it's already fantastic?' We did a little bit of both. We lived in San Francisco for ten years, and then we came and started our own business down here." That business is Café Chloe, a café and wine

bar situated at the corner of Ninth and G — just outside the Gaslamp and close to the heart of the ballpark redevelopment district.

It was the ballpark that brought Clute home. As a teenager, the El Cajon native discovered that he was "attracted to urban environments. I'd hang out in cafés — I've had a love for café life for a long time. Cafés have always meant to me a home away from home. I can tell a friend, 'Come meet me at my café. I've got a favorite table in the corner.' There were a few here and there — Quel Fromage in Hillcrest, and Java, which used to be catty-corner from where we are now." Hanging out in cafés gave way to working in cafés, and that gave way to a career waiting tables in New York and San Francisco. "My background is on the front lines," explains Clute. "I've had no formal training in wine, but I've done a lot of tasting,

a lot of talking to people, and a lot of building wine lists with sommeliers. I developed a love of fine dining, of food and wine.'

And all the while, he kept an eye on San Diego, "waiting and wondering why this ideal setting for a city had not happened yet.

When I saw it start happening, I said, 'Okay, it's time to get down there and be part of the changes.' And what started things happening was the ballpark. "I knew it was going to be the catalyst for downtown." He'd seen the transformative power of a ballpark

before in San Francisco, though he says that there, "It was only one neighborhood that really developed. Here, the ballpark has been a catalyst for what I would call a sweeping growth in the downtown area. I've been following the Centre City Development Corporation website for probably eight years, just watching developers click in, projects come on. Condo projects would sell out before they were built. The W Hotel came on board. It just started to snowball."

So, five years ago, John and Allison bought a condo in San Diego's Marina district, "just based on sketches and drawings." Three years ago they moved in; soon after, their daughter Chloe was born. Together with business partner Tami Ratliffe, they found their location, negotiated a sweet 20-year lease, and started building the dream. "The timing on equity from our respective condos was very good," he says. "We were able to keep pretty much all of the financing in-house. But we knew we were either going to get busy or go down — we spent pretty much all our money on the buildout.

They got busy. "During the buildout" — which transformed the space into an "updated French bistro" with black wood floors, ivory tabletops, and dark brown furniture — "we had a lot of foot traffic going by. A lot of talk in the neighborhood, people in the building saying, 'We can't wait for you to open.' And when we did open, word spread like wildfire. Now, we have people coming in four and five times a week. They're at home; they're not wanting to leave. People like to feel comfortable, they like to feel lifted out of their normal existence and cared for, and they want to consume something that tastes good. The response is remarkable, it's fun, and it's gratifying."

Wine was featured in an effort to stave off the sunset doldrums. "Typically, a café falls asleep after four o'clock in the afternoon. People aren't coming to dinner, and they're done with their coffee-drinking. What can you bring in that will keep the café going? Wine.

It's a fun list — New Zealand and Oregon, Alsace and Spain, Napa and Santa Barbara. Glasses run \$6.25-\$11.25, bottles \$25-\$45 (except for the naturally expensive Veuve Cliquot at \$17 and \$70 — but there's Prosecco for \$7 and \$28!). Dolcetto and Albarino line up next to Cabernet and Pinot Noir. I recognize the Condes de Valdemar Tempranillo from my own table but confess ignorance concerning the Italian Goldmuskateller.

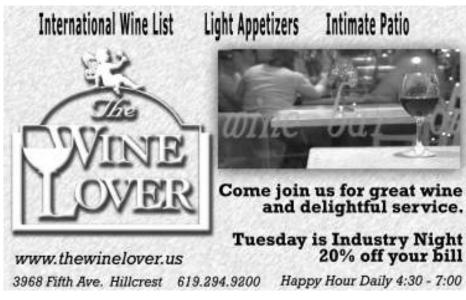
It's clear that Clute hasn't played to the "give 'em what they want" card, not entirely. He's selling Negro Amaro and Soave by the glass. But he is willing to give 'em what they like - even if they don't know it yet. "I've drunk a lot of wines,"



John Clute

"A lot of really good wines. But I'm not a wine snob. I think my palate is pretty good for the general public. I know what people like. Even if I really like a wine, if I know that people aren't going to like it, I probably won't pick it up. Still, I seek to please myself — there's not a wine on this list that I don't like — and I like wines that are

How to sell the atypical is a problem faced by many proprietors. Clute seems to have solved it, due perhaps in part to the café life he loves so "I think I'm able to bring people up a notch with my taste — it's not overboard, not elitist. I can talk to people about a Spanish Tempranillo, bring them a taste at their table, compare it to another wine they typically drink, and get them to drink it — and they enjoy it! It's a matter of be-





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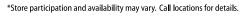
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RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Blvd.), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed relleno batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day's worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up tradi-

tional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner — F. W.

Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Ocean-side, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a clever, ethereal Dungeness crab panna cotta, a lush bourride seafood stew, and an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (12/03)

Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-bythe-Sea) 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted only for parties of six or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — E.W. (6/98)

NORTH INLAND

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory albondigas soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (6/01)

Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple taro poi, seven-hour cooked lau-lau (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3002)

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This pho (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, Dac Biet Xe Lua, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast pho is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay. Their Thai chicken mushroom will make you weep with happiness, call it a night, and go home satisfied. But then you'd miss out on enjoying an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very expensive. — S.M. (6/04)

GOLD COAST

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus





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under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar" as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. —

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Tay-lor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)



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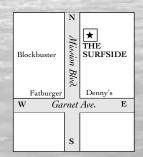
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LA JOLLA

Aesop's Tables Greek Cafe 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, 858-455-1535. Gyros are the thing here, since 1975. The meat's prepared outside to Aesop's recipe of lamb, beef, and spices. But would the eponymous Greek fabulist recognize pitzas with lamb sausage and feta on top? Or roast leg of lamb laid out in slices, American-style? A true-blue (and white) Greek choice is the meze appetizer plate to share, with samplings of grilled egg-plant ("melitzanasalata"), tabbouleh, marinated mushrooms, artichokes, broad beans, and stuffed grape leaves. Just add pita bread and it'll almost make a dinner for two. The vegetarian combo entrée is good also, with nice thick tzatziki (yogurt, cucumber, dill, and sour cream) and tahini (sesame seed) sauces. Lamb dishes like moussaka (layers of ground lamb, beef, eggplant) and arni souvlaki (lamb on a skewer) are helped by a wide choice of Greek wines, in-cluding Xinomavro Merlot. But to really get the spirit, order saganaki, sautéed Kasseri cheese flamed at your table with Ouzo. Go ahead, try an "Opah!" or two. Lunch and dinner Monday to Saturday: Sunday, dinners only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (6/04)

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's hus-band) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green

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tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the nicoise salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — E.W. (12/99)

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cu

sine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak fired oven Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner week days, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. N.W. (10/02)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Mid-western chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate.
— E.B. (1/04)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour - pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese pota-toes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate — EB (11/00)

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boule vard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is ropa vieja ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include alcapuria (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy vuca con moio (vuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family din-

ners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Viet-namese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations ac-cepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in ma to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later.

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A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732; also at 565-569 South Coast Highway 101 (between E and D), Encinitas, 760-479-9757. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired—they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must—thin-crusts and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? At the original branch (in the "Food Court" near the Clairemont mall's theaters), the room is noisy, service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (6/02)

THE BEACHES

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-thebook Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are guaraná, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaï*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef." If don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked brigadeiro. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the *forro* ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes early Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Hanaoka-2 1203 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-9755. This is the suave cousin of the Hanaoka family restaurant in National City. The atmosphere is fifties moderne revival, with a Ginza sleekness. It's still reasonably priced if you choose carefully (most sushi is 20 percent off during early-bird hours, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.). The Philadelphia roll is delicious with its smoked salmon, seaweed, cream cheese, rice, and sesame seeds. But this place is really aimed at yuppies. People order "cabo-wabo" spicy crab with yellowtail, or toro roll (meat from the belly of a tuna), which the chef sears with the sharp blue flame of a blow torch. Every guest gets a loud traditional welcome from the chefs. And a farewell. Open evenings only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Hawaiian Island Barbecue Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach 858-483-9830 What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken katsu, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the chicken *lau lau* (chicken and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked kalua pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (seaweed and raw tuna) Barbecue? Their BBO Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive — E.B. (8/03)

The Mission Cafe and Coffee **House** 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive

People's Organic Foods Co-op **Deli** 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast

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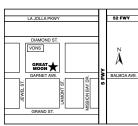
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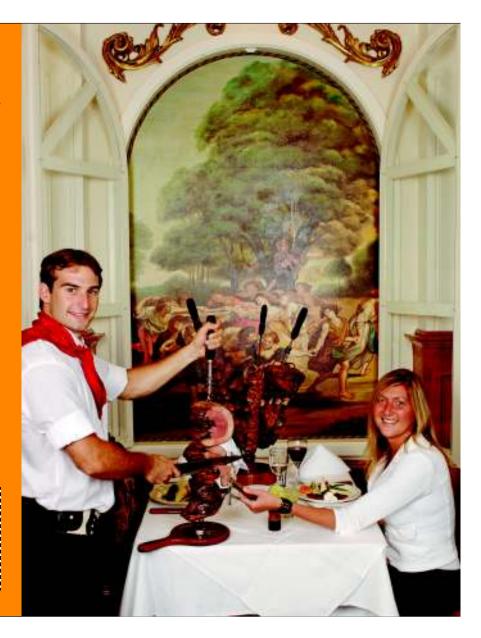
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Society Billiards Cafe 1051 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-POOL (7665). Okay, this is a pool joint, but a classy one with sidewalk seating and a decent kitchen. It has the normal appetizers — buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins — but also dishes like chicken aquitos and veggie dip, and good salads like teriyaki chicken with French bread or pita. The French connection continues: Marc, the chef, is French and throws a mean Greek, Thai, or New York pizza, or 17 other varieties. His mesquite chicken wrap goes great with one of the many ales. And the great thing is, you can come late: the kitchen's open till 1:30 p.m. every night. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas,

e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni, toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with criss phrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — *N.W.* (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers. these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is carnitas — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tight wad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until midnight on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening (Smaller branches at 47th and Market

25th and Imperial, and 1270 Picador Boulevard.) Cash only. Inexpensive. — *ER* (5/03)

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue - look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: pho, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Pentor lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and

play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "djak kvai coffay dok ko" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, as for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, wellmarinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open daily, lunch and din-

ner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Lemon Grove Fish-N-Chips 2605 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-6212. Snapper, cod, whiting, and catfish seem to go down better here at sunset on the deck looking across the valley to Old Lemon Grove. Even more so the salmon. It's wild, but the prices aren't. Even the plain ol' fish and chips taste fresh, with crispy batter and good malt vinegar. The coleslaw (it's made with raisins) freshens your mouth up for the next round. You get the feeling these guys really care. Plus plenty of the sides you'd expect, like zucchini sticks and hush puppies. Open daily for lunch and dinner; Monday dinner only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant 3893 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and

dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.* (9/99)

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less bitingly hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like pollo en salsa de cacahuate (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious pelangoches, a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. Aztec huarache (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Open daily; closes early on Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Sunny Garden Cuisine of China 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — pankocrusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly nonsweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.* (4/02)



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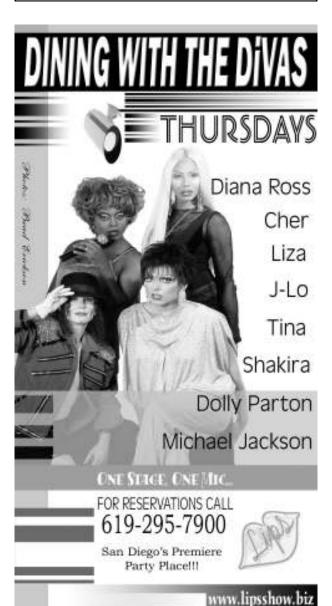
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Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime vou can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of* Wrath, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled 'success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80. Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Potrero's Cafe 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2697, Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish at-tention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination - pause to snift a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and



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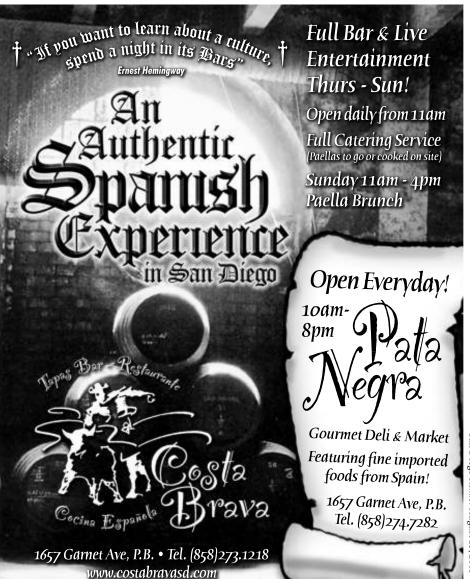
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Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoonand-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed ovsters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only breakfast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — E.B. (10/01)

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or

grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustardcrusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fishscorners. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restau rant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. N.W. (10/02)

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris. curries, and some unique regional spe-cialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and zamordd chalow, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small side walk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (9/02)

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this col-orful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (11/98)

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian

Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-look-ing restaurant is animated with antic hu-mor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavoring beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sub-limely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Brunch weekends featuring blini (Russian crêpes). Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. - N.W. (1/04)

Rice Jones 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887. It's probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones's owner Anh Long had two good ideas: one, to

provide rice with just about everything (usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank), and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and California. She offers lemongrass chicken next to California bruschetta (sautéed mushooms and tomatoes on toast). Or a turkey burger next to a Vietnamese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: "shrimp wrap," a shrimp patty wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It's a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of fakee, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like spanakopita (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). And entrées like *arni psito* — roast leg of lamb — are guaranteed to stuff you. They come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans. Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. — E.B. (5/02)

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in alta cocina, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioneers. The choices are more Dudefriendly - that is, less venturesome than

they might be, and execution can be un-even. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — *N.W.* (1/04)

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island). Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. The old Chive was wonderful enough, but now, with chef Fabrice Poigin (most recently of Bertrand at Mr. A's) taking charge of the kitchen, it features a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around it. Diners can choose an adventure-meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occa-sional sleek French luxury dish. A new "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — *N.W.* (10/04)

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered—like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shell-

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fish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the puttanesca is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great iob with calamari. And in fair weather. the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive N.W. (12/02) moderate.

The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill 1065 14th Street (at C), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are pop-ping across the road to this cellar-dive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheeseburger), the

King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, the Queen Bee, a Ca-jun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, and the Drone Chicken or Bee Sting (spicy Cajun grilled mahi mahi). Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy's 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch and dinner; Saturday and Sun-day dinner only. Bar closes at 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — É.B. (9/04)

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Ave nue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving oldfashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mix-ture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini*—veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. —

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork, a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual this genre, offers affordable, foodfriendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargan-tuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of feijoada, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipir*inha). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — N.W. (10/02)

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. - N.W. (2/01)

Wildside Cafe & Rebel Juice Bar

1048 Seventh Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here's a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it's the names: "lunatic lentil soup," sandwiches like "turkey tantrum" (roast turkey with salsa), "tuna scandal" (tuna mushed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites: "veggies on a bike" (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and "bagel without a cause" (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually, all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local lofties: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Friday, breakfast to late lunch; Saturday breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your di-gestion for you. What's amazing is how

much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates "tuna" wraps (using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté), burgers (using flax seeds), "meat" loaf (using walnuts) — all pretty credible and edible. For dessert, the spice cake (dates, figs, nuts, papaya) works well. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. -E.B. (1/04)

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted hal-ibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

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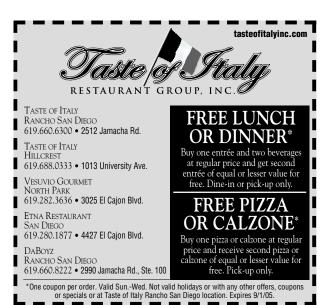
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City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; open Mondays in summer only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1000)

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including adobo pork, pancit, and lumpia. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the ube halea (purple yam custard) and maja blanca (coconut-corn combo) to the sapin sapin (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet saba banana on a skewer. But watch it if someone offers you "chocolate milk" — it's slang



for pig's blood. Open six days, breakfast through early dinner; closes early on Sundays. — *E.B.* (9/04)

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at Harbor Drive), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The little blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up cervezas, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as "Club 13." Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited it on their north-south tour of California's oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the romantic "Moonlight On The Sea" moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own lumpia, and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sand-wiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and dinnertime doubleburgers fit right into this wonderful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1002)

Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia beurre blanc. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too, Full bar.

Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *N.W.* (3/01)

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the saté, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconutchicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender farang tastebuds. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Cien Anos Calle José Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat mini-tacos, pozole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices

include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — *N.W.* (1/04)

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeurvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (3/05)

Malecon de Puerto Nuevo Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — su-perb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter and that's all. The first-course ceviche. when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (11/02)

Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tor-tilla soup), varied seafood entrées and antojitos, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa, Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — *N.W.* (11/02)

Vallarta Natural Boulevard Agua Caliente #1252, Tijuana, 686-1560. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana really appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, caldo tlalpeño soup, taquitos panzones (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, and especially milanesa. The milanesa is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal — breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (9/98)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. Family-style, Southern Italian cooking in huge dining rooms with ditzy decor. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions huge, and roaring-loud ambiance is child- and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti the best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (6/00)

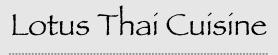
Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — *E.B.* (2/03)

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in College Area, Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/03)

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Pop-eye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. - N.W. (2/02)







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Month of the Dead

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e have reached the tail end of the Dog Days, where my choices seem to be either to do one or more of *The Brothers Grimm*, *The 40 Year Old Virgin*, *Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo, Supercross*,

Pretty Persuasion, and the Disney computer cartoon, Valiant, or else to do the customary but not compulsory

summer postmortem. The selection of movies in itself propels me, or perhaps that ought to be repels me, down the second path. August, although thought of as the doldrums, has become an unusually busy month for a film critic. In the preceding months of the season, May through July, each week could more or less be counted on to bring one whopper conceded beforehand to be the next Number One Movie in America, plus a throwaway or two for "counterprogramming" (e.g., the Hilary Duff fan club, the Lindsay Lohan fan club). August, on the other hand, is a free-for-all, a dumping ground for product projected to have a short shelf life, not big enough, not "leggy" enough, to be

runaway blockbusters, and not good enough to compete for spots in the annual awards ceremonies and Ten Best lists. For the latter purpose, the movie year has shrunk to a third of a year or even a quarter of a year. The rest

is but prelude. Fall has been set aside for gaining prestige. Summer is for making money.

In that regard, the dominant theme of the current summer went by the name of The Slump: nineteen consecutive weeks (or longer than just this summer) when box-office receipts fell below those of the comparable weeks in the year past. The curse was finally broken by Wedding Crashers (I believe that was the one), yet the mood didn't lighten. My own response to The Slump, whenever I'd be reminded of it, is that it is of no matter whatsoever to the viewer of a movie, be he laid-back layman or notescribbling critic. If it must be a subject at all, it is a subject for the business pages of the daily paper, cheek by jowl with car sales and hotel occupancy rates. To be watching a movie and wondering things like how much it

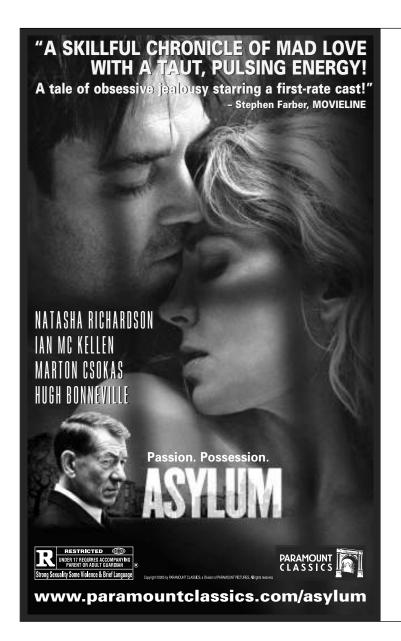


Wedding Crashers

cost to finance, whether it can possibly make back its investment, why it failed to get over the hump of The Slump, is tantamount to reading a novel (if you can imagine doing so) and wondering how long it took the author to write it, what his percentage would work out to in an hourly wage, why it failed to climb higher on the best-seller

chart. Neither, respectively, has anything at all to do with the viewing or reading experience.

But of course the whole point of The Slump was that people, in significantly increasing numbers, were not watching movies anymore. Why not? Of all possible explanations kicked around these past months, the one that most appealed to me, the one that made the most sense, was the one that pointed out that people instead were watching DVDs. True, they had been watching DVDs for a lot longer than nineteen weeks, and videos for a lot longer than that, but the circumstance that has only recently changed is the shortened wait — the narrowed win-



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dow - between the release of a movie in theaters and its release in stores. Monster-in-Law, one of the summer's modest winners, will be on the shelves before Labor Day weekend. After that, the deluge. Summer can replay itself

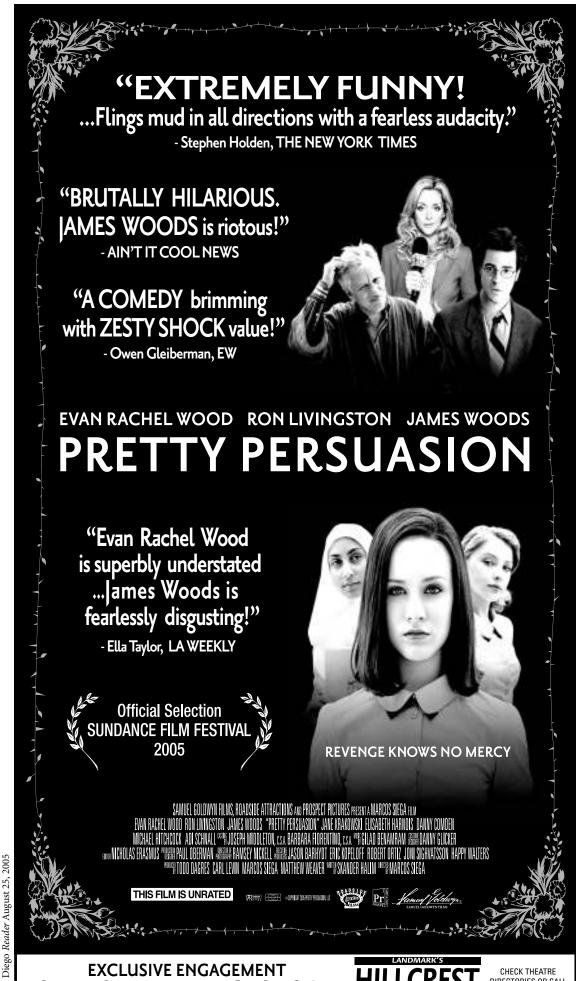
DVDs are now comparable to what used to be called, in Variety-ese, the "nabes" — the neighborhood movie houses — back when there was a distinction to be made between the higher-priced first-run house downtown and the cheaper second-run house in the suburbs, back before multiplexes, back before the standard distribution policy of wide release, back, in short, before film studios figured out how to circumvent or minimize the iffy effects of critical reviews and word-of-mouth.

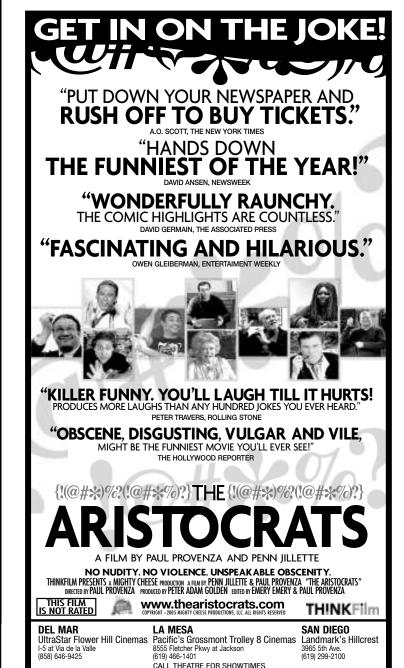
The shortened wait for the DVD release has at its root the same motive as the wide release in multiplexes: film studios just can't wait to make their money. One reason why this explanation appeals to me is that it would justify me in turning a deaf ear to all their bellyaching about The Slump. It would mean, first, that The Slump was their own damn fault, and second, that they merely will have to wait a while longer to get their money. The frugal filmgoer, who once saved his pennies for secondrun, now saves them for rent.

A more enjoyable explanation, for simple hilarity, was the attempt by serious-minded critics to see in The Slump some positive signs of an improvement in the public taste, a raising of standards, a general fatigue with the tried-andtrue formulas of sequels, remakes, special effects, stunts, and whatever else the critics had been grousing about. The trouble with that theory, otherwise known as wishful thinking, is that most of the season's biggest hits, even if slightly smaller hits than last year's, were effects-laden "franchise" films or would-be "franchise" films (Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith, Batman Begins, Fantastic Four) and remakes made bigger (War of the Worlds, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Longest Yard). The remainder were Madagascar, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and that slump buster, Wedding Crashers, smart-asses, all, in differing degrees. It is hard, on that view, to imagine the producers of The Island deciding that where they went wrong was in not trying to do another Million Dollar Baby. That, by certain people's lights, would have been Cinderella Man. (The lesson there: if you're doing a working-class underdog drama, you can ill afford to have your star throw a telephone at a menial while on a promo tour.) It is not hard, however, to imagine the producers of The Island deciding that where they went wrong was in not signing up Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie. A simpler way to discount the theory

of improving taste would be to assert that if taste had improved, Dark Water would not have gone glug-glug. The craving for a zinger ending at the expense of logic, an ending like that of The Sixth Sense or The Village, an ending unlike that of Dark Water, amounts to a craving for frivolity. Ditto for a craving for exorbitant special effects.

Hardly had the ink dried on my pronouncement that, for me, the event of the summer was the unseasonal release of the "extended" version of Major Dundee (resigned as I was to live in the past), when along came this very *Dark Water*. And immediately I had to sit down and have a little talk with myself. Even though the trailer looked promising, and even though I root for Jennifer Connelly the way I root for the Minnesota Vikings (i.e., without hope), I did not anticipate liking it terribly much: no more than such other Japanese transplants as The Ring and The Grudge, possibly a bit more than the same filmmaker's Central Station and The Motorcycle Diaries. But after sitting through it and liking almost everything about it, I was forced to ask myself what more I expected from a movie these days, what more I was holding out for. The habit of pessimism, dissatisfaction, and apathy is the sort of slump a filmgoer must truly worry about. Dark Water gave me everything I can reasonably ask of a ghost story, everything I got from The Innocents or the 1963 incarnation of The Haunting. Theme, development, resolution.





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Beauty, emotion, intelligence. Atmosphere, mood, tempo. And oh yes, gooseflesh. It is just barely possible that a ghost story could give me more than I can reasonably ask, but it has happened only once or twice in a lifetime, Portrait of Jennie, maybe Curse of the Cat People.

I count the summer a success, and I don't do my counting to the right of a dollar sign. I need only count as high as the number one. That's more than I get in some summers. I got my fair share of laughs, too, quite apart from the improving-taste theory. I did not get them from Wedding Crashers, The Longest Yard, or The 40 Year Old Virgin. I got them from the uncommonly clever Bewitched, undampened by its "disappointing" box-office, and from the off-the-radar Broken Flowers and Me and You and Everyone We Know. And I got something else as well, not a lot, but something, from the likes of Howl's Moving Castle, Batman Begins, Land of the Dead, War of the Worlds, Four Brothers, Red Eye. Gravy. ■

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The Aristocrats — Paul Provenza's talking-heads film rounds up a herd of wellknown 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 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 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, 2005.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 8/26; GROSSMONT TROLLEY, FROM 8/26; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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, en-

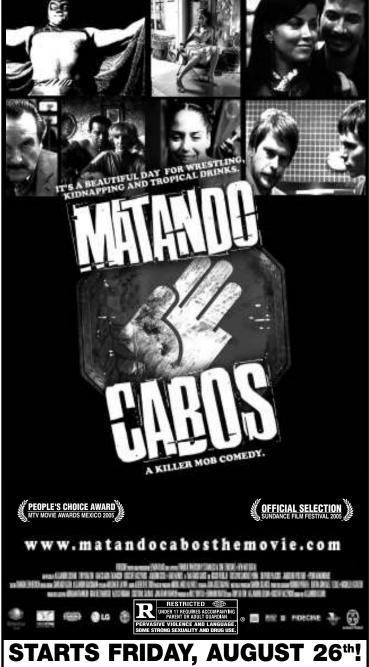
jects (now sponsored not by Chico's Bail Bonds, though that establishment gets a passing glance, but by Bo-Peep's Gentlemen's Club, also supplying cheerleaders). This substitution serves the experimental purpose of measuring how well the comedy will hold up when all charm and charisma are removed from 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-







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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

(PALM PROMENADE 24)

Batman Begins — With a new director (Christopher Nolan) and a new star (Christian Bale), the fifth entry in the Batman series, true to its title, returns to square one: how and why Bruce Wayne came to be Batman; the psychological root of his fixation on flying mammals; the part this played in his guilt over his parents' murder; in short, the logic, the reasoning, behind the selection of his chiropteran crime-fighting persona. Think of it, more exactly, as Batman Starts Over or Batman Backs Up. Think of it, in other words, as a prequel. The starting-over will naturally mean that the story telling takes a good long time to get to the

Batsuit, the Batcave, the Batmobile, and all the appurtenances. But the starting-over also means, not so naturally, a new intensity, a new purpose, a new attitude, a straighter face. All this intensity, etc., cuts two ways: it lends a degree of conviction to the goings-on, and yet it risks looking ridiculous once it runs into the Batsuit, the Batcave, etc. Can an air of seriousness feasibly be sustained? (For all his lack of superpowers, the hero floats through the air with the ease of Spider-Man if not Superman.) To help sustain that air a bit further, there is no jokey villain this time (notwithstanding a forward-looking nod to the Joker at the fadeout), but rather an apocalyptic criminal plot, fully worthy of a Fu Manchu, to do to Gotham what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah, and for similar reasons. And the nightmarish visions evoked by a 'weaponized hallucinogen" (a sign of the times, a salute to Al Qaeda) are genuinely scary. On balance, the two-way cutting goes deeper in the direction of conviction than in that of ridiculousness. With Katie Holmes, Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman,

> Breakfast at Tiffany's — Howlingly miscast travesty of the Truman Capote novella: starting at the top with Audrey Hepburn as a backwoods waif turned bigtown party girl, down through George Peppard as the heterosexualized neighbor, all the way down to a squinting Mickey Rooney as the Japanese landlord — more Mr. Magoo than Mr. Moto. "Moon River" is just another spoonful of sugar in the candy coating. With Patricia Neal, Martin Balsam, Buddy Ebsen; directed by Blake Edwards. 1961.

Gary Oldman, Liam Neeson, Cillian Mur-

phy, Tom Wilkinson, Rutger Hauer. 2005.

★★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; VOGUE)

★ (GARDEN CABARET, 8/25 THROUGH 28, 8:30 P.M.)

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 ap pealing 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 letter. The itinerary of our amateur sleuth leads to a broad spectrum of people and places, and in between, to some invigorating on-the-road shots through a rental-car windshield. Put more pretentiously, it adds up to a tour of Paths Not Taken, a graph of Life's Changes. With only a little effort, we can imagine Woody Allen coming up with such an idea and going to town with it. We cannot quite imagine, these days, that the idea would have turned out this funny; that he would actually have gotten anywhere near to town with it. The deadpan detachment of Bill Murray, a minimal reactor, a frosty mirror, a cautious counterpuncher, makes a perfect match for that of his director; and the humor, sprouting out of the gaps, the schisms, the chasms between people, comes through as less strained, or less buried under pretension, than normal for Jarmusch. You are free, once the closing credits are rolling, to pursue the mystery into the trackless recesses of the human heart, the enigmatic ego, the predestined identity. But you will then have to leave behind the laughs that made the trip pleasur-

able. Jeffrey Wright, Sharon Stone, Frances

Conroy, Jessica Lange, Tilda Swinton, Julie

Delpy, Chloë Sevigny. 2005.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA VILLAGE: MIRA MESA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Brothers Grimm — None other than Jacob and Wilhelm, not yet world-famous folklorists, merely ghostbusting con men, whose ruses are not state-of-the-art magic circa the early 19th Century, but rather state-of-the-art FX circa the 21st. When they are recruited by the occupying French army, however, to investigate a case of missing children (a Red Riding Hood, a Hansel and Gretel), they encounter an authentic Enchanted Forest and Wicked Witch, thereby diminishing their future tales of imagination to straight reportage. Terry Gilliam's production is characteristically heavy and indigestible, and his photography comes in arbitrary shades of monochrome: fire orange, ash gray, clay red, dirt brown. With Matt Damon, Heath Ledger, Lena Headey, Peter Stormare, Jonathan Pryce, and Monica Bellucci. 2005. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: ESCON-DIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SAN-TEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 8/26)

The Cave — Subterranean horror with Cole Hauser, Morris Chestnut, Lena Headey, and Piper Perabo, directed by

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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 cuteness). All of these combinations and others (the "teleportation" of a candy bar into a TV set combines 2001 and The Fly, more specifically the sixtieth humorous usage of the opening notes of Also Sprach Zarathustra and the fortieth humorous usage of a high-pitched "Help me!") pile up, two by two, to produce an unsubsiding groan, arising either from the overtaxed framework or the overtaxed viewer. And the only respite from the ugly vulgarity of the décor comes from the prying impoliteness of the bulbous closeups. David Kelly, Helena Bonham Carter, Noah Taylor, Christopher Lee,

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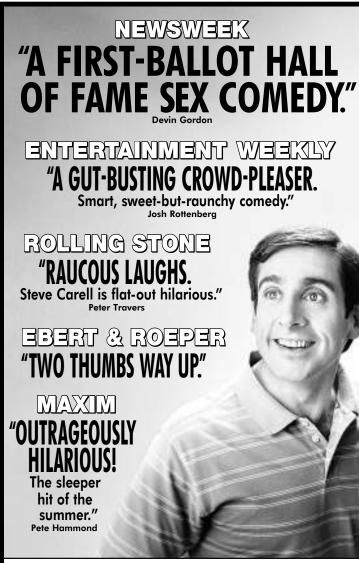
Cinderella Man — The story of heavyweight boxer James J. Braddock, the Bulldog of Bergen, the Pride of New Jersey, a working-class hero for real. It's something of a puzzle why his story had not been told on screen before, seeing as how we have it on the authority of Damon Runyon, who conferred on him the titular nickname, that no human-interest story in the entire history of boxing can compare with it. Runyon, to be sure, passed from the scene in the mid-Forties, or well before the story of, say, Sonny Liston; but the latter's shadowy tale is not the type to interest Damon Runyon, or for that matter humans in general. Braddock's, on the other hand, is the "inspirational" one of a real-life Rocky, a Seabiscuit on two legs, who, after challenging for the light-heavyweight crown in his early career, broke his hand in the ring, piled up the losses, lost his license, lived with his family in abject poverty through the first half of the Depression, took work on the docks when he could get it, got a second chance in the ring as the last-minute substitute for an injured fighter, then a third chance, and a fourth, and finally a shot at the title against the glamorous heavyweight (and, unacknowledged in the film, sometime Hollywood actor) Max Baer, an 8-1 favorite with two dead men on his record. You ask yourself what sort of human would be interested in telling such a story, or what sort would be interested in watching it (cheering for the foreknown outcome), and you come up with a simple answer: a simp. More specifically, Ron Howard. Not for nothing is Howard a trusted name in the popular mind. He makes the "right" choices, meaning the ex pected ones, the proven ones: grainy-photography clichés for gritty authenticity, desaturated-color clichés for bleakness of mood, golden-light clichés for domestic warmth, slow-motion clichés for the fights. He is fortunate, though, to have in the lead role one of our more sympathetic, more soulful leading men, Russell Crowe, with jug ears and a haircut to show them off, looking as if he could have stepped out of a Lewis Hine photo, walking a steady tightrope between dignity and degradation. Renée Zellweger, Paul Giamatti, Bruce McGill, Craig Bierko. 2005. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo —

Rob Schneider reprises the title role, under the direction of Mike Bigelow (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK WAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Devil's Rejects — The sophomore effort of rocker-turned-filmmaker Rob Zombie is a direct followup to his House of 1000 Corpses. (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 allaround shoddiness. Looked at in the right light, his success was assured. Better, though, not to look at all. With Sid Haig, Bill Moseley, Sheri Moon, William Forsythe. 2005.

The Dukes of Hazzard — 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



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odious backwoods bigwig, a greedy pig named Hogg. One early chuckle dio autobiography of car racer Al Unser, Jr., as read by Laurence Fishburne — is followed by endless miles of teeth-grinding. With Johnny Knoxville, Seann William Scott, Jessica Simpson, and Willie Nelson; directed by Jay Chandrasekhar. 2005.

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Fantastic Four — Namely, Mr. Fantastic (a sort of Plastic Man), the Human Torch (more like a Human Comet), the Invisible Woman (plain enough), and the Thing (a cross between the Incredible Hulk and the Golem). The slender storyline explains how they got to be so fantastic, and it then gives them little scope to explore their powers. Commonplace comic-book adaptation, campy and tacky. With Ioan Gruffudd, Chris Evans, Jessica Alba, and Michael Chiklis; directed by Tim Story. 2005. • (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The 40 Year Old Virgin — The hero is not what he is by reason of any philosophy, religion, or phobia: "It just never hap-pened." But now his colleagues at the Smart Tech electronics store, cottoning on to his condition, are pitching in to cure him of it. Though not unsympathetic in treatment, the character is coy, cautious, even cowardly in conception, while the comedy per se is low, broad, bullish, and exhibition ist: boners, peepee, puke, a plastic vagina, mooning, and (without special-effects fak-ery) bloody body waxing. With Steve Carell, Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd, Romany Malco, Seth Rogen, and Elizabeth Banks; directed by Judd Apatow. 2005. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEAN-SIDE 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)

Four Brothers — The titular quartet, 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. 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 vigor ous villain, played against type by Chiwetel Eijofor (the sweetly sympathetic figure of Dirty Pretty Things and Melinda and 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 to see the survivors' gun permits. "Selfdefense" is the on-the-spot assessment, a ruling in compliance with the hurtling pace. Tyrese Gibson, André Benjamin, Gar rett Hedlund, 2005.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSS-MONT CENTER: HAZARD CENTER 7: HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS SION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Great Raid — True story of a U.S. Ranger assault on a POW camp in the Philippines toward the end of the Second World War, though the first-person narrator, the leader of the assault, starts back a bit further: "In 1941 the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor...." John Dahl, the director, had had trouble enough coping with the bare-bones neo-noirs of Kill Me Again, Red Rock West, and The Last Seduction, and whatever skills he honed in that workshop are pretty well worn down on this grander scale: a three-ring circus that jumps back and forth between the arenas of the POWs, the Rangers, and the Filipino resistance. The initial overrating of the noirs, however, means that auteur-hungry critics will continue to go the extra mile to hunt down a laurel or two. To get there, they must pass through many miles of straightness, flatness, dullness, and corn, in the company of cardboard characters and second-tier actors (James Franco, Benjamin Bratt, Joseph Fiennes, and lessers). The sun-washed color, a step away from sepia, appears to be an attempt to impart a newsreel reality, but the actual newsreel footage of liberated POWs and their liberators throughout the closing credits makes you feel a little like James Agee, forever brandishing wartime documentaries as a club against the prettifications of Hollywood. That sort of tactic might have been ruled (even in Agee's day) inadmissible, had the filmmakers themselves not introduced the footage in evidence. Connie Nielsen, Marton Csokas, Mark Consuelos. 2005.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROME-NADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Grizzly Man — The globe-trotting Werner Herzog digs up another of those border dwellers, those boundary pushers, he loves to document - one Timothy Treadwell, b. 1957, d. 2003 — along with a hundred or so hours of found footage, a treasure trove of video shot by the subject himself, mostly of himself, to record his years in the wilderness living among Alaskan bears, capped off with an audio recording of his own death, plus his girlfriend's death, at the paws of one of those bears. ("Capped off" might not be the way to put it: he evidently didn't have time to take the lens cap off the camcorder.) Herzog neatly organizes the material into a portrait of a man who at first glance seems simply an ecological eccentric, with more than a little presentiment of his fate ("They



DAVID FORDHAM

Employee ("lowly peon"), Blowout DVD

In Pi, the cinematography is well done. The storvline draws you in, the music was cool, and the ending had a very nice twist.

Somewhere in Time is on my list of really cool movies. It's a well-done love story. It starts out with Jane Seymour saying, "Come back to me." It's the tragedy of a love you can never have. Best film Christopher Reeve ever did.

I loved the social commentary of Shaun of the Dead, that basically we're already zombies. It's exactly what it says it is - a comedy love story with horror. The commentaries are fun.

PI (USA) 1998, Artisan Entertainment List price: \$24.98

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SOMEWHERE IN TIME (USA) 1980, Universal

SHAUN OF THE DEAD (England) 2004, Universal List price: \$29.98

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Constantine is a very different kind of devil-and-angel story. It's actually somewhat believable. The special effects are great.

King's Ransom is a nice, funny comedy, just something to sit back and enjoy. Anthony Anderson is a good comedian. It's the perfect movie if you want a good laugh.

I enjoyed Kung Fu Hustle a lot. I loved the action, the storyline, the comedic scenes, the special effects. Stephen Chow was good, and he directed it, too. I watched the "making of" bonus feature, and that impressed me even more. Everything was awesome, one of best kung fu movies I've seen.

CONSTANTINE (USA) 2005, Warner Home Video List price: \$28.98 KING'S RANSOM (USA) 2005. New Line Home Entertainment List price: \$27.95 KUNG FU HUSTLE (Hong Kong) 2004. Columbia Tristar List price: \$28.95

IASON FAUST

Employee, Video Land, Coronado

A Very Long Engagement, from the star and director of Amélie. is a wonderful story and romance. The cinematography is gorgeous. It's a film that both men and women can love. There's enough action and mystery — and the lovely Audrey ${\sf Tautou-for\,the\,guys.\,And}$ romance for the women.

Downfall is a behind-thescenes of Hitler's last days as his world collapses. Definitely worth watching.

And, finally, a little independent sci-fi film called Primer. There's no CGI, but it deals with time travel in a very clever way. Low budget, but impeccably done. I had to watch it twice to get it. It's a lot of fun.

A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT (France) 2004. Warner Home Video List price: \$29.95 DOWNFALL: HITLER AND THE FND OF THE THIRD REICH (Germany) 2004, Columbia Tristar List price: \$29.95

PRIMER (USA) 2004,

List price: \$27.95

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can kill, they can bite, they can decapitate"), but a man who, at a longer look, turns into something of a self-mythologizing monomaniac. The filmmaker, in his own footage, gathers testimony from those who knew the man ("He tended to want to become a bear"), and he captures at least a couple of priceless moments: the coroner handing over to one of Treadwell's former girlfriends the still-ticking wristwatch taken from his detached arm, and his mother reminiscing about him, in the comfort of her home in Florida, with his favorite teddy bear perched on her lap. Herzog is not shy about adding his own observations in his familiar feverish idiom and his expectorating delivery ("I discovered a film of human ecstasies and darkest inner turmoil"), nor about taking an editorial stance at variance with his subject: "I believe the common denominator of the universe is chaos, disharmony, and murder." Treadwell, in proof of Herzog's point, is in no condition to present a rebuttal to that. 2005.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 8/26; LA JOLLA

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.'



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Roughly forty-five minutes into the movie, the Island will turn out to be, along with much else, a mirage, a figment. Further revelations trickle out, but the main business of the next hour and a half is a chase, in gaudy music-video visuals, with low angles and wide angles, flash pans and smash cuts, shafts of light and blasts of glare, plumes of steam and showers of sparks. The installation of Michael Bay in the director's chair is your assurance that the slow start will not bar you from repulsively overscaled action à la Bad Boys and Bad Boys II, only bigger, and with more miraculous, or more slapsticky, strokes of luck. Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Johansson are the two fugitives whose ostensible goal is to hang on to their humanity. But both of them had to let go of that, together with their "indie" credentials, at the front gate. Sean Bean, Djimoun Housou, Steve Buscemi. 2005.

• (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Junebug — Muted cultural clash, when a Chicago gallery dealer (Embeth Davidtz) drags her new husband (Alessandro Nivola) back to his Carolina roots so she can woo a modestly obscene "outsider" artist ("I love all the dogs' heads, and computers, and all the scrotums") and, secondarily, so she can meet his family: churchy folk suspicious of a different type of outsider. Her blockhead brother-in-law doesn't take kindly to her efforts to help him with his paper on *Huck-leberry Finn* ("Did you think it was funny?" "No, I thought it was long"), and her mother-in-law sizes her up as all wrong ("She's too pretty, she's too smart, and that's a deadly combination"), and her father-in-law keeps himself to himself. Only the kin by marriage, a non-sequitur motormouth nine months pregnant, lays out the

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welcome mat: a showy role for Amy Adams, if a tad condescending, a hand-medown Dixie ditz. The first feature of Phil Morrison exhibits several of the most basic "indie" indicators: a milky, diluted image; too-quiet, unatmospheric sound; a character-driven storyline that's more drifting than actually driven. There's a nice scene at the church social when the interloper finds out, to her amazement, that her husband is prized for his hymn singing, but there's no followup to it, not so much as a what-thehell. With Benjamin McKenzie, Celia Weston, and Scott Wilson. 2005. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

King of the Corner — Low-key, lifesized 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. With Jake Hoffman, Rita Moreno, Eric Bogosian. 2005.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/25)

Look at Me - French relationship comedy revolving around a self-important novelist and his self-loathing daughter, an overweight failed actress now in training as a classical vocalist. The film reveals itself, and its characters, gradually and organically, unfolding like life. Some of it is perhaps too painful to be funny, yet our recognition of human strivings and failings can touch off moderate mirth, if never violent hilarity, anywhere along the way, on no set schedule. The artists most responsible for this wise, wily, observant, truly adult entertainment are the writing and acting team of Jean-Pierre Bacri and Agnès Jaoui, who previously wrote and acted in Un Air de Famille, Same Old Song, and The Taste of Others, the last of which was also Jaoui's first directing job. Look at Me is her second, and is as fluid a job as you could desire, even if you might desire an image a little less jaundiced. In front of the camera, Bacri of course takes the role of the literary lion, and cements his position as the cinema's supreme sourpuss. Jaoui is the daughter's voice coach, a delicate part played with quiet finesse. And newcomer Marilou Berry, daughter of the actress-writer-director Josiane Balasko, plays the hefty daughter, with no fudging of her heftiness: no $mere\ plumpness\ passed\ off\ as\ corpulence;$ no padding for extra poundage. She thus falls in line with the likes of Romane Bohringer (The Accompanist), Sylvie Testud (Murderous Maids), Roxane Mesquida (Fat Girl), not to mention her real-life mother (Too Beautiful for You), nonlookers of various types who seem to gain access to French screens more readily than their counterparts do to American. In her role here, she is not the sort of endomorph who is comfortable in her stretched skin: stout and proud. She carries a boulder-sized chip on her shoulder, and she slumps under the weight of it. In her father's eyes, "She's anger on wheels." She is not, in anyone's eyes, easy to like. One of the many strengths of the film is that it grants her, and us, all the time and help we need. 2004.

Madagascar — Four escapees from the Central Park Zoo — a lion, a zebra, a hippo, and a giraffe — are packed up and, in fulfillment of the tenth-birthday wish of the zebra, shipped back to the wild: "the live-in-a-mudhut-wipe-yourself-with-a-leaf wild," in the less sanguine view of the lion. ("They are just a bunch of pansies," observes the resident Lord of the Lemurs, even before the lion gets caught biting the zebra in the butt.) Palatable computer cartoon in the contemporary style of aggressive, hard-edged hipness. The lion's discovery of his innate catness is worked out predictably but adeptly. With the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett Smith. and David Schwimmer; directed by Eric Darnell and Tom McGrath. 2005

★ (MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24)

★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LI-

BRARY, 8/29, 6:30 P.M.)

Mad Hot Ballroom — Marilyn Agrelo's documentary on New York City fifthgraders who've been channeled into the stay-off-the-streets-and-stay-out-of-trouble activity of competitive ballroom dancing: "I see them turning into these ladies and gentlemen," one teacher manages to say while fighting back tears. We follow three disparate classes (only one of which will make it through to the citywide finals: "I still really don't understand what happened," a dejected curly top buttonholes the emcee at the quarterfinals, after his team falls three points short), and we follow them with an almost parental tunnel vision; we cannot really judge the competition; we have eyes only for "ours." Kids being kids, however, with no pumped-up heroes or villains (beyond a troublesome student named Jonathan, whose troubles go uninvestigated), this is an easy-to-like film with an easy-to-overlook fuzzy video image. 2005. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/25)

March of the Penguins — Nature documentary on the reproductive ritual of the emperor penguin, the back-and-forth walk of around seventy miles, the mating dance, the harsh winter, the interminable night, the months of starvation, the high mortality rate. It's a hard life, and fascinating. The cuteness of the creatures makes up for much of the hardness, although it also makes the hardness harder to bear. Narrated by Morgan Freeman; directed by Luc

Jacquet. 2004.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROL-LEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA, FROM 8/26; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: OCEAN SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16 RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

Matando Cabos — Mexican crime comedy with Tony Dalton, Ana Claudia Talancón, and Pedro Armendáriz, Jr., directed by Alejandro Lozano.

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tion, but quirkiness these days is no scarcer

Me and You and Everyone We Know — Quirky comedy, without ques-

than shark's teeth, and it becomes neces to distinguish between the pointlessly quirky and the pointedly. The issue still teeters in the balance when, for instance, a scraggly, trashy-looking white male, kicked out of the house by his black wife, says goodbye to his two café-au-lait children by setting his hand on fire outside their bedroom window. It has irreversibly tipped to the good, however, by the time a female driver of an Elder Cab, squiring a shut-in oldster to the shoe store to purchase a pair of neon blue Nikes, spies a goldfish in a plastic bag forgotten atop the car in front of her, is thereupon overcome by sentiments of sadness and helplessness over the fish's inevitable fate, yet feels honor-bound to accompany it to the end. You know right then that you're in the presence of a hypersensitive, a highly individual, and yes, a quirky vision, at once acute and tender. The vision would be that of the multimedia performance artist and first-time feature filmmaker Miranda July, who is an object of vision, herself, in the pivotal role of the moonlighting cab driver and, incidentally, aspiring multimedia performance artist, a figure redolent of insecurity and determination, pain and perseverance. Character interest is spread democratically among an assortment of oddballs, but centers on the wary mating dance between this cabbie and the scraggly hand-burner (John Hawkes), a sadsack shoe salesman for whom she has unaccountably set her cap. The separateness, the strangeness, the unknownness of people are subjects close to the crosshairs of the filmmaker's vision. Even closer to deadcenter are the fundamental elements of hope and improbability in any romantic overture. The quirkiness of the thing, though it feels as if drawn from reality and not imposed by force, is nevertheless a kind of tunnel vision. 2005. ★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Must Love Dogs — Hen-party atmosphere for a romantic comedy wherein the sisters of an Irish-Catholic divorcée push her into Internet dating to find a replace-

ment. Diane Lane seems too good for the shticky John Cusack ("You seem very practiced and smooth," she observes), who frankly doesn't act like a man whose favorite movie would be Doctor Zhivago, and too good, too, for the "incorrigible" womanizer of Dermot Mulroney. Not to mention too good for the fast shuffle of datefrom-hell auditioners. Too good, really, for the movie in toto. With Elizabeth Perkins, Christopher Plummer, and Stockard Channing; directed by Gary David Goldberg 2005.

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9 Songs — Half-baked hot dish of sex and rock-and-roll, another penetration (so to speak) of triple-X hardcore into the aboveground art house, a plotless chronicle of the burbling passion of two young strangers who meet at a concert and then go on attending concerts in between demonstrations of their passion: tonguing, fingering, toeing, dildoing, and finally, certifiably, condomed copulating. The blow job, unlike the job in The Brown Bunny, is manifestly a finished job, but then again these actors (Kieran O'Brien, Margo Stilley) are unknowns, and in the case of the actress, patently nonprofessional. The director, on the other hand, Michael Winterbottom, is well enough known (Code 46, 24-Hour Party People, to limit the examples to numerical titles) if not equally well respected. 9 Songs can only widen the space between "known" and "respected." Its illlit, grainy video photography ranks as not just subpar, but subporn; and its concert footage, shaky, zoomy, cut-cut-cutty, achieves extreme mediocrity. Clearly this was an idea not worth doing right. 2005. ● (KEN, THROUGH 8/25)

Pretty Persuasion — Mauling satire of a high-school vixen (a ready and willing Evan Rachel Wood) and her victims, as she finagles her way from the lead role in the Drama Club Diary of Anne Frank to a featured part in the network sitcom, Dysfunction. It shoots for the vein of Heathers, Election, Drop Dead Gorgeous, Mean Girls, Saved, et al., but that vein appears to be played out. At least without digging deeper. James Woods, Ron Livingston, Selma Blair, Jane Krakowski, Adi Schnall, Elisabeth Harnois; directed by Marcos Siega. 2005. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/26)

Red Eye — Economical, efficient, taut little thriller from Wes Craven, a terror film in place of his customary horror film. The normal business of a modern-day airport, with its flight delays and frayed nerves ("Flying's so much fun these days, huh?"), makes for a smooth and easy access to the subject of terrorism, and terrorism is indeed the subject, divested of any identifiable ideology, and therefore any possible offense. When our damsel in distress (Rachel McAdams, showing some impressive physicality in the closing stretch) finally rebels against her personal terrorizer (Cillian Murphy), you might wonder what took her so long; but the film is pretty much over by the time you can lay a finger on, or poke a finger through, any hole in the terrorist plot. At just about an hour and a quarter, it is closest thing you can find nowadays to an early "B" movie by Anthony Mann or Richard Fleischer. Close in

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running time, that is; close in speed; not in

style. With Brian Cox, Jayma Mays, Scott

Bakula, 2005.

Secuestro Express — Violent kidnap thriller from Venezuela, virtually unwatchable, even unseeable, through the fuzzedup video image and jazzed-up cinematic technique. With Mía Maestro, Jean Paul Leroux, and Rubén Blades; written and di-



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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. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCON-DIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN

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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPI ACE 13: MISSION VAI LEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18)

Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith — George Lucas closes the circle: the last of the three prequels, evenly spaced out at three-year intervals. (The filmmaker's latter-day visual style comes back

to us in a twinkling: the flatness of the humans and the overfertilized fluorescence of their computer-generated surroundings, something like sticks of wood in a stop-mo tion tomato patch.) Anakin Skywalker, as we all are aware ahead of time, is on course to explore the Dark Side of the Force, his personal Darth side, "motivated" by his impalpable passion for Padmé, the Senator formerly known as Queen, and by his premonitions of her death in childbirth. Look ing more and more like Uma Thurman (pupils floating upwards) and talking more and more like Ryan Phillippe (pouty lips over tight jaw), the leading man, Havden Christensen, appears to plumb the depths of darkness about as far as a college sophomore facing a term-paper deadline when he'd really rather be chugalugging beer. It's true that he has a hand in a lot of carnage (personally dispatching a roomful of 'younglings," sentimental overkill reminiscent of the slaughter of Macduff's family in Macbeth), yet the dire warnings of the film's unsuitability for children seem a bit off base. Surely it's more suitable for them than it is for adults. Lucas's obsessive castration symbolism (a fear bordering on hysteria) may be over their heads, but on the other hand they will be less likely to carp at the murky exposition of the faux-Shakespearean political skulduggery, more likely to sit there in contented incomprehension inasmuch as the murkiness, thick though it is, fails in the slightest to obscure the goodness of the good guys and the badness of the bad. So clear is this separation that Anakin's change of allegiance — Jedi selflessness for Sithian selfhood - reduces him to a dupe at best and a loon at worst. And, in the midst of what looks to be an erupting volcano, his climactic lightsaber duel with his mentor leaves him quite literally diminished in stature (or symbolically, once again, castrated). Though he gets propped up afterwards in the operating room, he comes out of it as a sort of Wizard of Oz with the curtain thrown back. Ewan Mc-Gregor, Natalie Portman, Ian McDiarmid, Samuel L. Jackson. 2005.

(HORTON PLAZA 14)

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"



The Brothers Grimm

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.

• (PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Supercross — Sports action on wheels, with Steve Howey, Mike Vogel, and Robert Patrick, directed by Steve Boyum. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Tony Takitani — Japanese love story adapted by Jun Ichikawa from a novel by Haruki Murakami.

(KEN, 8/26 THROUGH 9/1)

2046 — After the concentrated perfection of "The Hand" — Wong Kar-wai's fraction of the anthology film, Eros — the defects of this one are apt to appear the more glaring. Ostensibly it's a sequel to his close-to-perfection In the Mood for Love. Or anyhow the action picks up shortly after it in 1966, and centers around the same protagonist (Tony Leung), although the love-'em-and-leave-'em libertine and spicy science-fiction writer of the current film bears little resemblance to the inhibited piner and Grub Street drudge of its predecessor, even allowing for the ravages of a broken heart. (The title refers both to the time-setting of his s-f tales and to the number of his next-door hotel room.) There is a patchwork feeling here, jammed and jumbled, diffuse and desultory, partly the effect of a fragmented narrative and a heavy dependence on the cement of voice-over, and partly the effect of a visual grab-bag that includes a lot of slow-motion, a bit of black-and-white, and extended re-enactments of the hero's visions of the future, sometimes animated. sometimes live-action, always in an illustrational style that postdates the science fiction of the mid-Sixties. The director's painterly eye ensures, at the same time, a great deal of beauty; and the wide, wide screen affords him more room than ever before for empty space, out-of-focus space, purely compositional and coloristic space. This thing of

beauty, though, is rather a scatterbrained beauty, a gorgeous space case. Some hefty ideas, to do with impermanence, loss, memory, alienation, are lugged up and down the arduous stair-step structure: we skip quickly past the characters played by Gong Li, Carina Lau, and Faye Wong, before we spend some quality time with Zhang Ziyi, and begin to work our way back, in reverse order, to Faye Wong (still going forward in chronology) and then (withdrawing into the past) Carina Lau and Gong Li. With small overlaps, the scheme goes more or less A-B-C-D-C-B-A. We can almost perceive that the top step — the peak of the pyramid — the Zhang Ziyi piece — might have attained the independent perfection of "The Hand," if held to similar length. The lower steps are stubbier, and slipperier. And where the Antonioni and Soderbergh fractions dragged down Eros, Wong manages to drag down 2046 all by himself, 2005.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Undiscovered — Show-biz hopefuls in L.A., with Steven Strait, Pell James, Kip Pardue, and Ashlee Simpson, directed by Meiert Avis.

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Valiant — British-accented Disney computer cartoon, concerned with the role of carrier pigeons in World War II, a factual basis abnormal for computer cartoons. It assumes a degree of grounding in the history, and the cinema, of the Battle of Britain and the French Resistance. In other words, parents and grandparents may get more out of it than the under-tens. For them, there's the stinky bird from Trafalgar Square and his orbiting satellites of house-flies. With the voices of Ewan McGregor, Ricky Gervais, Jim Broadbent, Hugh Laurie, John Hurt, John Cleese, and Tim Curry; directed by Gary Chapman. 2005.

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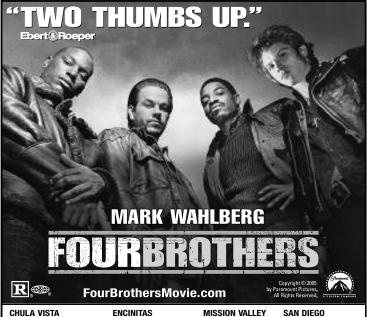
War of the Worlds — Steven Spielberg's retelling of H.G. Wells's s-f classic. The alien-invasion subgenre, as everyone now knows, blossomed during the Cold War, fertilized by fears of Communist takeover; and it's quite reasonable, quite knowledgeable, to deduce that 9/11 and its aftermath could dump some fresh manure in the field.

Spielberg makes damn good and sure that no one will miss the relevance: the "sleeper cells" hidden beneath American streets; the hero's coat of ashes fabricated from his incinerated fellow citizens; the shower of clothes from the sky; the bulletin board of the "missing"; and of course the natural question in the first confusion, "Is it the terrorists?" All of that seems legitimate enough. This is a serious film in a way that Independence Day, merrily blowing up the White House so few years earlier, didn't need to be, want to be, or pretend to be. 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 Rob bins, 2005.

★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

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 selfwritten vows of their older sister and new brother-in-law. The funny business, in what amounts merely to a newer convention, is pushed to such extremes of crassness and grossness that you feel as if the laughs are being extracted not by feather tickler but by thumbscrew. E.g., the ancient matriarch of one of America's leading 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.

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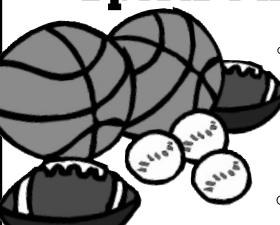
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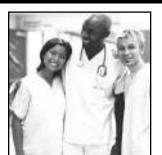
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Kaitlin Sweet

Student

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Interpreter, so that's probably what I'd do. My parents have always worked with special-education children, and I've always been around it. When I was in school, I didn't want to take Spanish as my language, so I took sign language, and I really enjoyed it. People might tell me that there's no future in it, but I don't really care; I'd rather be happy than have money. I originally wanted to be a dentist — obviously, for the money — but then I didn't want to have to do all the extra school. I like to help people, so I'd like to get into a field where I can do that. I might go back to wanting to be a dentist. I'm young; I have time.



Raphael Swinson

Coast Guard

Downtown

'd want to be a professional soccer player. I was probably about four years old when I first had the idea. The best part about it would be the competition and representing your team. Being in front of the fans would be awesome. I got to a certain point when I was younger and financial problems became an issue. It wasn't difficult to play soccer, but it was difficult to pay for teams that travel; that kind of killed my dream. The worst job I could imagine would be, like, a truck driver or trash collector; some job where you don't get to interact with people.



Johnny Richardson

Student

La Jolla

'd want to work on a golf course; I've been playing for five or six years now. I could manage a course. Just as long as I could get out and play every day, I'd be happy. You can dream about it, but you don't get into golf necessarily for the fans. Golf is a lifelong game and it's something I want to play in college.



Mecinda Salvaggio

Food Server/Student

Pacific Beach

would be really fun to be a weather girl, but I'm not sure if that goes along with my major. I'm studying communications. I'm doing public relations because marketing and broadcasting tend to be fairly competitive fields, and I'm not that cut-throat. I'm a little more relaxed; I could never see myself calling peo-ple and telling them, "I need this by six a.m. or you're fired!" To me, being a lawyer would be the worst job. That's too much paperwork, too many hours, high stress, and unhappiness. I knew a guy who was a lawyer, and he doesn't do it any more because he didn't like it.



Zandra Alford

Food Server

Point Loma

would want to teach a music class in a French setting. I'm not saying that I want to get into black-and-white existentialist film with all the actors walking backwards and repeating the word "merci"; that would only be a hobby. I studied French, and I really like music. I could teach that "Lady Marmalade song, but I don't think it's childappropriate. I would teach up through high school; I would teach rock and roll...anything; there'd be no boundaries. Ideally, I would live in Montreal; I love Canadians.



Susan Connly

Artist Downtown

would be an art instructor in Belgium. I would like to bring beauty to the world and to people who didn't know they could paint in the first place. I'd like to help people discover their own talents. That's how I learned: I went to a painting class, and although I never could draw...I've loved to paint ever since. In Belgium, I could watch all the BMWs escaping through the streets. I would eat Belgian waffles and Belgian chocolates. And I would love to eat mussels in Brussels. A funny fact about Belgians is that they don't like to carry umbrellas; I would carry an umbrella if I were there, but I don't think I would stick out too much.

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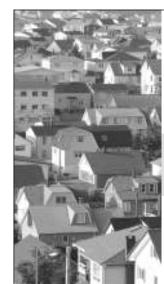
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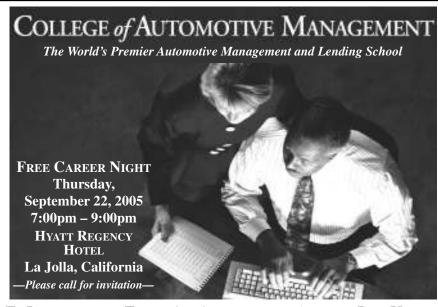
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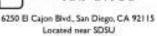
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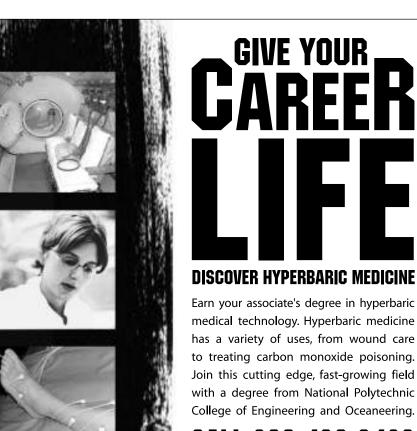
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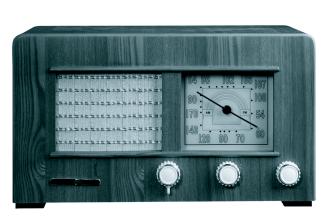
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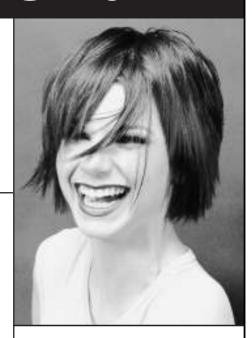
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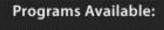
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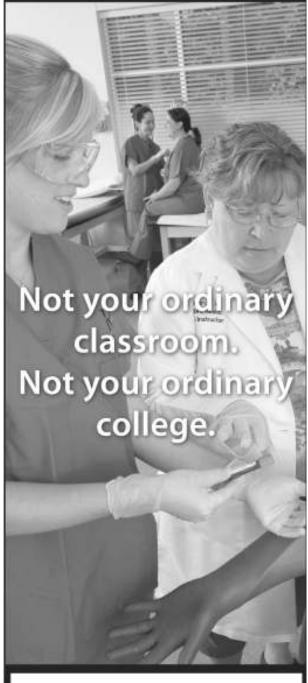
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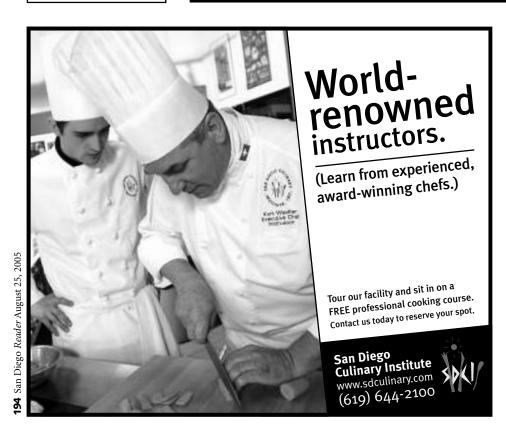
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MEDITATION. Free classes Tuesdays, 7pm; Wednesday mornings, 7am; Thursdays, 7:30pm. Saturday mornings, 11:30am. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. www. dharmacenter.com or 858-616-6308.

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 a book club? Ages 25 to mature wel-comed. Please call 619-850-6075 or 858-272-8727

272-8727.

**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.

OPERA DISCUSSIONS. Small group forming to discuss operas after watching opera videos and listening to opera recordings 619-260-0606

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paramillego.org of 619-521-2538.

PARENTS, FAMILLES and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Find help, support, and understanding. Meetings monthly in Hillcrest www.pflag.com or call for details, 619-579-7640.

PMS SLEEP and light study. Women ages 20-45 not on medication or birth control pills with regular menstrual cycles needed for 5-month UCSD sleep and light study. 8 overnight hospital stays required. 619-543-7393.

PREGNANT? AVAILABLE TO TAKE PART 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? 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 postnatal 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 gualify, please call Stacy brady at 858-847-0117, or you can e-mail her at stacybrady@precisionmed.com.

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PROBLEMS TORMENTING you? Relationship setbacks, addiction, anxiety, stress, follow a part. Impact your life with spiritual solutions. 858-272-3246.

RECOVERY GROUPS for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/co-de-pendency. Fridays, 7pm. Celebrate Re-covery, First Lutheran, 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444.

Avenue, Et Cajon, 619-444-/444.

SENIOR GENTLEMEN. Non-smoking or drinking, wants to relocate to San Diego. Would like to find a place to share preferably with senior lady. Please call 650-251-9311.

SPENDERS IN RECOVERY meeting of Debtors Anonymous meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm. If you want tools to stop overspending, contact Irene for details, 619-529.4584

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ing teachers needed Tijuana school, 2005-2006, teach at least 1 day/week for 4 months. Colegio La Esperanza school. christine@americasfoundation.net, 619-585.0000

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DAVIEBABE is on the Northeast coast. August 21, 1993. It was a very good day. Still crazy after all these years.

EARTH, LEARNING SCHOOL. where tests, lessons made difficult as possible, most hardest (by God's hosts!) Lest any dare pass? Eternal spirits' journey in/out perishable flesh, what games! Sports, GIBSON. Far and away and lost without you. Fate is cruel and brings me this. You are there and I am nowhere near. J.

JET. I've gone to live my dream. I wish you could be a part of it. I'll be back next summer. I love you. Sasha.

mer. I love you. Sasha.

NICK K, NICK K, Nick K. Counting the days that you would write again! Hope you are doing well. WI WI WI.

you are doing well. WI WI WI.

ON GOLDEN POND. I've got tears in my ears from lying on my back crying over you. (Just kidding.) Ok, maybe once. Seriously though, the truth of my love and care for you could never be justified through my limited pen. I care not what others think about my being in love with you. Until I know different I simply choose to believe in you, and in what I know lives inside. I really miss you, sweetheart. "Cs"

PEACE AND HARMONY. It is not always rainbows and butterflies, it's comprom Pray for peace and work for harmony!

SWEETHEART. Plagiarizing is OK, as long as one does not get caught. The love is then there for both your hearts. TMS of Carlsbad.

MATCHES

SHARED INTERESTS

SEEKING SINGLES to explore San Diego. Me: divorced white female, 40s, upbeat, positive. Seeking male/female friends for walks, movies, dining, happy hours, single events. (9/7) 248765

ATTRACTIVE, WIDOW, 58, nonsmoker, nondrinker, left old baggage behind. I live for today/tomorrow. Reliable, enjoy theatre, concerts, dining, outings, meaningful conversation. Seeking fun friends. (8/31) 48702

walking PARTNER sought. Female, 41, close to Lemon Grove or El Cajon. Flexible with time, but consistency preferred. Light conversational pace/additional activities welcome, platonic. (8/31) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$48713

MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, 48. Seeking hon est, kind, humorous, emotionally/financially stable, spiritual/Christian gentleman for friendship, dating and possible long-term relationship. North County area preferred. (9/7) 1248955

terred. (9/7) **A** 48955

FEMALE, 53, 5¹, extremely thin, below average looks, bible believing Christian. Seeking lifetime relationship with partner. Interests: traveling, honesty, dependable, ocean, fishing, humor, deep conservationist. (8/31) **A** 48938

ARE YOU READY FOR LOVING sweetheart? Beautiful blonde/blue, 59, is waiting for you, handsome, intelligent gent. I could be everything and more for you. (8/31) ☎48924

you. (8/31) \$\frac{48924}{1000}\$

HELLO. STILL SINGLE, 48, a lot has been din this happy black woman's life. Your single, ready changed in this happy black woman's life Would love to share it. You: single, read for happiness, and me. (8/31) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$48942

for happiness, and the topology intelli-BEAUTIFUL STRIKING BLONDE, intelligent, genuine, unique, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, great figure, 48. Desire extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere, single gentleman who appreciates the best. (8/31) 74939

NORTH COASTAL. Pretty, magnetic and fun, 36, female. Looking for a man between 32-44. Enjoy the beach, wine tasting, fun, out with friends? (8/31) 44830 SINGLE PINAY LADY, Fniov movies, mu

sic, casino. Seeking easygoing male, possible serious relationship, marriage, 48-55. Me: late 40s, hope to find same type personality. (8/31) 48933

looking. Ín shape, 37 (young), outgoing, extrovert personality, positive, laughs a lot. Nonsmoker. Want tall, white male, good kisser. Call. (9/7) 🕿 48959 THE WAY TO A MAN'S HEART is thru a

good woman. Single mom, musician, come hang with me at my band shows. 38-48. Friends first. (8/31) 🕿 48927

Cookies and Cake

Average lady, 53, Pacific Beach, wants to meet an average man. I am 5'2", 125lbs. My interests are cake, cookies, creative writing, mental health. (8/31)

INTELLIGENT, SEXY, FUNNY, easygoing, arrectionate, 5'4", full-figured, hazel-eyed beauty, 56. Seeking friendship, activity partner, 50-62, sense of humor, playful and fun! Hello! (9/7) 48975

Somewhere Out There

Slender, feminine with a girlish side, and 5'6'. You are 47-57, a man's man, maybe 6'. We are romantic, fun, spontaneous, affectionate and uncomplicated. We enjoy life, prefer the outdoors, love animals and never take each other for granted. (9/7) \$\mathfrak{T}\$48966

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PRETTY AND PETITE music teacher, 5'2', 115lbs. Enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, hatha yoga, seeks gentleman 5'10+', 45-55, athletic, spiritual, good sense of humor. (9/7) \$\infty\$48964

SOUTHERN BELLE. White forests and in the second series of the second

good sense of humor. (9//) ☎ 48⊎64 SOUTHERN BELLE. White female seeks male, 30-50, good looking, positive, sweet. Will win this vibrant, fun, attractive belle's heart. Cooking, camping, movies, walks on beach. (8/31) ☎ 48932

PASSIONATE SURFER LADY, 52, 5'3". great smile. You: Mexican, islander, white, love Jesus, animals, mellow, walk, TV, financially secure, honest, funny, Pacific Beach. (9/7) ☎48974

crific Beach. (9/7) ★ 489/4

PRETTY TEX-MEX, 50, nonsmoker, responsible, honest, loyal. Seeking long-term relationship. You: 50+, 5'10'+, responsible, honest, confident, humorous. search of passionate, romantic tina. (8/31) **3**48951

YOUNG AT HEART, YOUTHFUL in appearance. Asian, petite, attractive, humorous, spiritual. Seeking honest, dependable, spiritually minded, financially/emotionally secure, nonsmoking gentleman, 50-60. No drugs. (9/7) 248976 UPSCALE MALE CAUCASIAN, smart

successful, good-looking for friendship, dating, honest, relationship. Female 48,

petite, blonde, 5'5", Christian, homeowner, financially secure. Seeking partner, the same. (8/31) 🕿 48948 ASIAN. ATTRACTIVE. SWEET. cultured

Enjoys traveling, cooking, reading, movies, nature. Want to meet a nice white gentleman ages 30 and up. Nonsmoker. No drugs. (8/31) 4348937

DOES LOVE STILL EXIST? White, attractive, outgoing, loving, play no games. Seeking white male, 23-45, serious minded, want serious relationship a must. You be loving. (9/7) 48971

REENTINE REDHEAD, 45, 54*, 125lbs., professional, divorced, childless, pretty, fitted. Love outdoors, sailing, camping, hiking, swimming, classical music, sports. Bornantic looking white, 50-73, for romance. (8/31)

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romance. (8/31) ☎48945

GOOD-LOOKING, 55, redhead, East
County, honest, funny, personable, caring, spiritual, retired, nonsmoker. Seeking
sincere professional, fit, sensitive, humorous, outdoorsy, adventurous, playful, loving, for relationship. (9/7) ☎48958

ASIAN, SEXY, SULTRY, healthcare professional, nice legs, curvaceous figure, 5'3', 115lbs., childless homeowner. Seeking fun, fit, nonsmoker, financially stable, caring, generous, compatible, 35+, Caucasian bachelor. (9/7)

casian bachelor. (9/7) ☎48963
PERKY GEORGIA PEACH, 60 years. Photography, travel, cooking, museums, music, hiking, friends, family, animals. Hugging, affection, respect and humor important. No smoking. (9/7) ☎48961

important. No smoking. (9/7) 48961

ATTRACTIVE FULL-FIGURED, 52-year-old lady. Seeking kindhearted, romantic, sincere, cuddly gentleman, 49-58, to share and enjoy life together permanently. (9/7)

☎48970

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite.
Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monoganous, (com)passionate, no baggage man, friendship, sportive. No previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-49, 5'9'+. (8/31) ☎48934

ABSOLUTELY ATTRACTIVE golfer, Asian

ROMANTIC, CARING, FUN- loving, goodlooking lady. Seeking 5'10"+, 55-70, gentleman who has a good sense of humor and full of passion for life. (8/31) 48142

ATTRACTIVE, 40-YEAR-OLD single mom searching for right man. Not looking for games or occasional weekend. Full figured, size 18, is what I am. (8/31) 48935

☎48935

SLIM, LEGGY COSMOPOLITAN, pretty smile, independent, 50s, European background, U.S. educated, anti-war. Love arts, dogs, traveling, ocean. Seeking Frenchman/French Canadian, tall, educated, professional, romantic, humor, integrity for relationship without games. (9/7) ☎48965

ATTRACTIVE, COSMOPOLITAN class lady. Looking for financially, emotionally stable; generous, honest, genuine, loyal, presentable, well-fit gentleman, 50-70 years old. (8/31) 448949 years old. (8/31) 2 48949 50s, PRETTY, SEXY, 5'3", 120lbs., finan-

cially secure. Seeking good looking, strong, financially-secure boyfriend for sweet love, parties and travel. (9/7) 48973

FRENCH, PETITE, 45, look 35, Virgo, romantic, fun, honest. Love dancing, movies, world traveler. Seeking honest, romantic gentleman, 35-60, Capricorn, Taurus, Scorpio, Leo a plus. (8/31)

STILL BELIEVE! 34, green-eyed brunette, looking for the real thing. Seeking funny guy with integrity to add value to my life, 35-41. (9/7) \$\infty\$48962

SMART, SLIM AND CUTE mom of two looking for casual dating with a great guy, 32-36. Must be romantic, educated, fun and real. (8/31) 48928 I'M A STUDENT. 50s, sweet, warm personality, affectionate, sincere. Looking for a real relationship. If you take a chance and call me, I'm worthy. (9/7) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$ 48957

and call me, I'm worthy. (9/7) ☎ 48957

LEFIIST, 51, 5'9", natural, Ocean Beach, blues-classical, son (17), canine. Seeking progressive, young 50s, comely, easygoing, fit, adventurer for sailing into sunset. Bonus: cook/handyman! (9/7) ☎ 48960

SEXY BLACK LADY seeks white or Hispanic cutile. I am fit, adventurous, social, affectionate, eclectic, spiritual, self confident, happy, outgoing, stable, 30-40 years. (8/31) ☎ 48923

YOUR CHOCOLATE DELIGHT stand. 5'6". 30lbs., shapely, sexy, financially/iron-tionally fit, great humor, very attractive, 40s. Searching for a tall, fit, clean-cut at-tractive guy, 40-55, nonsmoker. (8/31) 48936



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mous, 5'8'+. (9/7) 484867

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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). (9/7) 🗖 48968

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE seeks a mate, 45-55 years old, like to enjoy life and try new things. Outgoing, fun, love outdoors, travel, horseback riding, flying, camping. (8/31) 48953

ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, long hair, nice legs, sexy, classy. Want to meet very atlegs, sexy, classy. Want to meet very attractive guy, 40-52, healthy, financially secure, nonsmoker, nondrugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (9/7)

TALL. PLAYFUL. AUBURN. 45, 5'9". Seek ing professional, 6'+, 200+lbs., 38-48, stylish, spiritual, humorous, cultural, emotionally available, nonsmoker/nondrinker, travel, football, concerts, movies. nonplic. Friendship/goals. (8/31)

CURVACEOUS BEAUTY, great legs, 5'2", 130lbs., educated, honest, happy, love 130lbs., educated, nonesi, парру, почелите. Seeking gentleman: emotionally/financially secure, 58-70, trustworthy, honest, long-term, romantic, healthy and traditional. (8/31) 48950

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ABOUT TO GIVE UP? Don't! Lets try one

LATINA, 48, 5'5", Seeking gentle 43-54, for a rewarding relationship. be romantic and have a passion for life. Let's get together. (8/31) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$48931

BEAUTIFUL, 46-YEAR-OLD green-eyed lady. Seeking easygoing, nonsmoker male, between the ages of 43 to 50 who enjoys sports, the beach, the sunsets, animals, nature; someone down to earth with similar interests. (9/7) \$\infty\$48956

CUTE, SWEET, SILLY artist with day job, 49, not trying to be 25. Seeking Harvard, Boston, Brahmin type, 50ish. Enjoy quiet being a slacker dancing. (8/31) 48943 COMPANIONSHIP WANTED by 54-year

pents. (9/1) \$\alpha\$* 48844

CLASSY, PRETTY, \$LIM lady, 60s, desire classy, educated, financially successful, healthy gentleman for companionship, travel, fun. Enjoy music, fine wines, dinner, theatre, beach, hiking, outdoors. (8/31) \$\alpha\$* 48947

MATCHES

Men Seeking WOMEN

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP wanted. Please be honest, caring and like kids, family and outdoors. I'm 36, have brown hair and green eyes. Seeking 21+. East County. (8/31) 248736

GOOD-HEARTED BIKER seeking fit woman for fun and possible relationship. Let's enjoy life. Call me. (9/7) 48766

BOY NEXT DOOR SEEKS sweet, petite girl next door. White male, 42, look 32. Seeks 18-35, height/weight proportionate, nonsmoking, childless female for dating/relationship. (9/7) ☎48760

TALL, LOVING, AFFECTIONATE, white male, 53, financially secure, unencum-bered, educated, easygoing, playful, honest, open. Seeking female for sharing quality times, dining, talks, romance, love, intimacy. (9/7) 48751 FIT, 6', EDUCATED. Seeking North County Coastal white female. Enjoy movies, singing, travel. I am sincere, like to laugh, am unencumbered, want someone in 60s. (8/31) ☎48708

POOL-PLAYING FOOL looking for pool partner. Will train. Must have desire to win. Brains not important slender sever partner. Will train. Must have desire to win. Brains not important, slender, sexy, social butterfly with good looks. (8/31)

RETIRED SENIOR LADY sought by South Bay gentleman, nonsmoker, for friend-ship, companionship, travel, cruises, the-aters, dinners and all other enjoyable ac-tivities together while we may. (9/7) 48749

ADVENTUROUS WORLDLY, athletic, senior. 60s. Are you bored with the same nior, 60s. Are you bored with the same old routine? Change your life now. Start enjoying it again. Seeking classy lady, 58-70. (9/7) ☎48756

MALE, 53, 6'2", financially and emotion ally secure, nonsmoker, not an animal lover. Seeking trim Caucasian lady, 38-50, 5'3'-5'-10", caring, sincere for a long-term relationship. (9/7)

term relationship. (9//) '\(\frac{\pmathcal{T}}{\pmathcal{T}}\) (9//) '\(\frac{\pmathcal{T}}{\pmathcal{T}}\) (46. Seeking sensual, affectionate, passionate brunette with beautiful heart, looks, shape, legs for real relationship full of passion, intimacy and growth. (8/31) \(\frac{\pmathcal{T}}{\pmathcal{T}}\) (8/31)

UPBEAT, UPSCALE, passionate, giving nonogamous, educated, eclectic, inte-grated, unusually sensual, creative, spe-cial man. Seeking cultured, communica-tive, cuddling counterpart to do life together, 58, 5'10", attractive. (9/7) \$\times\$48770

STILL KID AT HEART, 45, 5'8", 165lbs., casual, healthy lifestyle. Outdoors, biking, hiking, new adventures. You: somewhat attractive, enjoy nature, ready for caring, sharing relationship. (9/7) 48753

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, blue eyes, 54, white male, fun, fit, romantic and financially stamale, fun, fit, romantic and financially sta-ble. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (8/31) ** 48728

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. (9/7) \$\infty\$48762

SURF AM, GOLF PM. The perfect day tennis, biking and good Italian dinner with fine wine and you. You 35 to 55 and verv active. (8/31) 48725

YOUNG, ATTRACTIVE, FIT, intelligent, 26, 6', 150lbs., blond, blue, good looking, but financially struggling. Seeking mature woman, 25-65, for mutually beneficial re-

WE'RE MISSING LIFE and fond memories together! I'm active, 78-year-old nonsmoker, secure homeowner. Like RV camping, traveling, fishing, quiet homelife, wanting permanent relationship. (9/7) \$\frac{1}{48767}\$

ROMANTIC, CARING, FUN loving, good looking, professional, nonsmoking, Democrat, fit, gym, yoga. Seeking honest female, 55-70. (9/7) 48772

female, 55-70. (9/7) 37-48772

HANDSOME, 56, 5'8", 160lbs., Loving, active, healthy lifestyle, dancing, dining, cruising, unencumbered, financially secure, attractive, fit, caring, Soulmate for a lasting relationship. (8/31) 37-48731

54, TALL, SLENDER, inactive, unemployed boozer with minimal cults, habits, ployed boozer with minimal cults, habits, and vices. Seeking slenderish babe over 50 with no sense of humor. (9/7)

MARRY ME! I'm 39, 5'10", 175lbs., hand-some, healthy, always exciting, hardworksome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable homeowner, with nice body/smile. Seeking relationship or marriage with sincere, friendly female. (9/7) \$\tilde{48755}\$

MARRIAGE MINDED, black male. Seek-

59-YEAR-OLD MAN seeking North County woman, nonsmoker, with good sense of woman, nonsmoker, with good sense of humor who likes herself and her life, who wants a good man. (9/7) \$\infty\$48748

WE HAVE IT ALL. We do it all. Let's enjoy it all together. Attractive Caucasian, 66, seeks attractive, Caucasian lady, whatever age you like. (9/7) ☎48761

warm-hearted, honest, happy male, 46, 5'6", with a good personality and morales. Originally from back east, seeks friendship and relationship. (8/31) \$\infty\$48727

FILIPINA SOUGHT for friendship, possible long relationship. I don't bite. Honest, handsome, loving, playful, spiritual, Berkeley grad, 53, 5'10", 175lbs., mixed race. All calls returned. (8/31) 🕿 48735

Successful, European, intellectual, handsome, charming and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady, in her 30s. (8/31) 48732

HOPELESS ROMANTIC. 50 5'6" finan-

HOW MUCH DO I LOVE THEE. Let me count the ways. Divorced, white, 60+, count the ways. Divorced, white, 60+, nonsmoker, healthy, sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure. Seeking attractive, divorced, nonsmoker. (8/31)

ITALIAN, 46, HARD WORKER. Seeking

Ciao Bella. (8/31) ** 48/3/*

MUST LOVE DOGS! White male, 46, nice looking, great personality/sense of humor, successful professional. Seeking fun female with great personality for friendship, travel, romance. (9/7) ** 48768

MUST LOVE LIFE, laughter, romance, indoors/outdoors, movies, home cooking. I'm 57°, fit, black male. Seeking monoganous, honest, romantic, fun female who's 30-40s, race open. (9/7) \$\tilde{\tilde{9}}\$48747

SCHOOL IS STARTING! Our courses include movies, dining, exploring San Diego and common interests. Sense of humor a pre-requisite. I'm trim, North County, 50s. (9/7) 48740

VITALITY OCEAN GOER, Confident, Justy. middle aged man. Wanting slender, smart, sexy and courageous. Only brave, sincere apply. (8/31) 48722

HELLO, LADIES. Priced to sell, sports model, low mileage, 41, dependable, white, own garage, needs caring owner wanting occasional race. First offer takes for lifetime. (9/7) ☎48771

tive, slender woman who likes dating, fun.

movies, and good relationship. No smoke. (9/7) 748739

DEVILISHLY HANDSOME MAN, honest, sincere, caring, dinner, Vegas, sports, KGB, romance, Sierras. Seeking vixen and sweetheart, 40-50, sassy, shapely, sexy, sultry, friends to relationship. (9/7) 48773

48, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Cau

BLACK WOMAN WANTED. Good-natured outgoing guy, slim, 5'8', college educated. Seeking kind, caring, slender, black woman, 19-35. (8/31) \$\frac{48716}{2}\$

Strong gentle tender

curet, unselfish, employed, 6'2', 205, clean-cut, mid-50s. Seeks attractive 45+ laddy who likes conversation, harmony, kindness. Let's talk it over, Thank you. (8/31) 5/48730

ness, Point Loma nome. Seeking obtained total hottle, 25-40, for fun, dating, romance? Dial my 911 and have some fun! (9/7)

WIDOWER, GREAT LOOKING, tall healthy, virile, successful retired busi nessowner, educated, homeowner Seeking slim, attractive, curvaceous sexy lady, 50-65, affectionate, available dates, fun, romance, trips, gen romance, trips, gen-48720

LARGE LUSCIOUS WHITE female. 180+lbs., wanted by attractive, passionate, black male for an experience you'll never forget. Be large, proportioned, white, attractive and love black. (8/31)

GUY NEXT DOOR, 49, 5'11", white physically, morally fit. Seeking sensuous woman, who's smart, creative, funny, patient with time to share. Open to age/looks. (9/7) 48758

VETERINARIAN, RETIRED, Portuguese, 56, tall, dark, handsome, affectionate, kind, compassionate. Want attractive woman, 46-59, sevalus attractive woman, 46-59, secure, kind heart, romantic, sensual, walks on beach, romance. (9/7)

48774

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- 17. "Aren't ____ lucky one?"
- 18. Critic Judith
- 19. "Don't bet ____!"
 20. SeaWorld attraction
- 22. Classic tune by Hoagy Carmichael
- 24. Exaggerated
- 26. Shostakovich's "Babi ___
- Symphony
 27. Hat worn with a kilt
- 29. Relative with beer
- 30. And others, in footnotes
- 32. Warhol works
- 34. Breezes through
- 36. Madonna role
- 37. Succeed (or what four black squares do in this puzzle) 42. Even if, briefly
- 43. Not bonkers
- 44. "Davs of Our Lives" actress Hall 46. Minute part of a minute: Abbr.
- 48. P. Diddy's ex
- 51. Middle of this century 52. Lambda followers
- 54. Farther behind
- 56. Secondary home entrance
- 59. Revealed, in modern lingo
- 60. Catch a few Zs 61. Kind of switch
- 63. Gillette brand
- 64. Scott Turow's first book
- 65. Form of therapeutic touch
- 66. Warm, in a way
- 67. Need to
- 68. "As You Like It" forest
- 69. Art Deco designer

- 1. Passenger elevator inventor Otis
- alcohol
- 3. Horseshoe-like figure
- 4. "If they could ____ now ...
 5. Nurse's skill, for short
- 6. National security concerns
- 7. Type of mutual fund: Abbr. 8. "Let's hear it!"
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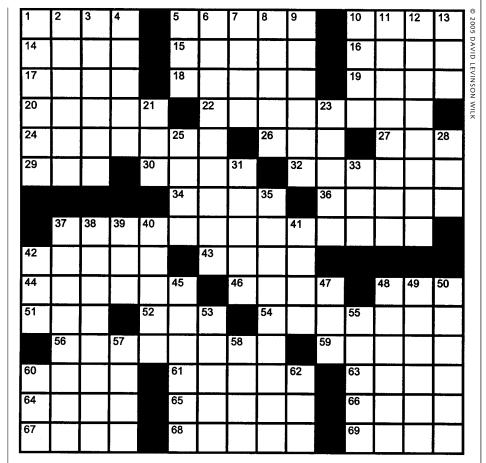
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- 23. Let fall, in poetry
- 25. 2002 Olympics state
- 28. Part of a range: Abbr.
- 31. Lake separating Switzerland and France
- 33. Vegetable that rolls
- 35. Summer ailment
- 37. S. Carolina college 38. Gets some mileage out of
- 39. Advanced religious deg. 40. Crooner Mel
- 41. "____ pin and pick it up ..."
 42. Fleet VIP 45. Pulitzer winner Welty
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- 48. Bit of nervousness
- 49. Ogle
- 50. Madonna's "Truth ___
- 53. Emmy winner Rena
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- 58. "The Wizard _____" (comic strip)
- 60. Comedian DeLuise
- 62. Diarist Anaïs

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.
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- 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.





Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 8/18/05.

Of the 198 entrants, 180 were correct.

- 1. Kim Funches, San Diego
- 2. Sandra Lee, San Diego3. Kathleen Goldman, Escondido
- 4. Rick Rocca, East Lake
- 5. David Livingston, San Diego

AFRICAN-AMERICAN, humorous, tall

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. (8/31) 4748704

ATTRACTIVE SINGLE MAN, 46, blue eyes, smart, funny. Seeking activity part-ner, maybe more. I enjoy good food and Asian culture. Looking for good chem-istry. (8/31) 448712

CHARMING, BLACK MALE, handsome tall, confident, 6"2", 1951bs., 47, intelligent, nonsmoker with sense of humor. Seeking attractive, humorous lady, 30s-40s, sincere, romantic, friendly, race open. (9/7) \$\overline{\Phi}\$48752

open. (9/7) \$\frac{\tau}{2}\$48752

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, intelligent, active, financially secure, romantic, outgoing, fun, single. Seeking fit, attractive, kind, secure, single woman, 43-53, for a relationship. (9/7) \$\frac{\tau}{2}\$48775

WHITE MALE, 40s, TALL, dark and nice looking. Enjoy almost anything! Seeking nonsmoking, financially/emotionally se-cure, fun, light-hearted woman for rela-tionship! (619) area preferred! (8/31)

END MY LONELINESS. Black gentleman, early 50s with many interests. Seeking white female. Me: respectful, trustworthy, open, emotionally available, sense of humor, affectionate. Let's talk. (9/7)

Loving Faithful Caring Filipino, Asian, Hispanic lady around 40 to 50 desired by white male, 5'11", 190lbs., better than average looks, blond hair, blue eyes, very affectionate, romantic, secure, reliable. Serious relationship desired. (9/7) \$\frac{1}{2}\$48764

Doctor, CHIROPRACTOR. Handsome, 55 (looks 45), retired, available for loads of adventures, excitement, sensitivity, loving relationship. Beach walks, biking, dining, hiking, stimulating conversation, laughter. 40-55. (8/31)

EAST COUNTY, retired gent, 68, nice guy. Like cruises, car trips, movies, walks. I'm healthy, active, trim, looking for a nice lady. (9/7) 48759

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, poker and anything to do with sports. (8/31) 48715 PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE, 54 years,

6'3", interested in meeting down to earth, nonsmoking, good humor, honest female, 37-55, for friendship and possible relationship. Race unimportant. (8/31) ADVENTUROUS, HANDSOME, unencum-bered professional, single white male, 46.

bered professional, single white male, 46. In search of any adventurous, attractive, unencumbered female, 25-50, for good times, and possibly long-term relationship. (9/7) \$\frac{1}{48745}\$

handsome, retired professional, La Jolla. Seeking quiet, attractive, young-looking, slim, cultured, caring lady. Enjoy arts, dancing, movies and laughing. (8/31) \$\frac{1}{2}48706\$ WHITE MALE. Slim. Seeking woman age 25-42 for casual dating, possible relation-

GOT IT MADE, I HAVE. Share it with me. No stress; music, travel, dance, love, nature, antiques, good communication, passion, 6', male. 30-49. (8/31) 25 48717

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TEACHER, 39. Enjoy swing dancing, tennis, Padre games, concerts, plays. Easygoing, funny, fit, and looking for someone to share same interests, 28-40. (8/31) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$48705

TALL, HAPPY, FIT SAILOR, 52. Seeking warm, attractive, adventurous single lady, desires honesty and a romantically moti-

ship. Nice personality and fun loving, pre-fer slim. (8/31) **1**

fer slim. (8/31) \$\times 48726\$
AFRICAN-AMERICAN, 40, 6'2', 208lbs.
Enjoy music, walks, quiet evenings. Seeking plus-sized Hispanic or Asian female, 18-50, for relationship. Must be feminine, sweet, clean. (9/7) \$\times 48750\$

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nicative, monogamous. Vegetarian, hiker, yoga practitioner, 61, in Pacific Beach. Seeking athletic, attractive, personable, sexy woman for good conversation, emotional intimacy. (9/7) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$48757

MICHAEL LOVES SMOOTH JAZZ. soft

MICHAEL LOVES SMOOTH JAZZ, soft kisses, giving back rubs, dancing. Beautiful mind, 48, 5*10°, 175/lbs, athletic, light brown complexion. I'm cute, kind, baby be mine. (8/31) 23*48733

HEY, LADIES. This white male, mid 40s, 6'4', professional chef. Seeking native American/black female 30-50. No head games. Let's get together/see what happens. (8/31) 25*48729

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CARDIFF. Private entrance/bath, \$625
Plus utilities/deposit. Community living
with privacy. Vegetarian/seafood kitchen,
organic garden, jacuzzi, laundry, distilled
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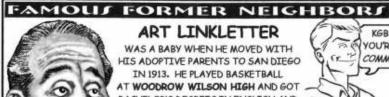
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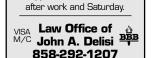












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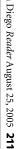
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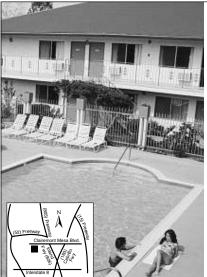
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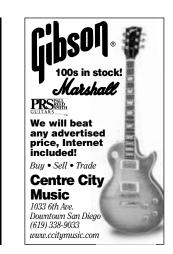
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LEAD STORY

 In July, film director David Lynch announced that he had formed a foundation to raise \$7 billion to fund 8000 Transcendental Meditation practitioners to bring world peace by creating a "unified field" of stress-free brain waves over the Earth (which TMers accomplish, as they unironically describe it, by detaching their minds from the "thinking process"). Training expenses have increased dramatically in 12 years, for TM maven Dr. John Hagelin needed only \$4.2 million in 1993 to bring 4000 TMers to Washington, D.C., to reduce crime for eight weeks, and TM founder Maharishi Mahesh Yogi asked for only \$1 billion in 2002 to train 40,000 meditators to calm the world after Sept. 11.

Coincidences

- In separate incidents on Tuesday, July 26, mothers in Falls Church, Va., and Zephyrhills, Fla., kicked their young sons (ages 4 and 7, respectively) out of their cars on busy highways and abandoned them as punishment for backtalk. Channoah Alece Green, 22, in Virginia even knocked her son down driving off on Interstate 495 as he tried to climb back in. The problem addressed by Lori Heine, 46, in Florida was that her son wanted a McDonald's Cheeseburger Happy Meal when she had already bought him a McNuggets Happy Meal.

 In incidents two weeks apart in July, men in New York City and Trenton, Ohio, arrived for Internet-chat-room-arranged trysts with "teenage girls" (who were, of course, police officers operating stings), even though they apparently could not find baby-sitters. Alan Schaefer, 43, was arrested in Greenwich Village while walking down a street with his 14-month-old son in one arm and holding the hand of a very young-looking policewoman, Would-be Clinton Township, Ohio, politician Hank Hill was arrested when he showed up to meet a "14-year-old girl," and according to WEWS-TV, in his truck were Viagra, condoms, lubricant, and his 22-month-old son.

 In Brentwood, N.H., on July 30, police responded to an emergency call to find an intoxicated man with a padlock around his scrotum. He was taken to Exeter Hospital, and a locksmith freed him. ... The day before that, in Worcester, England, Geoffrey Hughes, 51, was given a two-year "anti-social behavior order" in Magistrates Court for a series of incidents, one of which was appearing in public wearing only a hat and, on his scrotum,

Government in Action

- For a six-month period four years ago, government scientists in Florida studied a "miracle" liquid called "Celestial Drops" as a cure for the canker menace that ravages the state's citrus crops. According to a July report by the Orlando Sentinel, the research was recommended by thensecretary of state Katherine Harris, who later said she had learned of Celestial Drops from New York rabbi Abe Hardoon, who is associated with the popularized version of Kabbalah, whose organizers sell its followers ordinary water that is supposedly "blessed" by being stored in a room with sacred texts. Celestial Drops, which was promoted as having "improved fractal design," "infinite levels of order" and "high energy and low entropy," was ultimately revealed by the scientists to also be water.

 In May, a Philadelphia Daily News columnist described a cattle-call-type ritual at the local airport Sheraton hotel, in which most of the candidates for the city's judgeships in that month's Democratic primary shuffled into a room and offered checks of \$1000 or \$2000 to each of the city's ward leaders for "election day expenses," with each leader accepting the checks of those he would support. At a similar gathering at the Ritz-Carlton, one candidate said, "I thought to myself, 'What if we all just walked out. Refused to pay. But none of us had the courage.'

Artists Who Actually Went Too Far

— The Thames Water company succeeded in pressuring artist Mark McGowan to abandon his project at the House Gallery in south London in July in which, to protest society's profligate use of water, he turned on House's faucet and planned not to turn it off for a year (wasting an estimated 3.9 million gallons). ... In Chicago, it was only a couple of days after photographer Kerry Skarbakka announced his "Falling" project that he was pressured into abandoning it. Skarbakka said he was awed by the sight of people falling or jumping from the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 and said he would, in tribute, repeatedly plunge four stories from Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art (but was quickly excoriated for poor taste).

· Reuters reported in July that a court in Macerata, Italy, had scheduled Amelia Cuccioletti's property-rights case for further proceedings at 9:30 a.m. on March 25, 2010. Cuccioletti is 98 years old. (The average civil case runs about eight years in Italy.) ... In London in May, lawyer Nicholas Stadlen finally came to the end of his opening remarks for the defense in a creditors' lawsuit against the failed BCCI bank. He spoke for 119 days and referred to files stacked so high that neither side's lawyers could see each other. The plaintiff's lawyer had taken only 73 days. In July, a jury in Los Angeles awarded Robert Johnson, the former "chief physician and surgeon" at California State Prison at Lancaster, \$1.6 million in compensatory damages for age discrimination after he had been forced to retire in 2001

at age 80. Most of that award represents future

salary for Johnson, signifying that the jury per-

haps accepted trial testimony that Johnson was

fit to continue in his job until the age of 96.

Least Competent People

- Adam Tyson, 18, Jason Krueger, 20, and two pals were hospitalized in Clermont, Fla., in July with severe bee stings after deciding to vandalize a beehive colony in an orange grove; their truck got stuck in the sand just after they had set 50,000 bees swarming. ... In July in Sparta, Wis., Darkalena Large, 43, insisted that she and her car were fine, but police arrested her anyway on suspicion of drunk driving after finding her in the car, which was stuck on a curb with one tire missing and the wheel's rim badly mangled (and recently on fire, according to a witness). A nearby resident brought over part of the rim, which had broken off and flown through his second-floor window.

Recurring Themes

Among the more astonishing repeat stories in "News of the Weird" are reports of people who had managed to swallow their toothbrushes. The Saudi Press Association reported in January that doctors at King Abdul Aziz Hospital in Taif had removed a toothbrush from the stomach of a 70-year-old man (who claimed to have accidentally swallowed it 22 years ago). ... In July, the Associated Press reported that a Taiwan surgeon had removed an eight-tooth, lower denture from the bronchial tube of a 45-year-old man. The man said he had misplaced the denture three years ago and had been looking everywhere for it.

Least Justifiable Homicides

Erik K. Low, 37, was convicted of manslaughter in Salt Lake City in June for fatally shooting a friend who had just moments before given him a "wedgie." ... Judy Castillo-Thomas, 29, was acquitted of manslaughter in July in Brooklyn, N.Y., even though she admitted accidentally stabbing her husband to death after he had beat her and taunted her for having buttocks that were "too small."

The Continuing Crisis

 London's Sunday Times reported in July that Prime Minister Blair had spent the equivalent of about \$3300 on makeup and makeup artists during the past six years. ... According to campaign disclosure statements reported by the Boston Globe in May, U.S. Rep. Steve Lynch of Massachusetts spent \$2506 on makeup services only in the previous eight months.

CORRECTION: In a story two weeks ago, I mistakenly attributed to "a Toyota spokesman" the recognition of lower-quality workforce experiences of Honda and Nissan in the U.S. South (compared to Ontario, where Toyota had chosen to open its new plant despite having been offered higher subsidies by Alabama and Mississippi). Actually, the comment was made by an executive of an automobile trade association, and I apologize to readers for the error.

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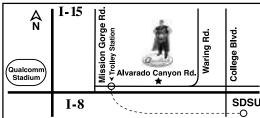
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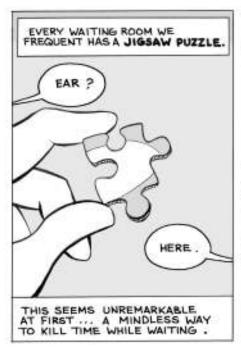
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I hear a lot of talk from prospective urban parents about the internal struggle that they go through when deciding to have kids. Usually, this gets framed as either "we're moving to the suburbs and we're afraid it will be boring and white bread, but we can't stay here, because the schools are so bad" versus "there's no way we'll move out of the city — we'll have our kids go to bad schools before we move to a place that's totally white." I wrote this post to put forth another argument — an argument that wherever you live, you can find diversity or homogeneity — and you have to actively seek out the opposite.

About seven years ago, when landisdad and I began to contemplate starting a family, we knew we would move out of the Bay Area and to the East Coast. The housing prices in SF and Oakland were already so out of control that we knew that we would never be able to afford a house, and we didn't want to try to raise a family in the two-bedroom that was stretching our finances as a childless couple, much less having to add the cost of daycare, baby supplies, etc. In addition to that, both of landisdad's parents were in the process of moving East, and we were faced with the prospect of entering parenthood with no nearby family support. Six years ago last spring, we moved to the suburbs. The suburbs that were 3,000 miles away from the city landisdad grew up, and where we had lived together for four years.

One of the things that we took into account when we started looking for a place to live was the diversity of the area. While our town is relatively diverse, we live two towns away from a place that is 95% white. Neither of us wanted our children to grow up in that environment, which would never challenge the extraordinary privilege that they were born into. So we stayed in place, in a town that is majority white, but has a growing black and Latino population. A town that has a growing gay and lesbian population. And a town that has a lot of tension over how it is changing, with much of the power (if you can call it that) still in the hands of whitefolks, who constantly express the fear that we are turning into the kind of place they (or their parents) fled 20 or 30 years ago.

But even living in this diverse little town, we have to constantly challenge our own privilege in order to expose our kids

to diversity. It's still extremely easy for us as white people to stay in a "safe" zone, where we don't associate with those who are darker, or poorer, or different from us in significant ways.

One example of this is in

the available daycare in the

area. We went through a variety of in-home daycare providers when the Bee was a wee tot — a struggle I'll have to write about some other time. When she was about two, we decided that we couldn't deal with the drama anymore, and that she was ready to go into a daycare center. We looked at a few different centers (only those that were NAEYC-accredited). And we narrowed it down to two centers. Both were about equidistant to where we live. Both had low staff turnover and paid a living wage. But one of them was in a predominantly white community, and one was in a suburb that was largely minority. In the center that was in the white community, the Bee would be in a class that was entirely white - I think we only saw one child of color the whole time we were there. In the other center, she would be the only white child, with classmates who were biracial, black and Latino. Not the only white kid in her class, the only white kid in the entire center.

In the end, we decided to put her in the center where she was the only white kid. She thrived there, and we've never looked back. When the Sweet Potato was born, there was no question in my mind but that he would go there too. We didn't experiment with in-home babysitting, we just sent him into the infant room, and he's never gone anywhere else.

There's been some resistance to this plan from our families, particularly mine. My mom has told me that she thinks the Bee has learned aggressive behaviors



there, because "those kids learn that at home." It makes me sad that my mom would say something so racist, though at the time I just pointed out that the Bee was in trouble for fighting when she went to a totally white, middle-class babysitter she came out of the womb fighting. But it reinforced my decision to keep sending my kids there, because I think it's only through deep experience with people of other races and backgrounds that we can overcome this kind of prejudice.

My kids have learned some interesting things that I never would have taught them as a result of this experience. At one point about a year and a half ago, I took the Bee to work with me, at a place where all of my coworkers were black or Latino. After witnessing her talent for the neck snap, one of my coworkers asked me, "Where does that girl go to daycare, 'cause I know she didn't learn that at home." Another of my (now former) coworkers still laughs about the fact that my daughter, in pretending to do hairdressing, will talk about

> the need for hair grease. My son's first word was in Spanish (although, unfortunately, since neither dh or I speak it, it took us a few weeks to figure that out).

I'm not trying to convince anyone to move out of the city (whatever city it is) or to jump into subur-

ban life. It's not easy to make that decision, and it deserves your full attention. I do want to debunk the idea, though, that city life is always more diverse than suburban life. We still live in a country where it's very easy for whites who have a lot of privilege have the ability to avoid mixing with people who are different from them — regardless of what form that difference takes. It's our responsibility to work to overcome that privilege, for our children's sake, and the sake of our country's future, no matter where we live, or why we've chosen to live there.

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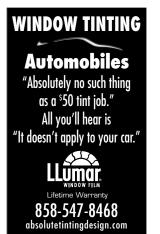
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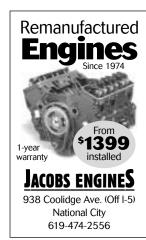
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Incident: CDF, CHP, and Ramona Sheriff's Patrol Deputies responded to a report of a vehicle fire in the unincorporated community of Ramona. Upon their arrival, officers found an



victim lying on the ground next to a burning 1993 Dodge two-door sedan. The Fire person-

nel extinguished the vehicle fire and treated the victim who had burns all over his body. Witnesses heard the victim make the statement in Spanish, "I did this because I found out that my girlfriend was cheating on me."

ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING

Location: Corner of 30th and El Cajon Boulevard, North Park

Date/Time: 3:32 p.m. on 8/13/05

Officer's Investigation: I responded to a radio call to investigate an attempted kidnapping. The victim was waiting at an area business. The victim, a white female juvenile, essentially

told me the following.



She was standing on the corner of 20th and El Cajon Boulevard wait-

ing to cross the street when a male, in his 40s, with a "buzz cut" hairstyle and various tattoos on his arms, stopped the red truck he was driving. He attempted to make contact with the female victim but she ignored him. This seemed to irritate the male suspect and he began to curse at her. He then got

out of the truck and made his way toward her. He grabbed both of her arms and said, "I'd like you to be my girlfriend." He tried to push her toward the truck. She kicked at him and yelled for help. He let go of her. The female victim ran away from the scene and to an area business to call for the police. The suspect got back into his truck and quickly fled the area.

There are no witnesses at this time, and the female victim did not get a partial or full license plate of the truck.

BATTERY

Location: [4900] Del Monte,

Ocean Beach

Date/Time: 1:47 a.m. on 8/14/05

Victim's Statement: I had parked my van in the driveway [of the apartment complex] to go see some friends. When I came out to leave, there was a Ford Explorer parked behind my van, so I couldn't leave. My friends told me they knew whose car it was and what apartment he lived in. I went to that apartment. There was a party going on there. The door was open and there were a lot of people inside the apartment, drinking and smoking pot. The music was loud. I asked around about the owner of the Ford Explorer. This guy, who wasn't wearing a shirt and said his name was Mark, told me that the Explorer was his and I was parked in his parking space. I told him that I was sorry and if he could move his car, I could move my van and be on my way. He said he would come out in a minute to move his car.

I waited outside for about ten minutes. Mark and two of his friends from the party came out. They were all holding beer cans. They began to yell at me for parking in the space. I said I was sorry. Mark said: "Sorry isn't good enough" and he took a swing at me. He hit me in the face. He hit me again. He then moved his Explorer and told me to "go now before I hurt you some more." Someone must have called the police.

Suspect's Statement: He had no reason to be parking in my space. His van was there for hours. I did have too much to drink tonight. That guy came over to my place and let himself in. He was being very rude to me and my buddies.

CARJACKING

Location: 100 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas **Date/Time:** 3:06 p.m. on 8/12/05



Report: Deputies from the Encinitas Sheriff's Station responded to the Village Square Shopping Center parking lot to investigate the report of a carjacking. The victim, an elderly woman, 86, was assaulted during the incident and suffered injuries to her face and head. The victim was transported to a local hospital.

Update: The victim in the carjacking case was not physically assaulted by the suspect during the incident, as previously reported. The victim sustained her injuries as a result of being struck by her own vehicle as the suspect drove it away.

CARJACKING/ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING

Location: 5300 Cape May, Ocean Beach **Date/Time:** 11:45 p.m. on 8/12/05

Victim's Statement: Me and my girlfriend, E., were leaving from a party and going back to my car [a 1996 Toyota Camry] when these two guys appear out of nowhere and go, "Give us your keys and wallet or else." I couldn't get a good look at them but they both seemed homeless and dirty. One of them was holding a small knife. I handed over my car keys and wallet. The one without the knife said he wanted my girlfriend to go with them. She started to scream for help. Both of them then got into my car and drove away. There was like \$3 in my wallet. My gas tank is almost empty so I don't think they'll get very far.

TRAFFIC COLLISION

Location: Vista Village Drive and W. Vista Way, Vista

Date/Time: 8:43 p.m. on 8/12/05



Report: A 2002 Chrysler Sebring, driven by an 84-year-old man, collided with a female bicyclist. The bicyclist suffered serious injuries and was transported to Palomar Hospital. Witnesses indicated the driver of the Sebring failed to stop for a red light, causing the collision.

— Michael Hemmingson



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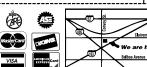
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"At the time, I had a mortgage and a wife, and I didn't know what the teaching situation was going to be like. I probably should've gone back to teaching. That was really my forte. This job, I feel like a pack mule. Sure, I have an opportunity to meet a lot of

nice people and to help people when I can. But it's repetitive, day in and day out. I've been on the same route for 20 years, so I'm pretty close to burnout."

"This vehicle you drive all day, what is it?'

"They call it an LLV. It's a four cylinder, kind of like a step van, came out in 1992. They're made by GM and the aircraft company, Grumman. It's a Chevy engine but a Grumman cab and body. It's not exactly a high-performance vehicle. I think top speed downhill is probably about 65 miles an hour. Every once in a while, if I'm helping somebody else on another route and it's closer to get there, I'll take the freeway.

"It's comfortable enough. A few years back they had vinyl seats and it would get hot, and in the summertime we would have to bring towels and put them down. Then they went to this cloth-type seat, and that helps a lot. But these vehicles can be like

saunas. No air conditioning, no frills at all. Just the little fan up here.

"They're sturdy, though. LLV stands for Life Long Vehicle. It's supposed to last almost a lifetime. We have a maintenance department downtown that makes sure they're kept up, the oil is changed, and air filters. And they get good mileage. I'd say 25 or 26 miles to the gallon.

"In the beginning, we drove little Chevette station wagons, and then we went to those light-blue Pintos, and of course we had little Jeeps back then too."

I ask, "Has the post office ever sold any of these things yet?"

"They're too new. The old Jeeps, they auctioned those off years ago, but these, I don't think they're for sale vet. They told us that these vehicles ought to last 25 years, so I guess they won't be for sale until about 2017."

I was imagining one of them converted into a camper van with the



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motor built to last forever. "If they decided to sell them," I ask, "would you buy one?"

"I might be tempted to buy one. I really like it, even the right-hand steering wheel. At first some carriers didn't. They were running over medians and curbs. But I took to it like a duck to the water."

"If you retire, you could become a chauffeur in England."

"Hmmm," Phil says.

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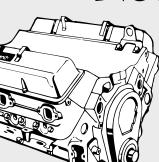












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"SSSSHHH!"

My boots scuffed against the textured, nonskid metal plates that were bolted down to make the floor — or deck, in naval lingo. Tipping my blue baseball cap back I leaned both elbows behind me and rested against the giant rack made from thick iron that housed the torpedoes. Ross's monkey was sick. Rachel and what's-her-name, Ross's sister, took it to George Clooney and that other guy who plays a doctor on *E.R.*

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"I know that, but where, you know. Weren't you just the quartermaster on watch?"

"Yeah, Rich," I answered. "Let's see. We're three days from Hawaii and a week from Japan. There's nothing around us but water and some tiny islands. We're about a million miles from San Diego. I just felt us dive, we're probably at 250 feet, all-ahead-full, punching holes in the ocean."

"Hey Ollie, how do we get TV down here?"

"We don't, Rich," I said through a short laugh. "One of these dummies taped the last three months of his favorite shows and we're watching those."

"SSSSSHHHHI The show's back on."

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KUSI 6:00 P.M.

What the hell? SHE'S 65! I might watch this show just to see if her aging neck can still support that gigantic noggin of hers. She probably needs handlers to hold that pumpkin up.

THE MEXICAN (2001)

ABC 8:00 P.M.

Nobody else thinks Julia Roberts is a skinny horseface? If you met her at a party and she wasn't famous you'd look at her and go, "Pretty nice lookin' chick. Kind of a skinny horseface, but whatever." Good for her. Overcoming those "Hi ho, Silver!" teeth and boney arms to command 30 million bucks a movie. It gives hope to other ugsters.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

EAGLES FAREWELL I TOUR

NBC 7:00 P.M.

I hate the Eagles. "Hotel California" is the most pompous, pretentious load of frilly shirt and vinegar wine aural pisswater imaginable. And don't tell me to "Take It Easy," stinky. Ditch the leather vest and ponytail. Take a shower and get a job.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

QUITE FRANKLY WITH STEPHEN A. SMITH ESPN2 3:30 P.M.

The dramatic way this guy says, "Quite frankly..." on the commercials makes my neck and arms tense up and my face scowl. Damn, I'm being mean today. Too much coffee. ONWARD!



Army of Darkness

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

OPRAH WINFREY

ABC 4:00 P.M.

My dad's name for her is "Okra," mine is "Orca," and Jess's is the simple yet sublime "Otis." Before you get all butt-hurt and indignant on her behalf, think about it. She's a billionaire. Do you think she gives a good goddamn what three poor-ass crackers in California call her? You could make fun of my goofy name all day if I had her money.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

HOME ACCENTS

HSN 5:00 P.M.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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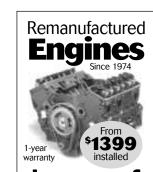
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"My murder was a surprise, but it wasn't really a shock..."

<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

On the first Friday of every month, you can hear San Diego writers presenting excerpts from their works in progress at the Grove bookstore in South Park, at 30th and Juniper. That would be right next door to M-Theory Music and across the road from Rebecca's coffee shop. On August's first Friday, members of San Diego Writers Ink and others read from their novels, short stories, or memoirs against a clock set at three minutes.

Books on display near the door at Grove include titles like When it Comes to Guvs What's Normal?; On Becoming an Artist: The Last Self-Help Book You'll Ever Need: and Easier Than You Think: Because Life Doesn't Have to be So Hard. The impression that the demographic appeal of this independent store might lie in creative divorcées having a rough time of it might not be exact, but neither, I think, would it be too far off the mark.

Having been in the store on a few previous occasions and having heard about the readings, I came prepared with a few pages of my own. These were written at the suggestion of an editor friend who said it would be good for me to write something from a woman's point of view. What I had in my back pocket was not the result of interrogating my girlfriend on her experience as a woman (she would have nothing to do with it after I followed her to the bathroom door, placed a tape recorder to the keyhole, and asked her to describe her feelings) but rather my insights after reading several Oprah Winfrey recommendations. Alas (a word I've seen editors use

on rejection slips), I did not put my name in the bucket to be drawn and called. I thought I would see how things went, get the lay of the land.

The first writer whose name was called was not present. Emcee Amy joked about writers getting tanked up across the way at the Whistle Stop Bar. A young man named Rich brought some pages from a short story and took his place at the microphone.

"My murder was a surprise, but it wasn't really a shock, at least not to me. And it hurt. Don't ever listen to them when they say dying can't hurt." A good arresting opening, and then the narrator was "...at the mall with Michelle, my girlfriend, finding a white elephant gift for her office Christmas party. She's a designer. Well, a designer's assistant. But she still made more money than I did. She also had medical benefits and a Starbucks card. I was closer to asking the girl behind the counter for an application than I was for a latte..." One of Rich's characters, maybe Michelle, "laughed humorously" and I had trouble listening to the next few bits.

Rich didn't get to the end of his tale of office Christmas parties, potpourri, a "jean-cramping hard-on," Star Wars figures at Wrigley Field, and substitute teaching. He was buzzed at three minutes before what promised to be quite a climax, given these elements, but I can't tell you how it turned out.

A woman read her piece about "Winslow, the neighborhood mutt" and drinking wine coolers, smoking weed, and eating Gummy Worms at a rock quarry.

Another woman read from "a rejected manuscript that came back an hour ago." This began, "That year they lived in tall grass like rodents hidden from the owls of progress and ambition....

An aspiring science-fiction film critic read his review of War of the Worlds. His singular criticism was that space-faring aliens, planning a raid on Earth, would have scoped out the germ threat at some point during their millennia of preparations. "We know this!" he emphasized in his piece. I wondered how we knew and when we knew it but did not betray my ignorance.

David Stebbins had been working on the following story.

Why did she call it the dead man's float? It's like she could hold her breath for three full minutes without any air bubbles rising to the surface. Floating in the lake like a piece of driftwood. This was the opposite, depressive side of her husband moving his hands through the water in a weaving pattern like a shark's fin, making those eerie Jaws theme song sounds, suddenly grabbing us by the ankle and heaving us over his shoulders.

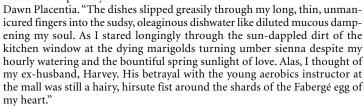
This was a typical day at the lake, and we played until our backs were rid of those embarrassing farmer's tans. It seemed my dinosaur towel was so soft, big enough for two people to lay on. What was it, the way the young women wore their bathing suits that had feet running across hot sand in different directions,

diving for a Frisbee, bringing them another soft drink or a cluster of grapes?

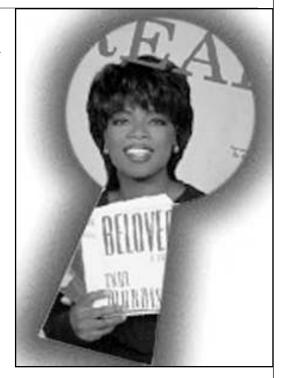
This might actually be good, I thought pensively. I couldn't be sure, but I was pretty sure it was better than mine.

I furtively, nervously reached into my pocket for the folded sheets of fiction I had been working on and quickly, sneakily, casually estimated that there would be more than three minutes' worth unless I hurriedly edited out every other unnecessary, gratuitous, and superfluous adjective and pointless, repetitive adverb. My mental rewrite left me with the following.

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In the end, I left the reading with my story fragment still in my pocket. I placed it in my locker at home, near the bottom, with the hope that, like some sorts of cheese, it will improve with age.



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